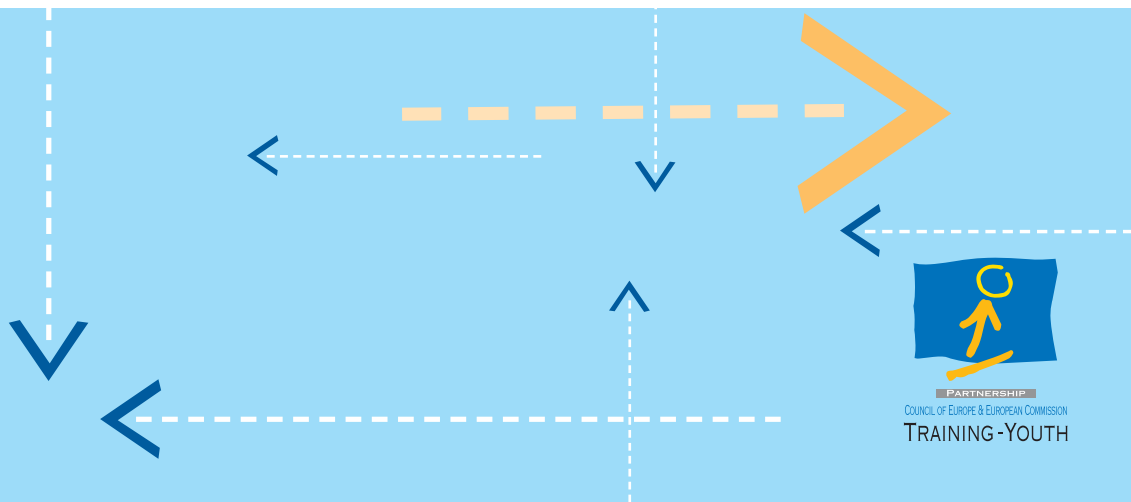




Partnership Programme on European Youth Worker Training

A project of the Council of Europe
and the European Commission





---> Aims and contents

The Council of Europe and the European Commission decided to take common action in the field of European Youth Worker Training, and therefore initiated a Partnership Agreement in 1998. The aim of the Agreement is “to promote active European citizenship and civil society by giving impetus to the training of youth leaders and youth workers working within a European dimension”. The co-operation between the two institutions covers a wide spectrum of activities and publications, as well as developing tools for further networking. Three main components govern the partnership: a training offer (on European Citizenship and training for trainers), publications (both paper and electronic versions of training materials and a magazine) and networking tools (trainers pool and exchange possibilities). The ultimate goal is to raise standards in youth worker training at a European level and define quality criteria for such training.

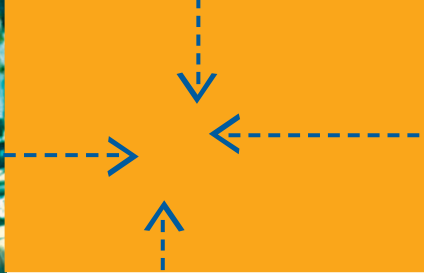
---> institutional framework

The Partnership Programme is based on contracts (“covenants”) between the European Commission and the Council of Europe. The current Covenant covers the period 2000 to 2003. A new Covenant for the years 2004 to 2006 is being negotiated at the time of printing.

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Promoting active
European citizenship

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Training courses,
publications, networking

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---> Publications

The Partnership produces two series of publications: training kits (T-Kits) on different topics and a biannual magazine for youth trainers called “Coyote”.

T-Kits

The training kits are thematic publications written by experienced youth trainers and other experts. They are easy-to-use handbooks for use in training and study sessions. T-Kits are produced in English, French and German. Translations into other languages are encouraged and often funded through the network of National Agencies. T-kits published / to be published to date:

- T-Kit 1** - Organisational Management (2001)
- T-Kit 2** - Methodology in Language Learning (2001)
- T-Kit 3** - Project Management (2001)
- T-Kit 4** - Intercultural Learning (2001)
- T-Kit 5** - International Voluntary Service (2002)
- T-Kit 6** - Training Essentials (2002)
- T-Kit 7** - European Citizenship (2003)
- T-Kit 8** - Social Inclusion (2003)
- T-Kit 9** - Funding & Financial Management (2003)
- T-Kit 10** - Evaluation (2004)

Coyote Magazine

The magazine focuses on issues around “Youth-Training-Europe”. It is published twice a year. Each issue includes various sections: training methodologies, interviews with trainers, news, and a Coyote-theme focussing on a topic of relevance and interest for the youth field (White Paper on Youth, European citizenship, social inclusion, etc). The magazine is also available online at the Partnership website.

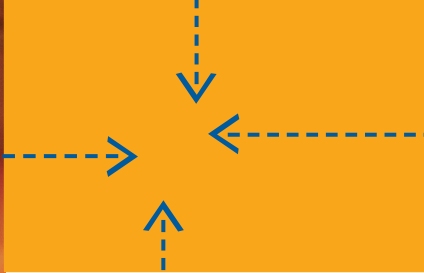
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Training publications
for European youth
trainers

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A magazine on youth
training in Europe

---> Trainers' forum

The Partnership programme works with a growing number of trainers each year. They participate primarily in the training courses as trainers but also in the development of the T-Kits and the Coyote Magazine. In order to provide an opportunity for the exchange of views, experiences and best practices, the Partnership Programme regularly organises meetings for them, called “Trainers' Forum”. These events also serve as an occasion for peer review and feedback for the institutions supporting the Partnership.

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Networking and
knowledge exchange



---> Training courses

Two training offers run during the current Partnership: training courses on European citizenship and a long-term training course for trainers. The curriculum and framework for these courses were developed through a year-long consultative process that involved a group composed of experts, representatives of the Directorate of Youth and Sport of the Council of Europe, the Youth Unit of the European Commission, the European Youth Forum and the National Agencies of the YOUTH programme.

European Citizenship in Youth Work

A total of three training courses are held between 2001 and 2003. The aim of these courses is to support the professional development of youth workers and youth leaders by extending their competencies to integrate European citizenship within their projects and practice. "European citizenship" is approached through a variety of subjects, such as democracy and citizenship, European institutions and integration, human rights, youth policy and youth work. Special emphasis is put on project development, and indeed several youth projects have already taken place as a result of the courses. The full documentation of the training courses is available at the Partnership website.

Advanced Training for Trainers in Europe (ATTE)

ATTE is designed for trainers who are already active in training youth multipliers at the European level and aims to improve their professional competencies and development opportunities. The course is a part-time continuing training programme that is based on open and distance learning punctuated by face-to-face intensive course modules. During the two-year duration of ATTE there are a total of 4 residential seminars (January, May 2002, January, October 2003). The course also has a number of other elements which contribute to the learning process:

→ **Mentoring** – each course participant is mentored by a trainer throughout the course. This includes regular communication and the exchange of views on the learning progress.

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**Empowering
young people
to actively
participate in
building Europe**

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**Developing
competencies
for European
youth worker
training**



- **Peer Support Groups** – these are groups of participants that work together around issues of common interest and relevance. The Peer Support Groups have a possibility to meet once in a year, and they produce reports about their reflections that are made available to all course participants.
- **Personal Development Plans** – all course participants developed a Personal Development Plan that laid out the roadmap to their personal and professional development in the course. These plans can be further developed during the course.
- **Open Learning Community** – this is an online resource at the Partnership website that was created specifically for the ATTE course participants. It includes all course documents, reports, inputs, photos, curricula, etc. In addition to documents, there is also a Discussion Forum and a Chat Room available for participants and trainers.
- **Practice projects** – all ATTE participants develop and implement youth training projects / courses / seminars during their two-year engagement in the course. Several of these projects have received support from the European Youth Foundation and/or the YOUTH programme of the European Commission.
- **Training Quality Product** – all participants develop a project/product as part of the conclusion of the long-term training course. This “contribution to quality in European youth worker training” can take various forms (text, website, video, CD-ROM, etc) and is intended to demonstrate the competencies participants developed during the course.

The course is also an effort to discuss, develop and lay down quality standards and indicators for European youth training and non-formal education & learning. This development work is aided also by an Expert Group that formulates draft recommendations in this field. It is expected that this work will continue in the new Covenant of 2004 to 2006.

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**innovative methods in
European youth training**

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**individual learning
and group learning**

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**Theory and practice
of training**

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**Quality development
in European
youth training**



---> **www.training-youth.net**



**The Partnership
Programme
on the web**

The Partnership maintains a dynamic website with a growing number of materials available for the public. The site includes all course reports and documentations, a regularly updated News section, an Online Flipchart where youth NGOs, trainers and youth worker can post and search information, a Discussion Forum, information on upcoming training courses and all the T-Kits and Coyote issues free of charge. One can also subscribe to the Partnership Mailing List on the web site and receive regular communication about upcoming events.



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