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UBC Task Force on Youth Employment and Well-Being

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Activities: 2019

- Compilation and dissemination of good practices
- Widening the national and BSR networks (especially cooperation with the StartNet Network)
- Youth Guarantee conference in Brussels 20.5. (together with the CoR)
  - Registration ends May 10th
  - Budget 5 000 € (travels, accommodation, marketing, prints, services)

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- Flagship Conference in June (Gdansk) with the following themes: early school leaving, NEETs, integration of newly arrived refugees/migrants
- Study visits during the Fall:
  - Turku (themes: attractiveness of the VET, integration of the migrants, STEAM)
  - Malmö (Basic skills, integration of the migrants)

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- Two workshop proposals for UBC General Conference
  - Attractiveness of the VET
  - STEAM

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UBC Task Force on Youth Employment and Well-Being: Activities 2019

The main activity of the Task Force during the first half of the year 2019 has been organizing the UBC Conference *Supporting Youth Employment and the Implementation of the Youth Guarantee* in Brussels on May 20th. Conference concentrates on the implementation of the Youth Guarantee in Baltic Sea Region and successful networking and the best practices of peer development. There will be also presented examples of good practices of the work with NEETs and Early school leavers. The target groups of conference are policy makers, education and welfare specialists, NGOs, municipalities and public institutions.

UBC will arrange a conference together with the Committee of the Regions at 101 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels. Budget for the conference is 5000 euros (travels, accommodation, marketing, prints, services). Registration for the conference ends at May 10th.

Other activities during the first half of the year 2019 are as follows:

- Compilation and dissemination of good practices
- Widening the national and BSR networks (especially cooperation with the StartNet Network)
- Flagship Conference in June (Gdansk) with the following themes: early school leaving, NEETs, integration of newly arrived refugees/migrants

Task Force is planning to arrange two study visits during the Fall:

- Turku (themes: attractiveness of the VET, integration of the migrants, STEAM)
- Malmö (Basic skills, integration of the migrants)

Moreover, Task Force has sent two workshop proposals for UBC General Conference:

- Attractiveness of the VET
- STEAM

Supporting Youth Employment and the Implementation of the Youth Guarantee - The Good, The Bad and The Next Practices from Baltic Sea Region

European Committee of the Regions
101 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels

20.5.2019

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Register here by May 10th >

Seminar Program

12:30 *Welcome Coffee*

13:00 **Welcome to seminar**
Karl-Heinz Lambertz, *President of the European Committee of the Regions*
Per Bodker Andersen, *President of the Union of the Baltic Cities*

13:20 **State of the Youth Guarantee in Baltic Sea Region**
Lidija Kolouh-Söderlund, *PhD, Development Manager, Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society*

CASE: Making Youth Guarantee Vision reality in Turku Region (South-West Finland)
Maarit Luukkaa, *Development Manager, City of Turku*

14:00 **Successful Networking and the Best Practices of Peer Development**
Short presentations about the work and results of the following networks:
- UBC Task Force Supporting Youth Employment and Well-Being
  Matti Mäkelä, *Head of the PMO, City of Turku / Education Division*
- Flagship School to Work (S2W)
  Gunnar Anderzon, *Project Manager, SALAR*
- StartNet (Network Transition Education to Work)
  Jan Wilker, *Project Manager, Goethe-Institut Brüssel*
  Gesa Spätling, *Project Officer, Goethe-Institut Brüssel*

15:00 *Coffee break*

15:30 **A Tale of Two Cases: How to Transfer Innovations from One Country to Another?**
- Building a One-stop-shop in a Year: Slovakia's Finnish Connection
  Ela Klementova, *Program Officer, EPIC Slovakia*
- Fire Works and Appreciative Enquiry:
  How to Transfer a New Guidance Model from Belgium to Sweden and Finland
  Karel Van Bouchaute, *Docent, Thomas More University College*

16:30 **Profiles in Innovation: Some Best Practices**
- NEETs
- Early School Leavers
- How to Make Vocational Education More Attractive and accessible?
  Experts from different networks with short presentations

17:30 **Panel Discussion: Heading to the Future and the Next Big Thing**
Per Bodker Andersen, *President of the Union of the Baltic Cities*
Lidija Kolouh-Söderlund, *PhD, Development Manager, Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society*
Anastasiia Klonova, *Project Manager, Norden Association*
Carsten Adamsen, *Chair, UBC Committee of the Youthful Cities*

18:00 *Closing the Seminar*

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