

'Youth - actor of social change' brings together EU-funded research projects concerned with investigating the life chances, choices and strategies of young people in contemporary European societies. It is organised through the framework of the project 'Youth - Actor of Social Change' (UP2YOUTH) which has been funded under the EU's 6th Framework Programme for Research.

UP2YOUTH has been concerned with contributing to an understanding of the role of young people in relation to social change. It aims to deepen insight into the relationship between social structures and young people's choices and actions. In more specific terms it focuses on three traditional markers of 'successful' transitions from youth to adulthood which are also central to the current consultations on European Youth Policy and the European Youth Pact:

- family formation,
- transitions into the labour market (focusing on young migrants)
- citizenship in terms of active participation.

UP2YOUTH analyses how young people interpret life situations which are increasingly precarious and uncertain, how this is reflected in their choices and strategies, and their relationship with social structure.

Funded as a Coordinated Action, UP2YOUTH also aims to contribute to the integration of European Youth Research. Therefore, the final seminar combines the presentation of the results of the UP2YOUTH project with an exchange among other completed and ongoing EU-funded youth research.

The seminar will explore the synergies and complementary strengths of the findings of EU-funded youth research and therefore represents a valuable resource for current policy-making for and with young people at the European level.

UP2YOUTH coordination team

Agenda

Thursday, 5th March

11.00	Opening <i>Jean-Michel Baer, European Commission, DG Research</i>
11.10	Introduction <i>Andreas Walther (Tübingen)</i>
11.20	Youth, agency and social change: objectives and results of the UP2YOUTH project <i>Axel Pohl & Barbara Stauber (Tübingen)</i>
11.50	European youth policy: challenges and perspectives <i>Helga Trüpel (MEP)</i>
12.15	Keynote: Life courses, identities and social capital <i>Helena Helve (Tampere)</i>
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Thematic Session 1: Transitions into parenthood and family building Chair: <i>Siyka Kovacheva (Plovdiv)</i> Young parenthood, agency and social change . Findings of UP2YOUTH. <i>Manuela du Bois-Reymond (Leiden)</i> JobMobilities and Family Lives in Europe. Findings of the JobMob and FamLives project <i>Detlev Lück (Mainz)</i> Discussants: <i>Claire Wallace, WORKCARE project (Aberdeen), Karin Jurczyk, UP2YOUTH advisory board (Munich)</i> Debate
16.00	Coffee
16.30	Thematic Session 2: Transitions into work in the migration society Chair: <i>Octav Marcovici (Bucharest)</i> Transitions to work of youth with ethnic minority or migrant background . Findings of UP2YOUTH. <i>Sven Mørch & Torben Bechmann Jensen (Copenhagen)</i> Second generation migrated teenagers' experience in the public sphere. Findings of the TRESEGY project <i>(Roberto Alzetta, Genoa)</i>

Discussants:
Julia Szalai, EDUMIGROM project (Budapest)
Christoph Reinprecht (Vienna) & Susanne Zander (Stockholm), UP2YOUTH advisory board

Debate

19.30

Dinner

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9.30

Thematic Session 3: Youth participation
Chair: *Natalia Wächter (Vienna)*

Youth participation, agency and social change.
Findings of UP2YOUTH
Patricia Loncle (Rennes)

Young people, the internet and civic participation: findings of the CIVICWEB project
Shakuntala Banaji (London)

Discussants:
Sonia Jackson, YIPPIE project (London), Lasse Siurala, UP2YOUTH advisory board (Helsinki)

Debate

11.30

Coffee

12.00

Panel: Empowering young people's agency – research evidence for policy making
Chair: *Angelos Agalianos (European Commission, DG Education and Culture, tbc)*

- *Krzysztof Iszkowski (European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)*
- *Finn Denstad (European Commission, DG Education and Culture)*
- *Hanjo Schiild (Youth Partnership Council of Europe / European Commission)*
- *Luca Scarpiello (European Youth Forum)*
- *Hans Steimle (Y.E.S. Forum - Youth and European Social Work)*

13.30

Conclusions

Andreas Walther (Tübingen)
Marc Goffart (European Commission, DG Research)

13.45

Small lunch

End

Projects involved

CIVICWEB - Young People, the Internet and Civic Participation (FP 6)

TRESEGY - Transnational Research on Second Generation Youths: experience of inclusion and exclusion in the public sphere among second generation migrated teenagers (FP 6)

UP2YOUTH - Youth - actor of social change (Young Parenthood - Minority Youth - Youth Participation) (FP 6)

WORKCARE - Social quality and the changing relationship between work, care and welfare in Europe (FP 6)

Job Mobilities and Family Lives in Europe (FP 6)

EUMARGINS - Social inclusion/exclusion among young adults with immigrant background in urban-metropolitan areas (FP 7)

EDUMIGROM - Ethnic differences in education and diverging prospects for urban youth in an enlarged Europe (FP 7)

YIPPEE - Young people from a public care background: pathways to education in Europe (FP 7)

Other related projects under FP 6 and 7:

INCLUD-ED - Strategies for inclusion and social cohesion in Europe from education (FP 6)

LLL2010 - Towards a Lifelong Learning Society in Europe: The Contribution of the Education System (FP 6)

IMISCOE - Network of Excellence on International Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion (FP 6)

RECWOWE - Network of Excellence on Reconciling Work and Welfare in Europe (Including Family/work/Employment regimes) (FP 6)

SPReW - Generational approach to the social patterns of relation to work (FP 6)

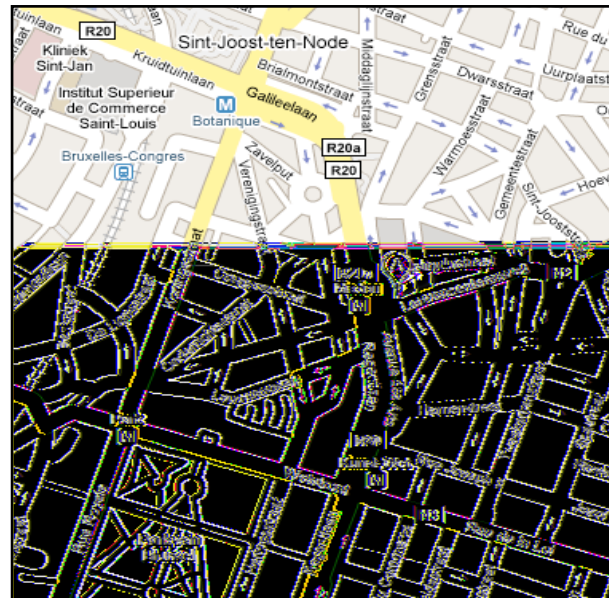
CSEYHP - Combating social exclusion among young homeless populations (FP 7)

YOUNEX - Youth, unemployment, and exclusion in Europe: A multidimensional approach to understanding the conditions and prospects for social and political integration of young unemployed (FP 7)

Venue

European Commission
DG Education & Culture
Place Madou 1

The building is right next to the underground station MADOU. The area is also serviced by bus No 29. The seminar takes place in the auditorium in the ground floor.



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