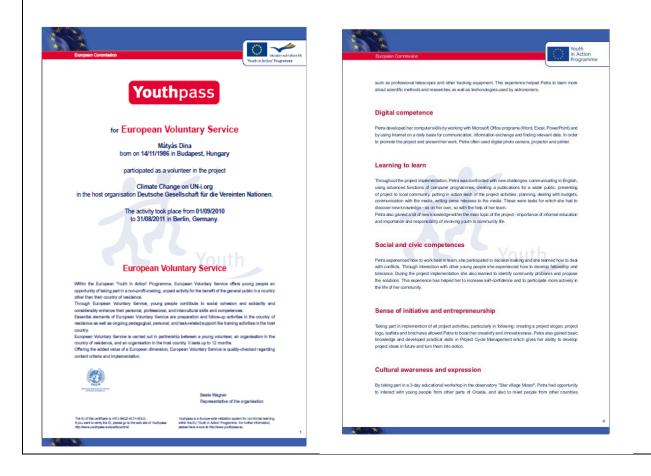
	Youthpass		Erasmus+
Original language: English	Country: Slovene	Source: MOVIT	Link: <u>https://www.youthpass.eu/</u>
			(access date: 22/02/2017)
Target group	Type of best practice		Experiences
🔘 Teacher / trainer	x tool		x available for more than 5 years
Counsellor	🔘 initiative/campaign		O available for less than 5 years
Social worker	○ project		pilot phase / testing
O Youth worker	🔿 website only		○ in development
X future employer) programme		🔿 unknown
\bigcirc other:	🔿 model		
	○ training		
	🔘 learning materi	al	
	O other:		
Summary:			

Youthpass is a recognition tool for non-formal and informal learning. It is a tripartite certificates and can be issued in several languages. It is available for projects funded by Erasmus+: Youth in Action (2014-2020) and Youth in Action (2007-2013) programmes. It is a part of the European Commission's strategy to foster the recognition of non-formal learning. Youthpass supports the reflection upon the individual non-formal learning process and outcomes and also aims at supporting the employability of young people and of youth workers by raising their awareness of and helping to describe their competences, and by documenting their acquisition of key competences on a certificate.



Description:

Youthpass has originally been developed in the context of the EU Youth in Action programme (2006-2013). In December 2013, Erasmus+ was established as the Union's programme for education, training, youth and sport, for the years 2014-2020. The political context of Youthpass includes the following documents:

- In 2012 the Council recommendation on the validation of non-formal and informal learning suggests that the Union transparency tools (such as Youthpass) *should be promoted in the process of establishing national systems for validation of non-formal and informal learning outcomes*;
- in 2015, the Council conclusions on enhancing cross-sectorial policy cooperation to effectively address socioeconomic challenges facing young people *invite the EU Member States and the European Commission to explore the possibilities of mainstreaming the Youthpass certificate outside the Erasmus+ programme and using it as a national tool for recognition.*

The Youthpass certificate structure is divided into three sections:

- 1. The first page confirms the participation in a given project and lists the main facts about the project. It also provides background information about the general context and value of the activity. It has to be signed by a legal representative of the organisation.
- 2. The second section informs about the project in more detail. The organisations in charge are mentioned, the aims, activities, and results of the project described. This part of the certificate has to be signed by the person responsible for the project.
- 3. In the third section participants reflect upon their learning and the outcomes. They are encouraged to describe what they have learnt in the course of the project, adhering to the eight key competences for lifelong learning¹. If applicable, a dialogue partner is also invited to sign the third section. There is neither a limitation to how much the participants are allowed to write nor do they have to include every single competence.

There exist four of Youthpass certificates for different activity types:

- Youth Exchanges
- European Voluntary Service
- Mobility of Youth Worker
- Youth in Policy Dialogue (Structured Dialogue meetings)

As a Europe-wide recognition instrument for non-formal learning in the youth field, Youthpass strengthens the **social recognition of youth work.** Youthpass supports also **active European citizenship** of young people and of youth workers by describing the added value of their project.

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