



Meet the Street Project

Framework

The EU will adopt a new framework cooperation in the field of youth between Member States in 2009. This thematic cycle of the Structured Dialogue gives young people a concrete opportunity to actively participate in the shaping of European youth policies for the next decade.

ERYICA, relying on its network that consists of highly qualified youth workers, contributes to the success of such a process by actively involving a wide number of young people, not reachable by traditional means of communication.

Therefore, within the framework of the **Meet the Street** project, ERYICA is running a European consultation, in which 120 youngsters, aged between 15 and 25, interview non organized youngsters on different subjects of importance for them.

By sharing the same project for months with peers from different European countries, young participants will work as multipliers once back to their countries: In addition to interviewing and involving their peers, they will be likely to show the interviews to their friends and relatives.

Some of the interviews have already been taken, and you can watch them on the website: <http://www.vimeo.com/groups/meetthestreet>

Rationale

The EU wants to find out what do young people consider to be their main challenges in the future. Therefore, the European Commission commits itself to debating the theme with young people and their respective organisations: It is essential to get inputs from the youth before policies, relevant for young peoples' lives are formulated. It is, furthermore, crucial to create spaces for substantial debates between the EU politicians and young citizens.

The Structured Dialogue provides the framework for these debates.

The Meet the Street project is divided into two phases: Meet the Street - I (October 2008 - February 2009) and Meet the Street – II (March – September 2009).

To follow the events of Meet the Street – I, check <http://www.eryica.org/en/content/projects>

To know more about the launch of the second phase of the project, check <http://www.eryica.org/en/content/meet-street-ii>.



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What is in the Name?

Meet the Street is a project in which young “journalists” ask the opinion of their peers on subjects of importance for them. These interviews are recorded with a mobile telephone, then edited and uploaded on line. The project seeks to attain the following objectives:

- To foster non organized youngsters’ participation and initiative by giving them the opportunity to express their views on some issues by peer to peer interviews;
- To reach a large variety of young less easily reachable Europeans with different backgrounds;
- To meet policy makers in order to debate and address some of the issues European youngsters are interested in.

For more information on the project, do not hesitate to contact its Project Manager; Bénédicte Briot: benedicte.briot@eryica.org

- To have a list of the questions for interviews, chosen by project participants, check <http://www.eryica.org/files/List%20of%20Questions.pdf>
- To have a look at videos shot by the project participants, see:
 - List of Videos <http://www.vimeo.com/groups/meetthetstreet/videos>
 - Video "About Education" <http://www.vimeo.com/2816662>
 - Video "About City Trips with School" <http://www.vimeo.com/2839108>
 - Video "About Exchange Projects" <http://www.vimeo.com/2839021>
 - Video "About Further Education" <http://www.vimeo.com/2858484>
 - Video "About Municipality" <http://www.vimeo.com/298489>
 - Video "About the Right to Vote" <http://www.vimeo.com/3039728>