

## Find a partner within the ICY-network!

InterCity Youth is a platform for exchange of experiences, best practices and for peer learning!

The idea with the below form is that you should present yourself so that other members of ICY who are interested in international exchange and/or cooperation of any kind should be able to find partners that are interesting to them.

By filling it in you do not promise to commit yourself to anything – you just show interest and that you are open to new contacts!

1. **Name of organisation:** Vlaamse Gemeenschapscommissie – VGC – department Culture, Youth and Sports

2. **Type of organisation**

Municipal

NGO

Other: \_\_Regional government\_\_\_\_\_ (*Please describe*)

3. **We are active on**

Municipal level

Regional level

National level

Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (*Please describe*)

4. **Country:** Belgium

5. **We have our seat in (Municipality):** Brussels

6. **Contact person**

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## 7. Describe your organisation

### Type of activities:

The Flemish Community Commission strives to improve the quality of life in the city, developing and supporting an open Dutch-speaking network of services and facilities (such as childcare, libraries, sports clubs, playgrounds, schools,...) in all areas of responsibilities. It can form and fund institutions or take initiatives itself within the scope of community responsibilities.

According to the decree on local youth policy of the Flemish Government the Flemish Community Commission makes a Youth Policy Plan every 5 years, which is approved by the Assembly. Since 2016 this plan is incorporated in the Strategic Plan for Culture, Youth and Sports 2016-2020. This Plan contains 5 chapters:

- Participation en partaking;
- Support, partnerships and strategic alliances
- (Public) space and infrastructure;
- Communication;
- Quality management.

The Plan is prepared by the Directorate-General Culture, Youth and Sports in cooperation with a whole range of organisations. For each of the themes above several strategic and operational objectives are defined.

This Plan enables, for the youth sector in particular, a wide range of support, both financial and logistical, for a huge number of Dutch-speaking organisations, activities and projects with young people (3-30 years). The Youth Department also invests in information, communicates with children and youngsters and organises the youth council of the Flemish Community Commission. The Youth Department also sets up activities and programmes in its own youth center.

The Culture department exists from a regional staff, and 22 local cultural community centers. Also the Sport department organises and supports sport activities in Brussels.

**Number of staff:** 70 persons

**Opening/activity hours etc:** The governmental administration is open from Monday to Friday 8h -17h. The opening hours from our youth center, cultural community centers and own sport infrastructure varies.

**Target group:** Brussels inhabitants who speak Flemish or who are interested in Flemish activity.

## 8. Previous experience in international cooperation, if any

I participated in an exchange project organised by VVJ, between Flemish cities from Belgium and KEKS and some youth organisations in Göteborg, Sweden.

In a previous job I organised an international training for youth workers, between Finland, Poland, Norway and Belgium, supported by JINT.

## 9. Which kinds of activities are you interested in finding partners for?

- Seminar (For youth workers / heads of department / politicians / other)
- Job shadowing (For youth workers / heads of department / politicians / other)

- Becoming peer centres/cities (Building a relation for future on-going cooperation)
- Youth exchange (For young people 13-30 years old)
- EVS (European voluntary service, For young people 17-30 years old)
- Structured dialogue (Meetings between young people and politicians)
- Study visit (For youth workers / heads of department / politicians / other)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

*Please describe*

### 10. Describe your project idea/ideas in your own words (if you have such ideas)

*Please be brief and use a simple language! Please describe "why", "what" and "when" if possible*

The end of 2017 we organise a seminar for all organisations from or supported by the department Youth, Culture & Sports. We want to inspire them to work with youngsters in a big and divers city. Contacts of organisations with a certain expertise or specific insight on this matter are very welcome.

Also, in 2018 we are thinking to organise an international seminar or study visit for our target group, but the content for this project is still uncertain.

### 11. Desired theme for cooperation and common projects

*Please tick relevant boxes*

- Animals
- Anti-discrimination, Human rights
- Children
- Conflict management
- Culture (Art, Dance, Drama/Theatre, Music, ...)
- Democracy, Active citizenship, European citizenship
- Disability
- Environment, Sustainable development
- Gender equality
- Health
- History
- Innovation
- Integration, Migrants, Refugees
- Intercultural dialogue
- LGBT issues
- Leadership
- Media and communication, Social media
- Minorities
- Non-formal learning (Supporting, recognising, ...)

- Peace and conflict
- Quality development/assessment
- Religion and beliefs
- Roma issues
- Sports
- Unemployment, Employability, Entrepreneurship
- Urban/rural development
- Work against violent extremism
- Youth participation
- Youth policy

## 12. Other relevant information

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## 13. Pictures of youth centre, activities etc *(Please attach them to the email, with written explanations if needed)*

Email your request to [info@keks.se](mailto:info@keks.se) and we will put your partner search on the website [www.intercityyouth.eu](http://www.intercityyouth.eu). If any changes occur you are responsible to contact us to update your information. Thank you!