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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Youth Working Party
Subject:	Presentation on Work programme of the incoming Presidency, given by the Estonian delegation on the Youth Working Party meeting on 15 June 2017

Delegations will find attached presentation on Work programme of the incoming Presidency, given by the Estonian delegation on the Youth Working Party meeting on 15 June 2017.

The Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2017

Position of Estonian Presidency regarding handling the proposal for a Regulation of European Solidarity Corps in the Council

- **Estonian Presidency has decided to handle the proposal for a Regulation of European Solidarity Corps in the Council Youth Working Party.**
- The Regulation lays down the legal framework for the European Solidarity Corps, which is aimed to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion and solidarity in Europe. In order to achieve that, substantial role is foreseen for volunteering and community based youth initiative projects, that are the cornerstones of European youth work and youth policy.
European Solidarity Corps is also aimed to encourage young people's spirit of initiative and provide further support for the development of their competences, while dedicating special attention to accessibility to all young people, notably to those with fewer opportunities – all being the key-elements in the general mission of European youth field. In order to ensure efficient and effective implementation of this Regulation, the management of the European Solidarity Corps is proposed to make the maximum use of existing practices, instruments and arrangements already in place in the frame of the Youth Chapter under the Erasmus+ programme (as referred to in Chapter III of Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013).
- Having regard to the perspectives of European Solidarity Corps in relation to other fields, notably the employment field, the Estonian Presidency would like to invite the Member States for their internal cooperation and coordination in order to be able to express a common coordinated position on behalf of the respective Member State in the leading Council working group: Youth Working Party. Representatives of other relevant fields are welcome to join the meetings of Youth Working Party with the item of European Solidarity Corps in the agenda, if and how possible.
- The proposed approach of Estonian Presidency is a follow up to the approach initiated by the Maltese Presidency in the earlier launch phase of the European Solidarity Corps.
- Estonian Presidency is looking forward to fruitful cooperation with all stakeholders in order to guarantee efficient handling of this legislative proposal.



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Youth

In youth field we plan to focus on 3 priority topics:

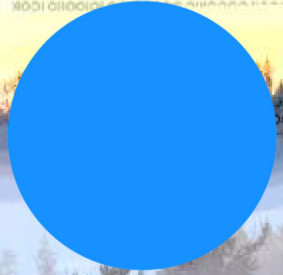
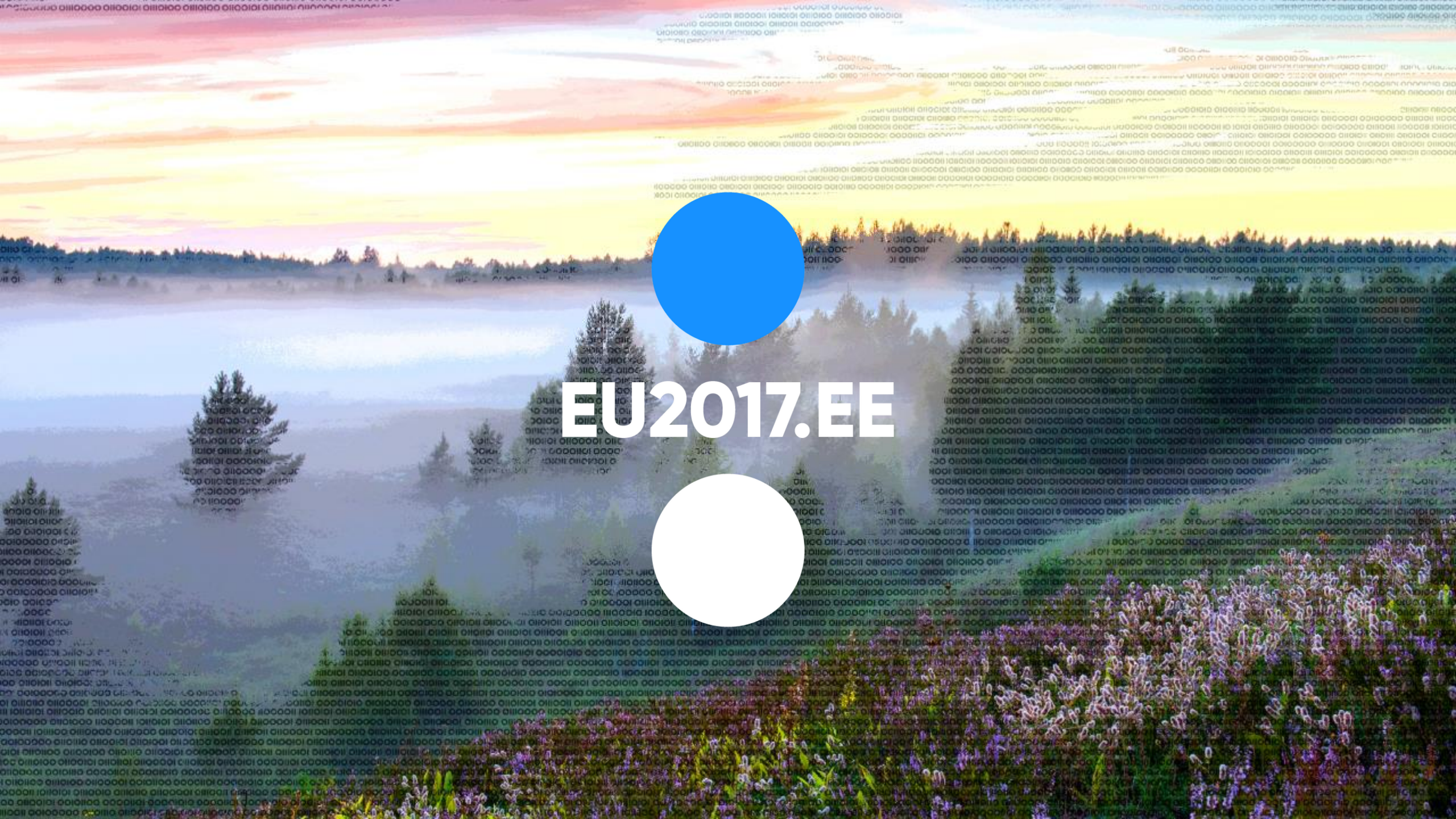
- **Future of young people and the youth field in EU.** The issue of how we can better support and engage youth is under high importance in the current political agenda of EU. Discussions have started on the **next EU Youth Strategy** for the post-2018 period. Hence we would like to use this momentum and take respective debates further during the Estonian presidency. In co-operation with our trio partners Bulgaria and Austria, European Youth Forum and European Commission, we aim to focus on the involvement of young people into development of the next EU Youth Strategy in the frame of the **6th Cycle of the Structured Dialogue**, titled: "Youth in Europe: what's next?". The next cycle is also expected to further improve the process of dialogue between young people and policy makers.
- **Smart youth work** is of equal priority for us, directly linked to focus on digital solutions of the Estonian Presidency. It is also based on the work done by international expert group on risks and opportunities of digitalisation to youth, youth work and youth policy. We aim to introduce the concept of smart youth work on European level and draw up **Council Conclusions on smart youth work**.
- **Youth volunteering** is one of the cornerstones of European youth field. European Commission has recently published a study on the impact of transnational volunteering through the European Voluntary Service programme. Furthermore, on 30 May European Commission published the proposal for the regulation of **European Solidarity Corps**, which is aimed to enhance the engagement of young people and organisations in solidarity activities as a means to contribute to strengthening cohesion and solidarity in Europe. We acknowledge the high political priority of this legislative initiative and are fully committed to take this file further during the Estonian Presidency.

The **Presidency events** in the youth field will be the following:

- EVS Future Search Conference, 3-5th July, Tallinn
- Informal kick-off event for Youth Working Party delegates in Brussels on 6 July;
- Meeting of the Structured Dialogue Steering Committee in Brussels on 20-21 September;
- Vote@16 International Conference, 13th October, Tallinn
- **EU Youth conference as part of the Structured Dialogue process in Tallinn on 23-26 October;**
- **Meeting of Directors General on Youth in Tallinn on 26-27 October;**
- National Youth Work Week on smart youth work, 6-12th November
- International Conference on Community Guarantee, 9th November, Tallinn
- Informal breakfast of young people and youth ministers in Brussels 20 November;
- Meeting of the Structured Dialogue Steering Committee in Brussels on 21 November.

In addition there will be several affiliated events organised by our partners in youth field during Estonian presidency.





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Perspectives for youth field

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Our priorities in the field of youth

- **Future of young people and youth field** – 6th cycle of the Structured Dialogue „Youth in Europe: what’s next?“ with a focus on next EU Youth Strategy
- **Smart youth work** – progressive approach towards digital innovation in youth field. Council conclusions on smart youth work
- **Youth volunteering**, incl. proposal for a regulation on European Solidarity Corps

**The trouble with our times is that the future
is not what it used to be.**

Paul Valéry

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Estonian Presidency key events in youth field

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+ A special invitation for YWP colleagues:

Smart afternoon on smart youth work

Estonian Presidency

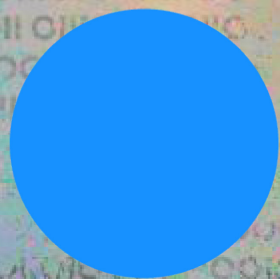
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@ Coding Summer School

6th of July at 3 pm - 7 pm

Rue de la Science 14b, Brussels

Looking forward to good and inspiring cooperation with all of you!



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