

## What is the Partial Agreement on the Youth Card?

Over 4.3 million young Europeans carry the EURO<26 youth card - their key to mobility, culture, information and participation in Europe. Many of them benefit from the Council of Europe's Partial Agreement on the Youth Card, which further develops and strengthens the Youth Card.

By joining the Partial Agreement on the Youth Card, Member States support a tool that brings Europe closer to young people - and young people closer to being active citizens of Europe.

## Activities made possible by the Partial Agreement:

**Communications:** development of youth information media and tools, ensuring young people have access to better information and thus make more informed life choices. Including: pan-European web portal [www.EURO26.org](http://www.EURO26.org), Editor's Database (information sharing Intranet), Communications Group panel of experts, Photo Gallery, and more.

**Research:** EYCAcademy – the establishment of a panel of trained qualitative youth research moderators across Europe. In 2006, focus group training and research on topics relevant to Europe was carried out simultaneously in 17 countries across Europe. Topics include: participation, tolerance, racism, gender or racially motivated violence, and more.

**Development:** sharing of best practice in youth information and benefits across Europe. Includes: EURO<26 Exchanges for young people working with the youth card, EURO<26 Tutorials and Seminars, Matchmaker Programme, development of pan-European discounts, services, advantages – leading to more opportunities for every young person in Europe.

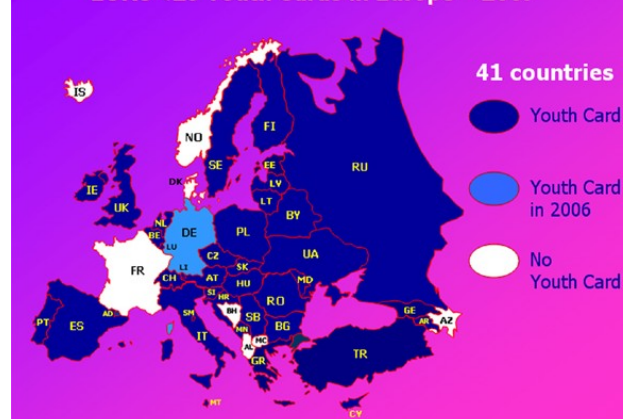
## Why become a Member State of the Partial Agreement?

**Member benefit:** the following activities have been implemented with added advantages for Partial Agreement members: Youth Event, EURO<26 Exchanges, posters and postcards. By joining the Agreement, states increase the overall European potential of their youth card while offering concrete new opportunities.

**Governance:** The Agreement is governed by a Board of Co-ordination which comprises eight representatives from the group of Member States and eight representatives from the European Youth Cards. The Board meets once a year in Strasbourg or Budapest, following the meeting of the European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ) and the Advisory Council.

**Annual Budget:** Of the total budget of the Agreement in 2007, 131.500 Euro is allocated to the EYCA programme. Contributions from newly joined states are used for the programme budget only. A relatively small investment (ranging from 800 Euro to 57,370 Euro for an annual contribution) means a high return for both the young people and government. States wishing to join the Partial Agreement should simply send a letter stating so to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

EURO<26 Youth Cards in Europe – 2007



## In 2007, the following countries have a youth card:

(Those marked in blue are members of the Partial Agreement.)

**Andorra**, Armenia, **Austria**, Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, **Croatia**, **Cyprus**, Czech Republic, Estonia, **Finland**, Georgia, Greece, **Hungary**, **Ireland**, **Italy**, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, **Luxembourg**, **Malta**, Moldova, **Montenegro**, **The Netherlands**, Poland, **Portugal**, Romania, Russia, **San Marino**, **Serbia**, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, **Spain**, Sweden, **Switzerland**, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom. **France** is also a member of the Partial Agreement.

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