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Hello Yordanka,

We are happy to present this new edition of our Newsletter. Here you can find interesting news about MIJARC Europe's work, what is going on around Europe in the youth field and the last news from MIJARC Europe member movements.

We hope you enjoy the reading.

MIJARC News

MIJARC in the Advisory Council of Youth

**CoMem Youth Forum: Successful elections for
MIJARC Europe**



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In the middle of April around 150 representatives of youth organisations from all over Europe travelled to Brussels to take part in one of the two most important annual events of the European Youth Forum, which is indeed the COMEM. MIJARC Europe, represented by Ana Silva (European Secretary) and Lyubomir Todorov (President) had the chance to exchange with peers on various topics. A major point on the agenda of the meeting was the election of 20 organisations which will be taking part in the Advisory Council on youth, part of the youth department of the Council of Europe. Therefore, it is with great pleasure to announce that MIJARC Europe has been successfully elected. Read more [here](#).

Lyubomir Todorov
President, MIJARC Europe



*Hello! I'm Tanja Köglmeier, intern of MIJARC Europe. I'm working at the moment in the place of Yordanka for the Edition of our Newsletter and I'm willing to receive any news you would like to figure in our next editions. Please send them to my e-mail **t.koeglmeier@mijarc.net**. Thanks to all the contributors to our Newsletter!*

Summer Camp 2013 in Romania



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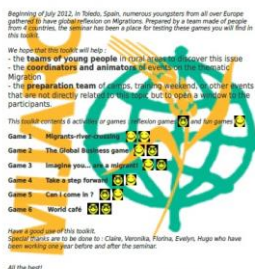
the next Summer Camp, this time trying to highly involve the partners in an Advance Planning Visit which will take place next weekend (7th-9th June) in Bucharest! Last chance to register! Don't miss this opportunity to participate in the MIJARC Europe Summer Camp 2013 in Romania!

A week full of fun, international encounters and interesting discussions about "Building Bridges for a more inclusive Rural Europe" is waiting for young people like you to gather in Harghita County, Romania, from the 25th of July to the 1st of August.

For more information, click [here](#)!

Migration - Challenge for European Rural Development: Campaign 2013

Toolkit MIGRATIONS



Have you already taken a glance at the outcome of our last year's seminar? No? Then just head on to the site of our annual campaign with the topic "Migration - Challenge for a European Rural

Development". There you will find various tools like the campaign video, the toolkit and a position paper for approaching yourself and your group to the problem of migration. Click [here](#) for seeing the offered material.

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### **YoFest 2013: MIJARC meets Vassiliou**

MIJARC Europe is very proud on its participation on the YoFest 2013, which took place on the 30th and 31st may at the Esplanade of the European Parliament. The highest moment for us was definitely the visit from the commissioner Androulla Vassiliou, who is in charge of the youth sector, at our stand.

In the end, the two days of the YoFest provided a great opportunity to spread the interests of MIJARC and to give youth a voice in Europe. The European Youth Forum really enhanced young people's opportunities to participate in political decisions by offering debates and other activities. Through great concerts, the launch of the "league of young voters" and even a hot air balloon the event was a great success. In the next Newsletter you will even hear more about it!

# Europe News

## Youth Rights need urgent action now!

**Parliamentary Assembly**  
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The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) took important steps in the rights-based approach to youth policy through concrete

measures to ensure young people's full access to their rights

by adopting a recommendation in Strasbourg yesterday. The European Youth Forum congratulates the PACE for adopting its Recommendation “ **Young people’s access to fundamental rights** “, for showing their willingness to push forward a rights-based approach to youth policy and for reiterating its call for a binding legal framework at European level. Youth rights are now well and truly at the centre of the Council of Europe’s work. Read more [here](#).

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"EYF Reloaded":

<http://eyf.coe.int>



If last year we were commemorating the 40th anniversary of the European Youth Foundation (EYF) and the European Youth Centre of

Strasbourg, this year the EYF showed us that despite ageing, their will is to keep getting more and more

“youthful”!

We have sent to our member movements already in February the News about the re-structuring of the EYF grants from 2013 onwards and the possibilities given also to national NGOs to apply for grants under their support. The new website of the EYF is already operational and we invite you to explore it: <http://eyf.coe.int>

You can check there if you are eligible to register as potential beneficiary and all the documentation needed, as well as to access to many resources for your work! Congratulations again to the EYF!

ECVC is determined to defend family farming and small-farmers in Europe



This year's General Assembly of the European Coordination Via Campesina took place in Fuerteventura (Canary Islands, Spain), from the 15th to 17th of

April. MIJARC Europe, as founder member of this platform which gathers 27 farming bodies from 17 countries across Europe, sent its Vice-President Olivier Dugrain to be represented there.

Apart from a new elected Coordinating Committee, an yearly action plan was set up including the axes:

- Promoting agroecology
- Strengthening the Food Sovereignty movement
- Offering support to small- and medium-farmers on all levels

Read more about this event [here](#).

Members News

MIJARC game created by KLJ



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nt of MIJARC, has established in 2012 a MIJARC Working Group, composed by several rural young volunteers from different regional groups of KLJ. Putting all their creativity in practice they have built an interactive game which can be played individually or in group. They have put it in test last weekend during the activity 'T Groep from the regional KLJ East Flanders and the result was... a big success (we testified)! Read more [here](#).

Ana Silva

MIJARC, European Secretary

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**Local group of MRJC looking for a  
partnership**



A local group from MRJC (France) is looking for a partner in Europe to organise a Youth Exchange in 2014. The French group is constituted by 8 young people aged between 15 and 16 years old that wishes to exchange experiences and realities with other like minded young people from a different country.

As establishing partnerships and relations between groups from different member movements is one of MIJARC Europe's goals, we strongly encourage you to pass this information to your local groups so they can look deeper into this proposal with no delay.

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Good luck!

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A new project of YMDRAB was approved by the "Youth in Action" Programme



In the beginning of 2013 YMDRAB and 5 non-governmental partner movements from different European countries implemented a project named "Let me be One of You!". Now they are very happy to announce that this project is approved by the "Youth in Action" Programme. Read more [here](#).

Yonko Dodev

Vice –president, YMDRAB

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