
Report of the YEE Project Officer Christiane Klemm, Work year 2012-2013

Dear colleagues,

it's been almost a year since I had the honour to be elected as a YEE Board Member in the position of the Project Officer. As my tenure is reaching its end it is time to reflect about my involvement in this wonderful network, what has happened and what has been done.

According to my working plan my main duties were taking care of YEE's and MO's projects as well as to provide information and data.

Very soon I had to realise that I set my working plan far too optimistic and that I could do much more work in more effective ways when compensating some parts of my original working plan by focusing on my strengths instead.

During this year I did not work on only one big topic but on countless "smaller" ones: being actively involved in all decision making processes of YEE, writing a timetable of yee projects (including an overview with important data and latest news as well as an agenda of deadlines set by the working groups), doing a lot of proofreading (e.g. application forms for fundings, letters to MOs, texts for projects), updating and sending out YEE's project guidelines, trying to help the working groups with their projects and staying updated about their progress, writing articles and actively searching partner organisations or participants for the last remaining places in our projects.

Furthermore I followed the LIFE program (after YEE signed an open letter to the European Council and the European Parliament), proposed some changes (homepage, procedures, structures), cooperated closely with the MO Officer (our duties often intersected) and more. Nevertheless a huge amount of work was left to the office.

I took part in the Youth Exchange "Give pedestrians their city back" (as the group leader of the German participants, helped with holding sessions such as leading an evaluation group), the Training Course "Green Toolbox in Action" of which YEE was a partner (as participant but also as a representative of YEE). I attended the Physical Board Meeting held in Toulcuv Dvur as well as all Virtual Board Meetings on Skype except one (I sent my comments, though). Also I was part of the planning team for the Campaign "The right to be(e)", attended some other project's Skype meetings and represented YEE at my organisation's (FÖJ-Aktiv e.V.) General Assembly.

As already mentioned I was not able to completely fulfill my working plan. For instance I tried to help the working groups implementing their projects, but when offering help the usual answer was that they were perfectly fine. Instead I worked on some other topics which otherwise might have remained uncovered or where another Board Member needed help. All in all I would have liked to give much more to YEE,

but considering my studies I probably spent more time than I actually should have done. Still I am determined to stay active.

Working for YEE is a very demanding but also very enriching job. It takes a lot of strength and energy but gives back a lot in return. We had an awesome work atmosphere, great people in the Board and an amazingly good Secretariat.

Therefore I am very grateful I had the opportunity to become a part of this network and to contribute to its actions.

I will keep the last year in good memory and I am convinced YEE will come a long way. Good luck for the next Board!

Sincerely yours,

Christiane Klemm