

This is the text which is the aim or mission of Eurodesk

31 countries. Countless opportunities.
Start **making sense of Europe** ...

Information is the key to active participation in today's world. Information enables you to make the decisions you need in everyday situations. Europe is full of opportunities and to take advantage of them, you need to have the right information.

There is so much information available on so many European topics that it can be difficult to find exactly what you want and then to make sense of it. How can you improve your awareness of these European opportunities and how can you discover exactly what you need to know?

The information is out there! The challenge is to find what you want, when you want it.

Eurodesk is a service providing European information for young people ... for example, on volunteering or exchange opportunities, how to work or study abroad, how to find European funding and contacts. The Eurodesk Network offers you information through different channels and at different levels ... from face-to-face provision through local youth information centres to highly developed information tools online.

In 31 European countries there are Eurodesk national co-ordinators, networks of local information providers and co-operation partners, who can act as your contact points to the European Eurodesk Network and your access points for relevant European information.

Eurodesk can help you make sense of the information and decide what the next step will be.

Eurodesk offers direct and online help and support for those working with young people. There are many professionals and volunteers working with young people in many different situations ... through formal education and in many non-formal ways. If you work with young people in any context and would like to be able to give them more help with European information, Eurodesk is there to help you.

Please contact your Eurodesk national partner, or visit the Support Centre on the Eurodesk website.

Eurodesk

All young people in Europe should have equal **access** to European information to help them play their full part as European citizens.

Eurodesk is **unique** as the only European information network dedicated to providing European information for young people. Eurodesk provides access to a wide range of European information, specially adapted for **young people**. Through its networking and information tools, Eurodesk also offers quality training and support to **those who work with young people**.

This is a basic description of the possible services:

Eurodesk can offer:..

- **Free enquiry answering** and advice on European questions;
- **Fast access** to European information online;
- Ongoing provision of information and news to the **European Youth Portal**;
- Specially developed **information tools** and **support for professionals** working with young people and European information;
- **Online Discussion Forum** for professional workers;
- **Training** courses for those who are working with young people and information;
- Regular **publications** featuring European information for young people;
- **Promotion** of European information;

This is the 'political' text

Eurodesk offers reliable and accurate European information for young people. The Information is specially selected as relevant to the needs of young people and is accessible locally, nationally and also on-line.

Eurodesk works according to the accepted principles for youth information, offering young people the information they need to play their full part as European citizens. Eurodesk offers fast access to targeted European information.

Eurodesk is an important part of the European Commission's information strategy towards young people. Working closely with the Commission, the Eurodesk Network manages the content of the Commission's European Youth Portal.

Eurodesk national partners are formally established as a permanent support structure of the YOUTH Programme of the European Union to provide high quality information and advice concerning Europe to young people and those who work with them.

The Eurodesk Network updates and manages the information content of the Commission's European Youth Portal. Enquiries coming through the Commission's Youth Portal are answered by the Eurodesk Network.

The Eurodesk Network (comprising the Eurodesk national partners) has formed an International Association under Belgian law (Eurodesk AISBL) to run the Eurodesk European Office in Brussels, which facilitates the management and co-ordination of the Eurodesk Network, its activities and services.

Eurodesk Network website: <http://www.eurodesk.org>