



LC Newsletter

24 October 2017

LC office hours

TUE&FRI

12.00 – 14:00

MON-WED-THURS

17:00 – 19:00

Rue Joseph II 70

2nd floor

Office 174

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Special office hours to purchase a ticket for the party

Wednesday 25th: 17:00-19:00

Thursday 26th: 17:00-19:00

Friday 27th: 12:30-13:30

URGENT COMMUNICATION from the **TRAINEESHIP OFFICE** concerning the **TRAVEL ALLOWANCE**

Dear Blue Book Trainees,

There appears to be some confusion on the procedure to claim **travel allowance payment**.

On behalf of and with the approval of the Traineeships Office (henceforth T.O.) we would like to clarify some of the most common **issues and misunderstandings** that have been detected so far among the trainees.

- The T.O. has the right to check the ticket reservation that you have uploaded and submitted from the moment of submission until **2 years after the end of your traineeship** (28th of February 2020). Therefore, you have to be in possession of all your travel tickets (including the return ticket) if you have **ALREADY** submitted your claim.
- Once you have submitted your travel allowance claim, there will be no chance to modify it. This means that you cannot submit your claim for a return ticket at another moment, and that you should submit both ways' claim at the same time.

If you have already submitted a one-way ticket claim and in the light of this communication you would like to amend it, contact the T.O. directly at EAC BUREAU DES STAGES Eac-Stages@ec.europa.eu as soon as possible, and they will re-open your file and let you update it.

- If your journey back home is **by car**, and the T.O. asks you for proof, you will be asked to submit your proof of travel within one month from the end of your traineeship. This is the **ONLY** exception.
- Remember that if you changed your place of residence between the moment you applied and the beginning of the traineeship, and the new place of residence corresponds to a higher distance band, you are obliged to upload your travel tickets in the same PDF file which includes the proof for place of origin/residence.

If you still have questions or doubts, or if you consider your case atypical, please ASK FOR A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING WITH THE TRAINEESHIP OFFICE.

Not only Trainees' Committee ... Subcommittees too!



At the core of the Trainees' Committee are the Subcommittees which organise a variety of activities for trainees. The Subcommittees' structures are similar to student clubs and societies. Within their framework, you can organise or participate in activities related to almost everything that interests you.

Below you have a list of the current Subcommittees with their respective coordinators; please contact the coordinator if you wish to become a core member of a specific

Subcommittee. Otherwise, if you just want to take part in the activities of more than one Subcommittee, just check out the newsletter in the following weeks or the newly created Facebook groups for the Subcommittees (linked in the list below).

For the coordinators: if you wish to advertise your activities/events on the newsletter, please send us an email at traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu with the text you would like to publish.



- **SOLIDARITY**: Djuke Stammeshaus (HOME) – Monika Lipecz (SANTE)
- **CAREERS**: Margaux Tellier-Poulain (DEVCO) – Sevasti Oxyzoglou (EASME)
- **THINK YOUNG THINK EUROPE**: Flavio Proietti (REGIO) – Leonie Neuffer (EASME)
- **LGBT+**: Elisa Bellotti (EACEA) – Zuzanna Grejner (JUST)
- **SUSTAINABILITY**: Annalisa Spalazzi (EASME)
- **LANGUAGES**: Ana Clara Goncalves Discacciati (ENVI) – Katharine Barney (SRB)
- **GENDER EQUALITY**: Emelie Lindstroem (EMPL)
- **COOKING**: Laura Lebastard (ECFIN)
- **CULTURAL HERITAGE**: Giulia Facelli (RTD)
- **FILM**: Marcin Lukowski (TAXUD)
- **EU RADIO/PODCAST**: Robert Riemann (EDPS)
- **SPORT**: Thiana Kovac (EACEA) – Ann Sophie Schmitt (OLAF)
- **ARTS & CREATIVITY**: Denise Ho (TRADE)
- **HIKING**: Snejana Avramova (GROW)



NB: Euroball & Alumnet (permanent Subcommittees) are still looking for someone to take the lead!

The current timetable for language classes with respective teachers for this session is out! There are still pending locations, therefore it is mandatory to **contact the teacher before the classes**, so that s/he will have an idea of how many students will come, and because the following communication will happen **only between teacher - student**.

- Ana Clara Discacciati** - ana.goncalves-discacciati@ec.europa.eu

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3. Is the language that you were wishing for not going to be offered or you cannot come after work for the classes? Don't worry!! Write us an email (language.subcommittee.oct17@gmail.com) with subject "**TANDEM**" and following details: Name, DG, the language you want to learn and the language you could help with (you should have at least advanced level or be a native speaker)

Example: John, DG XX, wants to learn Dutch, can help with German

We will try to find a tandem partner for you!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
French 18-19h - B2 Class 19-20h - A2 Class Teacher: Hélène Location: EACEA, Rue Joseph II, Room 59 tbc	French 8-9h – B2 Class 18:30-19:30 - A2 Class Teacher: Angela Location: tbc	English 18:30 – Conversation Table Teacher: Katy/Teniola Location: The Meeting Point	Norwegian 18:30-19:30 - Class Teacher: Kalina Location: DGT, Rue de Geneve, Room 6 tbc
Portuguese (no class on 30th Oct) 18:30-19:30 – A2 Class 19:30-20:30 – Conversation table Teacher: Ana Location: EACEA, Rue Joseph II, Room 59 tbc	German 18-19h - B2 Class Teacher: Elmar Location: DG Move Rue J.-A. Demot, 24 room tbc	German 20:30 - Conversation table Teacher: Andrej Location: Goupil Le Fol	Italian (start 10th November) 18:30-19:30 – A2 Class 19:30-20:30 – conversation table Teacher: Francesca Location: tbc
Russian (start 30th Oct) 18:30-19:30 – Class 19:30-20:30 – Conversation table Teacher: Werner Location: tbc	German 18-19h - A2 Class (start on 31st Oct) Teacher: Zerina Location: EACEA, Rue Joseph II, Room 59 tbc	French 18:30 – Conversation table Teacher: Rebecca Location: tbc	
Spanish (start 30th Oct) 18-19 –B2 Class Teacher: Diana Location: tbc	Spanish (start on 31st Oct) 18:30-19:30 – A2 Class Teacher: Yolanda Location: tbc	Italian 18-19h – B2 Class 19h-20h – A2 Class Teacher: Francesco Location: Madou Tower 04/094 or 04/126	
	Mandarin Chinese (start 31st Oct) 18:30-19:30 – A1 Class Teacher: Chiara Location: EACEA, Rue Joseph II, Room 59 tbc		



Trick or treat? – Well, for us at the TC, we always choose a treat!

Come and join us this coming Friday for a spooktacular Halloween themed night.

Also if you've got it, haunt it! – So get creative and come in [fancy dress](#)! Prizes will be awarded for the scariest and most fangtastic costumes. #SquadGhouls

Location: Smouss Café, Rue du Marché au Charbon 112, 1000 Bruxelles ([MAP](#))

This party will run from 22:30 – 04:00

€4 for T-Card holders

€6 for non-T-Card holders

- (Plus 1s are allowed – please provide us with their names when buying tickets)
- Each ticket purchase includes 1 free drink
- IDs will be required for entry!

Get your tickets anytime from your Porte-Paroles, or come to the TC office.

Our special office hours this week are:

Wednesday 25th: 17:00-19:00

Thursday 26th: 17:00-19:00

Friday 27th: 12:30-13:30

N.B! NO TICKETS SOLD ON THE DOOR! – so don't lose your head, make sure you buy before!

Still want to benefit from cheaper prices for our events and partners? [T-Cards](#) can be purchased during TC office hours. Just bring €15 in cash and a passport sized photo and we will do the rest ☺

Win free tickets for concerts!



Piola Libri for Italian contemporary music

[Piolalibri](#), together with [Beit Live](#), offers you free tickets for the following concerts:

[2/11/2017](#) – 8 PM: **Vinicio Capossela** (VK concerts)
– Deadline: 27.10 at noon

[6/11/2017](#) – 8 PM: **Ermal Meta** (Le Botanique) –
Deadline: 30.10 at noon

There are 4x2 tickets available (meaning 4 winners, each winner 2 tickets). These are well known Italian songwriters and you will get the chance to listen to some authentic Italian contemporary music. The first concert will be held in VK Concerts – Molenbeek Saint Jean, while the second one is in Le Botanique. To win a ticket, send an email to traineescommittee@ec.europa.eu with subject "Piola Libri contest" indicating in the body your full name and the concert you would like to attend (you can choose just one out of two, in order to give equal chances to everyone to win a ticket). Deadlines for each concert are indicated next to the name of the singer above.



.EU, your Digital European Identity

EURid is the registry manager of the .eu and .europa (Cyrillic script) country code top-level domains upon appointment of the European Commission in 2003. They work with around 700 partners worldwide – accredited registrars – that register **domain names** for their customers.

Any company, individual or organisation residing in the European Union or in Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway can register a .eu or .europa domain name. You will find out about several success stories about people and companies that reaped the benefits of choosing .eu or its variants in other scripts.

EURid representatives will introduce their organisation and activities on Wednesday, November 8, from 2.30 to 4.30 PM at the **auditorium in Madou Tower** (Place Madou 1). Participants will receive an official certificate for their attendance. Please register using the following form: <https://goo.gl/forms/UKBCQ9ttLDAOJFoz1>. **Deadline** for the registration is Tuesday, October 31, at noon.



What's in for you?

A relaxing after work drink, a chance to meet new people and like-minded young professionals working in diverse fields, tips on how to advance in your career on the Brussels job market, opportunity to enrich your Brussels network of contacts and practice your networking skills.

Who can attend?

Everyone is welcome, of course! Bring along your friends, your colleagues, your boss and whoever you think may like to have a drink, share tips on the job market or needs advice on how to land their dream job.

What do we expect from you?

Just your presence and your positive vibes! We are starting at 6.30 pm but you can come whenever suits you best. You don't have to pay anything but your drinks: the event is totally free of charge. If you want to help us track the attendance, you can book your free ticket on Eventbrite.

What's going to happen on that day?

6.30 - 6.45: Welcome of participants

6.45 - 7.00: Presentation of Project 668 and its activities

7.00 - 7.30: "Inspirational stories - hear it from a young professional" and Q&A with the speaker

7.30 - on: Networking

Something about Project 668

Project 668 is a NGO aiming to fight youth unemployment by promoting professional development. Since its foundation in 2012, Project 668 has devoted its efforts to building a community of young and talented European professionals. With the aim of helping them enter the job market, we provide information about job opportunities and we mentor and inspire their right inner drive and motivation.

For more info you can contact us at contact@project668.org

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NB: According to our Statutes, in case there is not a sufficient number of Auditors, the Trainees' Committee, together with the Liaison Committee, can choose the Auditors from the members of the association. Therefore, Callum Jones and Abderezak Ali Abdurehman have been selected as new Auditors.



T-Cards

If you want to be part of the big *Trainees' Committee* family, to benefit from our [partnerships](#) and be an active member of its activities, you can purchase your T-Card at our office: Rue Joseph II 70, 02/174 during our opening hours (office hours have changed!! – look on the first and last page). You need to bring a **passport-sized photo** and **15€** in cash.



Facebook Page – "[EC Trainees' Committee](#)"



Facebook Group – "[EC Traineeship October 2017](#)"

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