



The reality of free movement for young European citizens migrating in times of crisis

## Evaluation report

### Awareness Event Austria

### Graz, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

The Austrian Awareness Event for the project On the Move took place the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 2017 from 11 to 13 circa at the University of Graz.

#### Promotion of the Event

The event has been publicized through various channels:

1. Circa 25 Posters (See Annex I) and 1.000 postcards (See Annex II) have been hanged and distributed in the University areas, including bars and bistros, etc. where students tend to hang around.
2. Information about the Awareness Event has been also publicized through:
  - ETC Newsletter, that reaches around 2.400 people
  - ETC Website: a brief information about the Awareness Event has been posted on the ETC website and via the ETC Facebook account, which reaches over 4.500 people.
  - Interviewees of the Project have been also informed about the national awareness event, as well as the media contacts of the ETC
  - The Event has been also promoted by the University of Graz (with over 140 media contacts) through its website and the UNI EVENT Newsletter (circa 4.387 people have received it), by the Office of International Relation of the University (here the information has reached 352 international students) and was distributed via email list of the law Faculty.

#### Media Presence

The ETC managed to organize a contribution in the next edition of the research magazine of the Karl Franzens University of Graz “UNIZEIT”, that will be published in December 2017.

Two members of the “[Kenne deine Rechte](#)” (*Know your Rights*) team also joined the event. Know your Rights is a project of the Human Rights Advisory Council of the City of Graz that aims at building young human rights journalists (15-25 years old circa), who inform their peers about human rights issues. Two members of the project team released a video interview that will be published soon.





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## The Event

The event took place at the University of Graz, room 15.21. A lecture about the movement of workers in the European Union, by Ass. Prof. Dr. Lorin-Johannes Wagner, opened the panel, followed by the presentation of the Austrian national study by Dr.in Isabella Meier and of the two Manuals by Dott.ssa Maddalena Vivona (See Agenda Annex III).

Before, during and after the event, outside the room, Wanda Tiefenbacher was answering questions related to the Manuals of students passing by. To that end an Infographic (Annex IV) was prepared on the main findings of the manuals. Young students expressed their interest to receive the pdf of the manuals. For the presentation, a Prezi was prepared describing the main results of the two manuals. The Prezis (one in [English](#) and one translated in [German](#), are publicly available and have been shared with the partner in the consortium for dissemination purposes.

An informal gathering at the buffet was also used as a moment for discussing in a more informal setting the findings of the project. All in all it can be said that around 30/40 persons joined the event (not all filled the attendance list or the feedback form).

## Feedback

Participants were requested to fill out an evaluation form. Overall number of participants (according to the Attendance List, Annex V): 25 people. Among them, circa 14 young people on the move and 3 persons of national authorities representatives joined the event.

Of these people 11 filled the feedback form as follows:

- *Q.1 Did the awareness event meet your expectation?* The overall feedback was positive, with all respondent checking either 4 (5 respondents) or 5 (6 respondents).
- *Q.2 Is the "On the Move" project relevant to your work or life circumstances?* The overall feedback was positive, with respondent checking either 3 (3 respondents), 4 (4 respondents) or 5 (4 respondents).
- *Q.3 Did this event raise your awareness regarding your rights as an EU citizen?* The overall feedback was positive, with respondent checking either 3 (3 respondents), 4 (6 respondents) or 5 (1 respondents) and 1 respondent checking 2.
- *Q.4 Did this event raise your awareness on the possibilities offered by free movement?* The overall feedback was positive, with respondent checking either 3 (3 respondents), 4 (4 respondents) or 5 (3 respondents) and 1 respondent checking 2.





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- *Q.5 Did this event improve your knowledge on specific national barriers in legislation, practices, or perceptions?* The overall feedback was positive, with respondent checking either 4 (2 respondents) or 5 (8 respondents) and 1 respondent checking 2.
- *Q.6 Did this event provide you with insights on possible ways to address barriers to free movement?* The overall feedback was positive, with respondent checking either 3 (3 respondents), 4 (7 respondents) or 5 (1 respondents).
- *Q.7 Did this event provide chances for useful networking?* The overall feedback was also more mixed, with respondent checking either 2 (2 respondents), 3 (2 respondents), 4 (1 respondents) or 5 (4 respondents) and 2 respondents abstaining.
- *Q.8 Would you say that you gained greater insight in the common beliefs and stereotypes that act as obstacles to free movement?* The overall feedback was also more mixed, with respondent checking either 2 (1 respondents), 3 (1 respondents), 4 (4 respondents) or 5 (4 respondents) and 1 respondents abstaining.
- *Q.9 Are you going to use the outcomes/ material of this project in your line of work and/or research?* Here the respondents divided: around half responded negatively (2 respondent checked 1 and other 2checked 2), while 5 respondents answered positively with a 5 and 2 answered with a 3.
- *Q.10 Did you find the Manual for Young People useful?* Here the respondents answered again positively, checking either 3 (2 respondents), 4 (2 respondents) and 5 (6 respondents). 1 respondent abstained.
- *Q.11 Did you find the Best Practice Manual for Authorities useful?* Similarly, the respondents checked 3 (1 respondent), 4 (4 respondents) and 5 (4 respondents), with 1 respondents checkin 1 and anothe abstaining.
- *Q.12 Did you find the findings and conclusions of the research undertaken in the framework of the "On the Move" project useful?* Again the respondents were overall positive: 7 respondents checked 4 and 4 checked 5.
- *Q.13 Was the duration of this event satisfactory?* Again, was positively evaluated wit 4 respondents checking 4 and 7 checking 5.
- *Q.14 Would you be interested in future similar initiatives?* The majority (9 respondents) checked 5, while 2 checked 4.

The person that gave lower notes on questions, 3, 4, 5 and 8 stated that the reason for this was that s/he already had knowledge on the topic. No other major comments were made.





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## Annexes

### Annex I: Poster and Postcards



# ON THE MOVE



Die Realitäten der Freizügigkeitsrichtlinie für mobile junge EuropäerInnen in Zeiten der Krise

**Präsentation der  
Forschungsergebnisse**

**Freitag,  
13. Oktober**

**11 - 13 Uhr Veranstaltung  
ab 13 Uhr Buffet**

**Ergebnisse aus 15  
Ländern, von 567  
jungen Menschen  
und 67 Behörden**

Eine Veranstaltung des  
ETC-Graz in Kooperation  
mit der Universität Graz



**SZ 15.21  
RESOWI Gebäude,  
Universitätsstraße 15  
Bauteil A, 2. Stock**

<http://euonthemove.eu>

Informationen zur Veranstaltung und Anmeldung bei  
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## **Annex III: Agenda**

<b>11:00–11:10</b>	Welcoming address Dr. Klaus Starl (ETC Graz)
<b>11:10 – 11:30</b>	Introduction in European Law related to freedom of movement of workers Dr. Lorin Wagner (Institute of European Law, Karl-Franzens Universität Graz)
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	Presentation of the project results Dr.in Isabella Meier, Dott.sa Maddalena Vivona (ETC Graz)
<b>12:30-13:00</b>	Q&A
<b>13:00-14:30</b>	Socializing and networking Buffet





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## Annex IV: Infographic





# ON THE MOVE



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15 countries  
567 young people  
67 authorities

## MAIN FINDINGS



### Why do young people move?



LOVE



EDUCATION



WORK

- career development
- low wages/no jobs
- learn/improve language skills
- accompanying friends and family
- new experiences & personal growth



### How to encourage movement?

- internet platforms
- EU projects
- easier bureaucratic procedures
- right to vote for EU movers



### Expectation vs reality

expect:

improved finances and personal life

find:

- language difficulties
- bureaucratic hassle
- limited practical information
- qualifications not recognised
- impaired access to healthcare and insurance



### What can be improved?

- easy access to practical information
- "one stop shops"
- ability/readiness of officials to speak English
- unified healthcare/welfare/tax systems



## MORE INFORMATION

TWO MANUALS - for youth & for authorities

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## Annex VI Pictures



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