



## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EURODYSSÉE PROGRAMME?**

Eurodyssée is an exchange programme for young people, launched in 1985 by Edgar Faure, at that time President of the Franche-Comté Regional Council and the Assembly of European Regions (AER). The programme is organized under the aegis of the AER and is one of its most representative actions.

EURODYSSÉE is governed by two guiding principles: autonomy and the Regions' capacity for innovation. As an interregional programme, it aims to foster a European consciousness, to promote a “Europe of Regions” and to encourage regional companies to offer work placements to young trainees.

EURODYSSÉE gives young people aged between 18 and 30 years the opportunity to acquire professional European experience in the course of a three to seven-month work placement and to improve their foreign language skills.

## **COMMITMENTS**

- The Region must possess sufficient human and financial resources to carry out these exchange programmes with other Member-Regions of the AER.
- The Region ensures the proper working and coordination of Eurodyssée over its territory and in its relations with the other regions.
- The Region undertakes to abide by the founding principles and the working rules and regulations of the programme.
- The Region keeps the Eurodyssée General-Secretariat informed of how the programme is progressing in its territory.
- The Region promotes the Eurodyssée programme and contributes to the development of a European and regional consciousness.

## **PRINCIPLES**

### ***1. Autonomy***

- Each Region is free to define its own method for managing the programme, provided that this method complies with the basic rules and regulations.
- The Region is free to choose its own financing criteria and may request European funds in order to co-finance the system.

### ***2. Reciprocity***

Each Region finances incoming European trainees and undertakes to send its own trainees to other European Regions.

### **3. Network**

Eurodyssée relies upon a network of partners organised between the Regions: exchanges of experience, mutualisation of practices and interregional cooperation.

## **CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION**

### **1. *Becoming a partner Region***

- AER membership not mandatory for the first year.
- Contact of the Region with the Presidency and the General-Secretariat of the programme.
- The Region seeks a partner region already a member of Eurodyssée, belonging to the same country (if existent). If not, the Secretariat-General will provide assistance to the candidate region.

### **2. *Preparing for membership***

- The Eurodyssée correspondent appointed by the new Region is trained by the correspondent of the partner Region - its Region of Reference.
- Organisational details are set, implemented and adapted, in the light of the experience gained through the cooperation between the candidate Region and the Region of Reference.
- This period shall be no longer than 60 days, beginning on the date where the candidate Region communicates the name of the Reference Region to the General-Secretariat.
- Once the exchange of procedures and good practice is completed, the new Region can start the exchanges of young persons with all member regions.
- Official membership is marked by the letter of engagement, signed jointly by the President of the new Region and the President of Eurodyssée.

### **3. *Exchanges***

#### **\* Reception of young trainees**

- Finding companies and working with them to define the details of their participation.
- Looking for accommodation.
- Organising and financing language training (usually one month).
- Checking that the trainees have social security cover, and if necessary taking charge of certain insurance costs.
- Dealing with the funding of the grant and the overall functioning of the programme.
- Drawing up a work placement convention between the partners (Region, trainee, company).
- Following up and evaluating the trainees.
- Helping the trainees to discover the Region and its culture.

#### **\* Dispatch of young trainees**

- Informing candidates about the programme.
- Establishing a shortlist of trainees.
- Declaring the trainees for insurance purposes.
- Dealing with the trainees' social security cover.
- Participating in the survey of former trainees.

**IMPORTANT:** The Eurodyssée General-Secretariat, with the partnership with the AER, takes out a civil liability, personal accident, and repatriation insurance policy on behalf of the trainee.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

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