

# **Newsletter of the SALTO-YOUTH Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC and youthNET/CIS project 03/2006**

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**Dear Recipients,**

**Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup>/2006 issue of the Newsletter published by the SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centre for Eastern Europe and Caucasus in cooperation with the youthNET/CIS project.**

**In this Newsletter you can find information about activities aimed at development of the non-formal education and youth cooperation between Programme and Eastern European and Caucasian countries within the framework of the European Union YOUTH programme.**

***Yours SALTO-YOUTH EECA RC & youthNET/ CIS Teams***

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## **1. INFORMATION on SALTO EECA and youthNET/CIS**

### **1.1 SALTO EECA RC**

The SALTO EECA Resource Centre provides information and support for both the YOUTH programme beneficiaries and the National Agencies. In addition, it organises advanced training courses and partnership building activities. The training courses focus specifically on the development of the YOUTH programme Actions.

### **1.2 youthNET/CIS project**

The youthNET/CIS project is focused on partnership building between organisations from Programme and Eastern European countries as well as on disseminating information on the YOUTH programme in Eastern Europe. These aims are implemented mainly through theme-focused contact-making activities, information days and dissemination of information materials.

You can find information on forthcoming events organized by SALTO EECA or the youthNET/CIS project through the NEWSLETTER or by checking regularly [www.iz.or.at](http://www.iz.or.at)

## **2. OUTLOOK on SALTO EECA and youthNET/CIS activities**

### **2.1 Forthcoming SALTO EECA events:**

#### **Good practice event "TOOLFAIR", Marly le Roi - France, 1-5 November 2006**

The "Tool Fair" is an activity organized jointly by several National Agencies, SALTO Resource Centres and European Youth Forum. It will gather 120 people coming from both Programme and Partner countries, all stakeholders of the YOUTH programme: young people, youth workers, trainers, etc.

In one place, during 3 days, the Fair will be a "showroom" for the huge variety and richness of tools developed and used within the YOUTH programme, a place to experiment with

methods and exercises used within the different actions (youth exchanges, EVS, youth initiatives, training) and based on different themes (cultural diversity, inclusion, cooperation with partner countries, etc...). The Fair could become the creation of the participants themselves and enable their tools to be used throughout the programme. "Savoir-Faire" will be gathered in order to create a "common memory".

The deadline is already closed.

More details here: <http://www.salto-youth.net/toolfair>

### **Training Course/Study Visit "TRAIN2EVS", Bonn - Germany, 13-20 November 2006**

The Training Course/Study Visit "TRAIN2EVS" is organised by SALTO-EECA in cooperation with the German National Agency of the YOUTH programme.

The event will bring together 22 voluntary and professional youth workers, youth leaders and project coordinators working directly with young people, who are interested in setting up new projects within the European Voluntary Service.

The deadline is already closed.

More details here: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tcsvA2>

## **2.2 Plan of the youthNET/CIS project events:**

### **"youthNET CIS" Meeting, Moscow - Russian Federation, 24-30 October 2006**

Topic: New Partnerships between NGOs from EU countries and Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, valorisation of results and further developments.

Who can participate? Youth workers and active members of youth organisations who have participated in one of the previous youthNET CIS Contact Seminars.

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### **2nd International Russian YOUTH Forum, Moscow - Russian Federation, 27-28 October 2006**

Topic: New developments in Russian youth work.

The Youth Forum will be joined by about 200 youth representatives from different Russian Regions and international guests! We expect representatives from the Russian youth administration on federal and regional level as well as Youth NGOs from more than 20 different Russian regions. During the Forum youthNET CIS will present its activities and the YOUTH programme as international cooperation opportunities for Russian youth.

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### **3. NEW SALTO-EECA Support Service!**

We would like to invite you to get acquainted with, and use, our new SALTO-EECA Support Service. This new site is a dynamic and attractive information tool. It has been designed to simplify the process of finding a partner organization and to strengthen communication among EVS volunteers and youth workers.

On this site you can find a CONTACT LIST for future partner organizations for International Co-operation within the "YOUTH programme", a FORUM and Assistance for COMMUNICATION among EVS volunteers as well as youth workers!

The CONTACT LIST contains information on organizations both from Programme countries and Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, which are interested in International Cooperation. There you can find partners for future projects. Your organization should be also on the list! (<https://salto.org.pl/szukaj.php>)

The FORUM is a space to increase the quality of International Cooperation between EECA and Programme countries. There you can:

- Post your concrete project proposals for YOUTH Actions 1, 2 and 5.
- Exchange your experiences and impressions within the framework of YOUTH cooperation.
- Post reports and photos from your events.
- See photos from SALTO-EECA 2006 events (<https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/album.php>).
- Download the SALTO-EECA Reports from Activities and other necessary files to increase the quality of your work.
- Discuss the issues with our Multipliers working in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (<http://www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers>).
- ... and many many more, with your help, in the future.

You are invited to register at: <https://salto.org.pl/forum>

The EVS COMMUNICATION is a place where we can chat (<https://salto.org.pl/chat.php>) with other youth workers, as well as where you can find information on how to use the BLOGS, that we have created for the EVS volunteers working within the EECA Region. We strongly encourage you to inform your volunteers about this possibility to share, through our BLOGS, impressions and experiences together with photos from their daily life and work abroad (<https://salto.org.pl/evs.php>).

### **4. Latest developments in the SALTO EECA work**

#### **4.1 Training Course/Contact Making Seminar "EastWestEVS", Kyiv - Ukraine, 1-7 August 2006**

The Training Course/Contact Making Seminar "EastWestEVS" in Ukraine was organised by SALTO-EECA in cooperation with the Czech National Agency of the YOUTH programme. This event took place in Kyiv between 1-7 August and brought together 23 voluntary and professional youth workers, youth leaders and project coordinators working directly with young people (12 from the EECA region and 11 from PC countries).

The main subjects of this training were: EVS with Partner Countries and Partnership specifics with EECA. Participants had the opportunity to discuss such issues as: possible obstacles for correct reporting obligations in different countries and ways to overcome them; responsibilities of the sending and hosting organisations and the status of volunteers in different countries and their influence on the financial mechanism in EVS; national tax systems specifics, visa procedures, different ways of money transferring and other relevant topics.

You can find photos from the event here:

[https://salto.org.pl/forum/album\\_cat.php?cat\\_id=7&sid=6c778f64e81c7e969800c56f5913d92b](https://salto.org.pl/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=7&sid=6c778f64e81c7e969800c56f5913d92b)

## **4.2 Study Visit "Youth work in Russia", Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Cheboksary, Kazan - Russian Federation, 24-30 June 2006**

During the Study Visit representatives of youth organisations from Programme Countries as well as National Agencies of the YOUTH programme visited youth organisations from different backgrounds and met with local authorities responsible for youth matters in several places in Russia: Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Cheboksary and Kazan. 13 participants from 9 different countries participated in this event. The Study Visit gave participants the practical experience on how the implementation of youth projects in Russia can look in reality and what are the challenges and obstacles for cooperation with Russian organisations.

You can find photos from the event here:

[https://salto.org.pl/forum/album\\_cat.php?cat\\_id=5&sid=6c778f64e81c7e969800c56f5913d92b](https://salto.org.pl/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=5&sid=6c778f64e81c7e969800c56f5913d92b)

## **5. Invitations to UPCOMING events**

### **5.1 SALTO Youth (Virtual) Inclusion Forum 2006 - 12-15 October 2006**

Tired of sitting on your "Inclusion Island"? Exchange good Inclusion practices with youth workers and NA colleagues from all over Europe at the (Virtual) Inclusion Forum from 12-15 October 2006. Use your Inclusion Expertise to feed into the new European Youth Inclusion Strategy...

The Inclusion Forum will consist of 2 rich days of combining the brainwaves of 75 people working in the field of inclusion (Youth Workers, National Agencies, SALTO and other experts) together with a series of online Virtual Inclusion Forum participants in a dynamic programme to stimulate the inclusion of ALL young people, as well as those who might encounter obstacles in doing so.

Inclusion for ALL! Be part of it - we need your views!

- Follow sessions at the Youth Inclusion Forum via Webcam & Audio Broadcast,
- AND you can contribute to discussions via Chat projected on a big screen in the working groups,
- OR check the Inclusion Forum pages for downloads: interviews, pictures, podcasts, working group reports, gossip, PowerPoint presentations...
- In the Inclusion Forum Programme, you will find a list of sessions in which you can participate Virtually.

And what's more - log on and get a chance to win one of the SALTO Inclusion prizes (a SALTO Inclusion Forum bag, exclusive SALTO sunglasses, SALTO Inclusion juggling balls, and more).

It will almost be the same as being there. Let us know if you want to join us at the Virtual Inclusion Forum: send your name, organisation & email to Helene Barkovic at [virtualinclusionforum@yahoo.com](mailto:virtualinclusionforum@yahoo.com) (only registered users take part in the SALTO Inclusion price draw).

Organizer: SALTO Inclusion RC (<http://www.salto-youth.net/inclusion>)

Costs: none

More details here: <http://www.salto-youth.net/virtualinclusionforum>

## **5.2 Seminar "Russia-Europe/Europe-Russia: The role of the youth organisations", Moscow - Russia, 25 November to 2 December 2006**

The main aim of this seminar is to empower youth organisations (NGO) in developing and strengthening mutual cooperation between Russia and the other European countries.

Within the framework of cooperation between the Youth department of the Ministry of Education and Science of the Russian Federation and the Youth sector of the Youth and Sport Directorate of the Council of Europe, the seminar "Russia-Europe/ Europe- Russia" responds to the need to reflect more about some of the challenges previously identified in several activities: stereotypes, cultural differences, the role of youth work and youth NGOs, the articulation of civil society...

Thirty participants will be selected: half will come from the Russian Federation and half from the rest of Europe. The selection of participants will be done by the team of trainers taking into account the profile of participants, NGO-government balance, as well as gender and regional balance.

Organizer: Council of Europe - Directorate of Youth and Sport (<http://www.coe.int/youth>)

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: no info

Deadline: 13 October 2006

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More details here: [http://www.coe.int/t/e/cultural\\_co-operation/youth/1\\_News/Calls\\_for\\_applications/059\\_Conflict\\_Forum\\_EYCS.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.coe.int/t/e/cultural_co-operation/youth/1_News/Calls_for_applications/059_Conflict_Forum_EYCS.asp#TopOfPage)

## **5.3 Consultative meeting: A Forum "Conflict Transformation", European Youth Centre, Strasbourg - France, 15-17 December 2006**

In the youth field, Conflict Transformation was translated into different formats: seminars, training courses in post-conflict areas (Balkans, south Caucasus...); political advice in terms of youth policy development through the Stability Pact; training courses on conflict transformation; publication of material to reflect the work realised ("the region I loved", "intercultural/inter-religious dialogue: the role of prejudices and stereotypes...), the creation of partnerships with the Mediterranean countries and the Middle-East.

This forum finds its place as a space offered to reflect on these different practices, with young people and youth organisations active in conflict transformation; coming from post-conflict areas, confronted to this topic in their everyday work... It now seems important to reflect on the different practices, to accept their limits and their opportunities. Some steps towards conflict transformation that appear as little to some of us can be perceived as giant steps for others.

The main aim of the forum is to develop guidelines on conflict transformation for future programmes developed by the Council of Europe's Directorate of Youth and Sport on this topic, and reflect on the development of a manual on the role of youth work in conflict transformation.

Profile of participants: The forum will bring together youth workers/youth leaders who are experienced in the topic of conflict transformation and who have had a leading role in activities related to this topic. All candidates should have a specific practical experience, training experience, research experience or particular expertise in the field of conflict transformation and be working in or with multi-cultural youth work settings, inter-community projects, reconciliation projects, anti-racism work or in another relevant field.

Organizer: Council of Europe - Directorate of Youth and Sport (<http://www.coe.int/youth>)

Working language: English

Age limit: 18 and 30 years old (exceptions will have to be discussed).

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 16 October 2006

More details here: [http://www.coe.int/t/e/cultural\\_co-operation/youth/1\\_News/Calls\\_for\\_applications/059\\_Conflict\\_Forum\\_EYCS.asp#TopOfPage](http://www.coe.int/t/e/cultural_co-operation/youth/1_News/Calls_for_applications/059_Conflict_Forum_EYCS.asp#TopOfPage)

#### **5.4 Training Course "European Solidarity in the framework of development", Chisinau - Moldova, 22-28 October 2006**

In organizing this training we want to give opportunities to NGOs from Europe and from the former Soviet republics to share their experiences and gain knowledge about youth projects management as well as to establish new contacts and develop common project ideas in the field of the YOUTH programme.

In addition, the training will be dealing with the subject of voluntary work throughout Europe. We would like to investigate how West Europe organises its voluntary work, and how (for example) East European foundations do organise theirs? We will also focus on the gender issues and how to put the gender issues into practice in the daily (working) life of the applicants. We will take a deeper look in the overall awareness for gender issues in youth work and in the YOUTH programme and to measure gender awareness in the applicants' organizations as well as at the differences and similarities. To establish an open dialogue, we want to create an environment in which the applicants get the opportunity to develop themselves and work on individual and group gender awareness.

Organizer: Richter Foundation, the Netherlands (<http://www.richtereu.com>)  
and Jasna Gora from Moldova

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 30% of travel

Deadline: apply as soon as possible, writing e-mail to: [orangeline@yandex.ru](mailto:orangeline@yandex.ru)

## **6. Short reports on PAST and ONGOING events**

### **6.1 Youth Exchange in Armenia - 14-23 August 2006**

It is strange, interesting and surprising at the same time to listen, get to know and live with representatives of other cultures and nations, and to sense that you have got lots of things in common notwithstanding many differences, that the world outlook of a Caucasian and European may overlap, and the centuries-old traditions interlace. The fact is that it is possible.

In 2006 (August 14-23) a project was carried out in Armenia within the frameworks of the "YOUTH Programme", Action 1 - an exchange of young people from 4 different countries.

The project took place in Lusakert. During the 8 days the participants lived in a training centre and worked on the topic of everyday problems of youth in our countries and presented many national traditions.

Organizer: World Independent Youth Union, contact: [margaryantc@yahoo.com](mailto:margaryantc@yahoo.com)  
Partners: Poland (Academic Center of European Information and Education of Warsaw University), Germany (Egea), Georgia (Academy for Peace and Development)

See a full report here: <https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=12>

### **6.2 Several YOUTH activities of Academy for Peace and Development (APD) in Georgia - Summer 2006**

On the SALTO EECA Support Service site you may find several short reports together with photos from different YOUTH events organized last summer by the Academy for Peace and Development (APD). You are welcome here:

<https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=13>

Organizer: Academy for Peace and Development (APD) (<http://www.apd.ge>)

## **7. Info desk**

### **7.1 Youth workers from Armenia looking for host visit placements in European NGOs**

I am representing Armenian Caritas Benevolent NGO where I am involved in the youth project funded by the EU. Recently USAID, jointly with the AED, has announced a project of proposals for youth exchanges.

The project aims that up to one representative from any Armenian youth NGO or student NGO takes its exchange practice in the field of youth project in any host NGO abroad. All expenses will be covered by the USAID.

So, I am interested in finding out a host NGO to be able to participate in this project. Please, feel free to ask questions in this regard and please hurry up as the application deadline is 23 October.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,  
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More info here: <https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?p=20#20>

## 7.2 Contribution for the SALTO EECA Newsletter

We would like to invite YOU to contribute to the SALTO EECA Newsletter!!!

If you organize/d interesting events in partnership with EECA organizations in Programme or Partner Countries PLEASE LET US KNOW ([eeca@salto-youth.net](mailto:eeca@salto-youth.net))!!! We will publish your short invitation or report here (don't forget to include several photos!).

Your event must be in our NEWSLETTER - it is the best way to disseminate information about it! We look forward to hearing from you and to receiving your comments on the Newsletter.

Contact: SALTO EECA - [eeca@salto-youth.net](mailto:eeca@salto-youth.net)

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Note:

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Please, forward this NEWSLETTER to anyone who might be interested!

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