

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 01/2007

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 1st/2007 issue of the Newsletter published by the SALTO Resource Centre for Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

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

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1. Youth in Action

The YOUTH Programme finished at the end of December 2006. Starting from January 2007, we have a **new Programme – “YOUTH in ACTION”**, with new rules for activities and new opportunities for youth workers and NGOs. More detailed information on the Programme’s actions targeting young people from the EECA Region are available on the SALTO EECA website: www.salto-youth.net/eecacooperation.

If you want to get information about all new actions of the Youth in Action Programme, you may download the “Programme Guide” from Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency site. There you will also find new application forms:

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/static/en/youth/index_en.htm

2. SALTO EECA Multipliers Network – last days of call!!!

Call for YOUTH in ACTION SALTO EECA Multipliers is almost finished. The deadline for applications is **26th February 2007!!!**

We are looking for an experienced youth workers from Eastern Europe and Caucasus to create a new Network of EECA Multipliers.

More details and Application Form can be found here:

www.salto-youth.net/eecarebuild



Please, forward this information to whoever might be interested in cooperation with SALTO EECA Resource Centre within a Network of EECA Multipliers! If you have any questions, please, do not hesitate to contact us.

3. Latest developments in the SALTO EECA activities

3.1 Forthcoming SALTO EECA events

Date	Venue	Title
March, April	EECA countries	Course of information seminars and pre-selection meetings with youth organisations interested in the cooperation within Network of Multipliers of the Youth in Action Programme in EECA countries
May	Poland	The training course for multipliers on the Youth in Action Programme in EECA countries
30 May – 3 June 2007	Marly le Roi, France	International seminar "Let's meet our neighbours and the world": Paths to international co-operation in the field of Youth" Apply NOW: www.salto-youth.net/action3
June	Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan	Study Visit to Caucasian countries for experienced youth workers from Programme Countries "Youth work reality in Caucasus countries"
July	Poland	Training Course on project management within Action 3 "Eastern Express"
July	Ukraine	Training of EVS trainers in EECA Region

3.2 EECA reports, tools and links

We would like to remind you, that SALTO EECA publish different materials and information in internet constantly. You are invited to use, co-create and comment on these resources.

EECA Reports. Since 2006 we publish reports from our activities both in SALTO Toolbox (www.salto-youth.net/find-a-tool) under Reports section and on SALTO EECA Forum (<https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/dload.php?action=category&id=4>).

EECA Tools. Within SALTO Toolbox we would like to build up EECA section. If you have any interesting and original tools, that you use in your work in/with EECA context, please add them in Eastern Europe and Caucasus section here: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-tool.

SALTO Toolbox is a very practical database of resources and work methods for your projects! Promote your organization and your work - be active in Toolbox!

EECA Links. If you look for general information about Eastern Europe and Caucasus and would like to share internet resources with other youth workers, please go to: www.salto-youth.net/links/eeca.html or send it by e-mail: eeeca@salto-youth.net.

4. Invitations to UPCOMING events

4.1 Launching Seminar “Let’s meet Our Neighbours and the World”, Marly le Roi – France, 30 May – 3 June 2007

This large event will officially open a new Action 3 within Youth in Action Programme and will be occasion for 150 youth workers to explore ways of cooperation with Partner Countries within the new Youth in Action Programme.

This event aims at:

- Informing about the possibilities of cooperation with the Partner Countries of the Youth in Action Programme (European Voluntary Service, Youth Exchanges and Training & Networking);
- Presenting the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the relationship of the European Union with its Neighbouring Countries;
- Offering partner matching opportunities;
- Providing participants with opportunities to learn more about the Neighbouring Countries of the EU and to exchange good practices.

Organizer: European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture together with French National Agency and the three regional SALTO Resource Centres (EuroMed, EECA & SEE)

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 31 March 2007

More details and Application form here: www.salto-youth.net/action3

4.2 SALTO Inclusion TC „Rural & Isolated Youth”, Antalya-Kemer – Turkey, 28 April – 4 May 2007

This TC aims to increase the use of the European YOUTH programme in the youth work in rural and isolated areas in order to stimulate opportunities for young people in those areas.

In order to reach this aim, SALTO Inclusion put forward the following provisional objectives for its TC for Rural & Isolated Youth:

- bring together youth workers that are working in a rural setting or in isolated areas, to exchange good youth work practices,
- to analyse the specific challenges young people and youth workers in these rural & isolated contexts face and develop ways to deal with this,
- analyse how the Youth in Action programme could be used as a tool for creating opportunities for young people in rural/isolated areas,
- create an overview of the existing youth work and training resources for youth work in rural contexts,
- develop common projects together that could potentially be developed after the course,
- to be further developed by the trainers' team.

Persons from minority groups or with a disability are encouraged to apply!

Organizer: SALTO Inclusion Resource Centre (www.salto-youth.net/inclusion)

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 50 euro

Deadline: 11 March 2007

More details and Application form here: www.salto-youth.net/TCrural

4.3 TC “Striving for Diversity - Fighting Intolerance: Mediation Training and Conflict Management Seminar”, Zielona Gora – Poland, 15-21 April 2007

The overall idea of this training course is to strengthen a “peace network” that crosses religious, ethnic, and geographic boundaries. Thus, the participants shall be able to take an active stand in defending human rights and contributing to a Europe that fulfils the slogan “united in diversity”.

Organizer: AEGEE Zielona Gora (www.aegEE.uz.zgora.pl)

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 50 euro for EU / 40 euro for non-EU participants

Deadline: 1 March 2007

More details and Application form here: www.mt.u2.pl

4.4 Seminar "European passport in your pocket", Saint-Petersburg – Russia, April 2007

In April 2007 Saint-Petersburg NGO "Youth information centre" will host an activity called "European passport in your pocket" which is a seminar for youth workers within Youth in Action Programme.

The project is organized together with Estonian NGO "Baltic Armanina house" and aims to support the professional development of youth workers by extending their competencies in field of European citizenship issues and their practical integration in regular youth work. The main idea of the seminar is to encourage youth workers to deal with European citizenship issues in their routine youth work.

Organizer: Youth Information Centre (www.youthcentre.ru)

More information: Ruzanna Ivanyan - bulletin@youthcentre.ru

5. Short reports on PAST and ONGOING events

5.1 Academy for Peace and Development, Georgia projects until July 2007

Please, take a look on the projects planned by Academy of Peace and Development, Georgia. Among this outstanding activities you may find 27 months long project called “**For a Future to Come – International Youth Work on Conflict Management**”: training of trainers

for the project partners, two multiplying training courses for organisations from EECA and programme countries, 2 Contact-Making-Seminars focussing on co-operation between EU and EECA countries about conflict management and three youth exchanges in Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. In addition, for the implementation of the project, three co-ordination meetings will be conducted. It is expected to involve 72 youth organisations and 84 young people from programme and EECA countries into these activities.

Organizer: Academy for Peace and Development (www.apd.ge)

Contact: Giorgi Kakulia - giorgi.kakulia@gmail.com

Download the file and read about this and other projects of APD:

<https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=48>

5.2 “Experience Exchange”: interview with ex-EVS volunteer

On the SALTO EECA Forum we have first “Experience Exchange”! It is interview with ex-EVS volunteer – **Epp Adler from Estonia**, who worked in 2005 in Odessa, Ukraine. Interview done by Olga Conop from Moldova during her job shadowing in Estonia.

You are welcome to read it here:

<https://salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=33&sid=c9efa63f7180decd9763ea55d3f5576a>

5.3 SALTO EECA Forum Report’s Corner has two new items

TC „Empowering and Motivating Young Volunteers - Training Course on Volunteer Management in International Youth Organisations” took place in Chisinau, Moldova between 07-13 December 2006. It gathered professional and volunteer youth workers from 11 EU and 6 EECA countries.

Organisers: ADVIT „Europe Without Borders”, Moldova (advit_ewb@yahoo.com) together with International Cultural Youth Exchange, Germany (www.icye.org).

You are welcome to read the report here:

<https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=39>

Contact Making Seminar "Youth Across Europe - New Partnerships for a Common Future", was organized in Tbilisi, Georgia between 14-18 December, 2006. 32 participants from both Programme and EECA Partner countries took part in this event.

Organizers: Academy of Peace and Development, Georgia (www.apd.ge) and Lithuanian Liberal Youth (www.llj.lt).

You are welcome to read the report here:

<https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=43>

6. Info desk

6.1 International School of Ukrainian Studies, Lviv – Ukraine, 13-31 July 2007

Charming and ancient city of Lviv (West of Ukraine) is proud to invite guests! Welcome to the fourth International School of Ukrainian Studies! If you have never been to Ukraine or want to come once again, if you wish to learn more about our Eastern European country as well as to make several exciting trips including climbing the highest mountain of Ukraine we welcome you to apply!

The International School of Ukrainian Studies is an educational program that consists of courses on Ukrainian language, history, culture, economy, internal and external policy courses.

Organizer: Institute of Ukrainian Studies

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 600 USD plus travel to Ukraine

Deadline: 10 May 2007

More information and application form: ukrainian-studies@ukr.net

6.2 Russian Language School: “Open Your Russia”, Petrozavodsk – Karelia, Russia, July – August 2007

Everybody knows where Russia is, everybody knows that Russian language is one of the most difficult languages, everybody knows that studying foreign languages is more fruitful in the native-speaking country...

It's high time to visit Karelia, as here you'll pay not only the lowest price for 4 weeks tuition, but also you get new (unforgettable!) experience. And don't forget about communication with Russian young people and adults in real Russian!!!

For those who have limited budget we have prepared special offer - apply till April, 6th and take part in competition for scholarship, covering tuition fee in July or August 2007 :-)

Organizer: Karelian Non-Governmental Educational Organization “Centre Initiative” (<http://education.karelia.ru>)

Working language: English/Russian

Age limit: 18-32

Participant's cost: 180-220 euro for tuition, more details: <http://education.karelia.ru/oc>

Deadline: 6 April 2007

More information and application form: international@karelia.ru

6.3 Visegrad Summer School: VI edition, Krakow – Poland, 8-21 July 2007

The aim of the Visegrad Summer School is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and to create an alternative learning environment for young people from Central and Eastern

Europe. The program is an opportunity for the participants to get acquainted with and discuss current social and security, economic, political and cultural issues. It is also an opportunity to learn about each other and start an international co-operation between the peoples and the countries.

A group of 50 students, graduates, PhD researchers, NGO representatives, young journalists and teachers from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Ukraine, Moldova and other Central and East European countries (V4+ countries) deepen their knowledge and exchange ideas about the constantly changing political, social and economic situation on the continent, form international friendships and meet outstanding European experts.

Organizer: Villa Decius Association (www.villa.org.pl)

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 30 euro plus travel to Poland

Deadline: 30 April 2007

More information and application form: summerschool@villa.org.pl
and Dominika Kasproicz - dominika@villa.org.pl

6.4 International Outreach Camps 2007, Armenia 5-20 July 2007 and Ukraine 26 July – 21 August 2007

IOCs is an educational project, that is why in addition to fun camp activities the participants will have an opportunity to attend classes on civic leadership, creative thinking, team-building, drama and also participate in The Models of United Nations or European Parliament. During the camp the participants will have an opportunity to create their own project and implement it with the support of our small grant program Youth Engaged in Society (Yes).

It is an excellent opportunity to see new countries, get acquainted with interesting young people, learn new skills and have fun!!!

We would like to highlight that International Outreach Camps are non-commercial projects, all money received will be used for camp expenses, YES program and charity events.

Organizer: International Outreach Coalition (www.iocoalition.org)

Working language: English

Age limit: 17-25

Participant's cost: 300 USD for non-EU and 500 USD for EU participants

Deadline: 1 April 2007

More information and application forms: www.iocoalition.org/camps.php

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7. INFORMATION on SALTO EECA RC

SALTO Resource Centre for Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EECA) was established in Poland on October 1st, 2003. The aims of the RC are to raise visibility and awareness of the **YOUTH in ACTION Programme** opportunities in Eastern Europe and Caucasus, to promote cooperation with EECA neighbouring countries (**Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation, Ukraine**) and to give support to NAs in the development of contacts, partnerships and expertise in cooperation with EECA region.

You can find this SALTO EECA Newsletter as well as previous issues in PDF version in here: <https://www.salto.org.pl/forum/dload.php?action=category&id=7>

Note:

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

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