

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 03/2007

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 3rd/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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Latest developments in the SALTO EECA

1.1 The training course for multipliers on the Youth in Action Programme in EECA countries, Poronin - Poland, 22-27 May 2007

HEREBY WE WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE, THAT NEW, RESTRUCTURED SALTO EECA NETWORK OF MULTIPLIERS ALREADY PERFORMS!

In the end of May 27 (out of 30) experienced youth workers from the Eastern Europe and Caucasus met to lay down foundations for the new EECA Network of Multipliers. The meeting objectives were to agree on main principles of cooperation between the SALTO EECA RC and Multipliers, to increase understanding about the opportunities and quality criteria of the European Youth in Action Programme focusing on cooperation with EECA countries and to explore and practice different methods of multiplying the YiA programme in EECA region based on previous experiences in the YOUTH Programme.

If you need any support or help in your activities within Youth in Action Programme... You look for contacts, practical information or quality aid in your activities... Whether you are a youth worker or youngster from Eastern Europe and Caucasus or Programme Country... **CONTACT THE MULTIPLIERS!!!**

Even though the Multipliers Network is already created, we all express the will to expand it. Whenever SALTO EECA RC will have the necessary potential or any actual member will withdraw, then naturally new youth workers from EECA region could join the Network. Therefore you can find on our web-page the application form, and if you feel that you match the criteria, we will be happy to store your application in our database for the future cooperation.

If you like to get-to-know with the members of the Multipliers Network, you can find their contact here (photos coming soon!): www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers

Here you can find basic information, what Multipliers do and the application form to the Network: www.salto-youth.net/eecarebuild... and what are the principles of Multipliers' activities: www.salto-youth.net/eecacharter.

Although the new Network is very young, you can already read about the achievements of the Multipliers on our SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewforum.php?f=9

1.2 Seminar: "Let's meet our neighbours and the world": paths to international cooperation "Action 3"-Youth in the World, Marly le Roi - France, 30 May - 3 June 2007

The idea of having a big kick-off seminar that would open possibilities for cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries and the World within Youth in Action Programme arose in the end of previous year. The summaries of previous Youth Programme and experiences that many organisations gained in projects first with Third Countries, then with Partner Countries and now with the Neighbouring Partner Countries clearly showed a big need to support and develop the cooperation that goes much beyond the borders of European Union.

Having a seminar, where representatives from all the regions: Programme Countries, EuroMed, South East Europe as well as Eastern Europe and Caucasus, could meet, create contacts and value the importance of wide international youth cooperation was our aim for the beginning of 2007. We: European Commission, SALTO Regional Resource Centres (EuroMed, SEE and EECA) and French National Agency realised an event, where the political input went together with a very actual work on future Youth Exchanges, Trainings, Seminars and European Voluntary Service projects.

To read more details and see several photos, please, look here:

www.salto-youth.net/action3

1.3 Study Visit for participants from Programme Countries "Youth work reality in Caucasus countries", Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, 23 June - 1 July 2007

"The study visit managed to give – as much as the relatively short time permitted - a first hand impression of both culture, mentality and the regional political and social problem related to each of the countries not to mention the tensions among some of them. Secondly, the programme provided the opportunity to communicate directly with a lot of different organisations in well-organised settings through meetings with some particular NGO as well as the bigger NGO fairs.

Besides a handful contact which I currently see as potential partner I learned a lot from talking with people not only on topics related to NGO issues but not least on daily matters which tell something about mentality, culture and the living conditions in general. I knew beforehand that each country had a separate identity but was amazed by how much this was emphasised when I saw it.

Especially I was glad to see Turkish participation and think that even on this micro level it could be a valuable contribution both to ties between Turkey and EU and in this particular case necessary (friendly) contact and dialogue between Turkey and Armenia."

Jacob Soelling (jacobsoelling@hotmail.com), SILBA (www.silba.dk)

More impressions from the Study Visit as well as youth policies in the Caucasus and realities of the three countries will come soon as a report from the event!

You can see several photos from our Study Visit here:

https://salto.org.pl/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=10&sid=9eeeeaec54c3550314092deee7a26fb3

Forthcoming SALTO EECA events

1.4 Training of EVS trainers in EECA Region, Crimea - Ukraine, 15-23 September

Deadline for applications prolonged: 18 July!

Between 15 and 23 of September 2007 we will organise a specific training for experienced EVS trainers representing organizations active in the EVS hosting projects in EECA region. This training aims at increasing the quality and organizational potential of EVS trainings for volunteers in Eastern Europe and Caucasus Region.

The team is already selected:

Leo Kaserer from Austria (www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/900.html)

Katy Harris from United Kingdom (www.salto-youth.net/find-a-trainer/932.html)

More information and application forms available here: www.salto-youth.net/evstc2007

1.5 Training seminar: "Inter-religious Dialogue: Mediterranean, Caucasian and European contexts", Istanbul, Turkey, 6-14 October 2007

Deadline for applications: 9 September!

The main aim of this training seminar is to prepare youth workers to deal with religious issues in their job and to promote dialogue among the different religions, spiritual and humanistic traditions mainly in the Mediterranean, Caucasian and European contexts where conflicts are increasingly associated with religious belonging.

The following concrete objectives have been set in order to reach the aim:

1. To provide educational support and time for the participants to share and reflect about their own experiences and knowledge in the field of inter-religious dialogue
2. To disseminate the principles of inter-religious dialogue using different means.
3. To identify common elements in relation with the other religions that help participants built common understanding
4. To help and support participants in improving their competence (Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes and Values) in the field of inter-religious dialogue.
5. To allocate space for the participants to develop project ideas in the field of inter-religious dialogue in the Mediterranean, Caucasian and European areas.
6. To develop specific methods and necessary tools for better cooperation in the future.

More information and application forms available here:

www.salto-youth.net/EMEECAreligiousdialogue

2. Invitations to UPCOMING events

2.1 Training Courses on European Citizenship 2007/2008: call for participants.

Deadline for applications: 15 July!

The European Citizenship Training Courses:

- United Kingdom, 15 – 21 October 2007,
- Turkey, 29 October – 4 November 2007,
- Denmark – 12 – 18 November 2007,
- Hungary – 26 November – 2 December 2007.

The training courses aim to support the professional development of youth workers and youth leaders by extending their critical understanding of European Citizenship, exploring and experiencing its potential and by enabling them to recognize and integrate European Citizenship in their youth work.

Objectives

The training course puts into practice priority 1 (European Citizenship) of the Youth in Action Programme, by aiming to:

- To critically explore the meaning, relevance and implications of European citizenship in youth work in all its dimensions;
- To promote and facilitate the active use of programmes and structures in support of youth work on European Citizenship, including Youth in Action;
- To experiment and explore the potential of European Citizenship for active democratic change in society;
- To associate the participants with the current discourse on European Citizenship (its concepts, formal meanings and expressions)
- To exemplify the connection between European Citizenship, Human Rights, Democracy and ICL and the underlying values.

Organizer: Partnership between Council of Europe and European Commission (www.youth-partnership.net), in co-operation with the SALTO Training and Cooperation RC (www.salto-youth.net/TrainingandCooperation)

Working language: English/French

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: for EECA candidates 15 July 2007 (for all courses offered in this same frame),

More details and Application form here:

<http://www.training-youth.net/INTEGRATION/TY/Intro/index.html>

2.2 Media workshops with young people from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia - Caucasus Region.

Deadline for applications: 9 July!

Project organised by Intercultural Centre (IZ) Vienna (www.iz.or.at), the Association of Youth Non-formal Education in Lithuania (AYNEL) and the Eurasia Foundation, Georgia (www.eurasia.org.ge)

The Workshop activities offer the opportunity for young people from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia to participate in the project "South Caucasus – a Part of Europe". The project is starting with media workshops in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia carried out by an international team of media/youth trainers. We are looking for young people aged 16-24.

More information and application form here: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?p=81#81

3. Info desk

3.1 NGO from Samara, Russia looking for EVS partners and volunteers from Programme Countries.

Dear friends,

Greetings from Russia.

We would like to propose EVS projects. Our aim is developing the culture of charity among young people through participation in a social services project targeted at elderly people.

We'd like the volunteers to work with the elderly people at the University of Third Age (University for the elderly) in Samara, in particular:

1. organize outdoor activities for the elderly (tours, excursions, hiking, etc);
2. do physical training with the elderly;
3. teach computer skills to the elderly;
4. involve Russian students and school children in joint activities with the University of Third Age.

Please, let us know, if you are interested in cooperation and if you have any questions about our projects.

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More information: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?t=59

3.2 Volunteering with ADVIT "Europe without Borders", Chisinau - Moldova

Dear Friends,

I am writing you on behalf of ADVIT Moldova, who is sending and host coordinating organization of EVS (European voluntary service) projects in Moldova.

We are looking for partners who will be interested in sending/receiving volunteers to/from Moldova.

Here you can find booklets "Volunteering with ADVIT" that can give you a short overview of the projects we have: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?t=62

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,
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Chisinau, Moldova
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3.3 Life Youth Foundation from Oradea, Romania is looking for 3 EVS volunteers

Life Youth Foundation is looking for 3 EVS volunteers for its project "Get involved 4 youth".

The placements are available starting with January 2008 for volunteers interested to be active between 9 to 12 months.

The project is taken place in a training and consultancy organization (Association for Consultancy and Training – ACT, <http://www.act.org.ro>) with many diverse projects and provides excellent opportunity for young people to develop many abilities.

More about this very interesting opportunity you can find at the following address:

http://ec.europa.eu/youth/program/sos/hei/hei_form_en.cfm?EID=62000098201

or here: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?t=64

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3.4 “Exploring Europe Together”, EVS host placement in AEGEE Baku, Azerbaijan

AEGEE-Baki, local branch of European Students' Forum in Baku, is looking for motivated young people desiring to volunteers in the project “Exploring Europe Together”.

The project will take place in 2 secondary schools of Baku. The main tasks of the volunteer will be implementing non-formal activities in secondary schools promoting common European values such as human rights, democracy, equal opportunities and respect to other cultures as well as youth participation through different non-formal youth projects.

More information: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?p=79#79

3.5 Rodowo Foundation from Poland looks for EVS volunteers.

'Rodowo' Foundation has open selection for the following EVS projects:

2005-PL-69 (http://ec.europa.eu/youth/program/sos/hei/hei_form_en.cfm?EID=58000209010)

2006-PL-109 (http://ec.europa.eu/youth/program/sos/hei/hei_form_en.cfm?EID=58000344710)

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More information: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?p=80#80

3.6 Noortje Brookhuis and Andrea Vendrik looks for EVS placement

These are our volunteers searching an EVS project for the deadline of 1st September. Please take a look. If you see someone interesting to you, then please contact the person or the sending organization.

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More information: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?p=78#78

3.7 “Academy of Peace and Development”, Georgia and “Youth Information Centre”, Russia short reports in SALTO EECA Forum “Reports Corner”

Here you can find short information on the Academy of Peace and Development projects carried out between April and June 2007: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?t=69
www.apd.ge

“Youth Information Centre” Russia short info: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?t=71
www.youthcentre.ru

3.8 Read about Georgian EVS experiences in Poland from SALTO EECA Forum “Experiences Exchange”

I am Malkhaz Lataria, 23 years old, a member of Georgian Youth Association DRONI. From May of this year doing a voluntary service in Lodz (Poland) at the the Centre for Promotion and Development of civil Initiatives “OPUS”.

More information here: www.salto.org.pl:443/forum/viewtopic.php?t=70

4. 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 and youth organizations 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>

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