

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 1/2008

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 1st/2008 issue of the Newsletter published by the SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre.

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. OUTLOOK on SALTO EECA activities

1.1 Annual Multipliers' Network meeting, Kyiv – Ukraine, 12-17 February

Network of Multipliers of the Youth in Action Programme was gathered on the Annual meeting in Kyiv, Ukraine, between 12-17 February 2008. The multipliers together with the SALTO EECA Resource Centre had opportunity to evaluate the work done in 2007 and plan multiplying activities for 2008. On the last meeting the network expressed the need to develop own multiplying skills and abilities, therefore SALTO EECA had arranged training sessions dedicated to communication and media in multiplying activities. The group had also opportunity to meet and discuss issues related to the Youth in Action programme development in EECA region with the representative of the European Commission Marzia Conte and director of Polish National Agency of YiA Programme Tomasz Bratek.

See photos: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=16
Report coming soon!

1.2 Call for participants: Partnership Building Activity "East&West Included", region of Gdansk – Poland, 12-18 May

Deadline for applications: 25 March!

Partnership building activity with elements of Study Visit "East&West Included" for those youth workers, who already support young people with disabilities in international projects or plan to start such cooperation.

Objectives:

- to establish new contacts among organisations working with people with disabilities,
- to build partnerships for future activities,
- to exchange experiences in the field of work with young people with disabilities,
- to explore the opportunities of the YiA Programme for the international work with young people with disabilities,
- to learn about the realities of work with young people with disabilities in all participant's countries

Activity elements:

Partnership building activity with study visits to places where Polish organizations work with young people with disabilities.

Organizer: SALTO EECA and Polish NA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 25 March 2008

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/East&WestIncl

1.3 Call for participants: Partnership Building Seminar "Let's WORK with the Neighbours", Velenje – Slovenia, 2-8 June

Deadline for applications: 30 March!

Multidimensional seminar of youth workers in area of Youth in Action (YiA) Programme priorities in context of cooperation between the three neighbouring regions: EECA, SEE, Euromed and Programme Countries.

Objectives:

- to motivate participants to establish sustainable partnerships through exploring and learning about the Youth in Action Programme (especially Actions 2 - EVS and 3.1- Youth in the World) and Neighbouring Partner Countries.
- to explore quality aspects of the Youth in Action Programme: (1) Youth in Action Programme priorities, in relation with actions and youth work reality; (2) regional procedures; (3) good project practices; (4) expected results.
- to support participants to identify and develop concrete bi- and/or cross-regional projects in the frame of the cooperation with Neighbouring countries.

Organizer: SALTO EECA, SEE and EuroMed together with Polish, Slovenian and French NA
Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 30 March 2008

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

1.4 Call for participants: Training Course "Changing locally – cooperating internationally", Poland, 9-15 June

Deadline for applications: 4 April!

Training for experienced youth workers, that aims at discovering the resources of the international youth cooperation within the Youth in Action Programme in context of positive outcomes for local communities.

Goal:

To encourage participants to use the opportunities of the international youth cooperation within the Youth in Action Programme in order to put positive changes within their local communities

Objectives:

- to explore the meaning of youth participation and active citizenship;
- to learn about needs analysis and how to use opportunities of international cooperation to answer those needs;
- to highlight possibilities of creating local partnership as follow up of the youth international activity;
- to increase the knowledge on Youth in Action Programme (especially Action 2 and 3.1);
- to exchange experiences in the youth participation work;
- to create contacts between participants and their organizations coming from Programme and Eastern & Caucasian countries;

Organizer: SALTO EECA and Polish NA
 Working language: English
 Age limit: none
 Participant's cost: none
 Deadline: 4 April 2008
 More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/changing

1.5 Next issue of the SALTO EECA magazine “Youth in 7”

At the SALTO EECA Publications web-site you may find a fresh and new issue of the “Youth in 7” Magazine! This number is dedicated to the Caucasus Region as well as EVS projects and Training cycle support from SALTO EECA. Find there also an overview on the SALTO EECA activities in 2008 as well as many other useful information.

SALTO EECA Publications: www.salto-youth.net/eecapublications
 “Youth in 7” Magazine: <http://www.salto-youth.net/download/1497>

2. Calls for participants and trainers for other SALTOs and NAs events

2.1 Call for participants: Training Course "OUT OF THE BOX - ST EVS Project Building Training Course", Helsinki – Finland, 7-11 May 2008

Deadline for applications: 31 March!

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) has proven to be a good tool of empowerment for young people with social problems. The periods abroad have become a popular way to learn new cultures, to get a break from young people's own daily realities, and to build a new identity. There are a lot of long-term projects in EVS, but less projects that could host short-term volunteers with more challenging backgrounds.

The training course aims to create more short-term EVS hosting projects that are able to host young people with different social problems.

We are looking for participants who work directly with young people with social problems, but have not started hosting ST EVS volunteers yet. However, they are interested in starting EVS activities and want to do international youth work. The participants should be interested in international co-operation and having an opportunity to start hosting ST EVS volunteers.

Organizer: CIMO, Finnish National Agency of Youth in Action programme
 Working language: English
 Age limit: none
 Participant's cost: none
 Deadline: 31 March 2008
 More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1208.html

2.2 Call for participants: Training Course "EMpower young women from ethnic minorities", Birmingham - United Kingdom, 18-24 May 2008

Deadline for applications: 6 April!

A Training Course for youth workers working with ethnic minority young women (refugees, diverse minority groups, immigrants, Roma, ...) - on how to use the European Youth in Action programme as a tool in a pathway to emancipate & empower these young women, developing leadership skills and competences.

Aims of the training course:

- Bringing together youth workers, social workers, peer educators & organisations working with young women with an ethnic-cultural background and to exchange working practices with the target group and the issues in question
- Exploring the possibilities and benefits of the European Youth in Action programme (group exchanges, voluntary service, group initiatives, support and training) as a tool for working with this target group
- Developing project management skills in setting up international (Youth in Action Programme) projects with young ethnic-cultural women
- Working on concrete follow-up projects - within or without the Youth in Action programme - with partners from the course or others - and multiplying the skills and knowledge gained at the course (e.g. set up projects, cooperation with the NA, spread information, etc)

Organizer: SALTO Inclusion Resource Centre and the SALTO Cultural Diversity Resource Centre as well as National Agencies of the United Kingdom and Denmark.

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 6 April 2008

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

2.3 Call for participants: Training Course "Recognising Recognition – Let's Youth...PASS IT ON!", region of Bucharest - Romania, 13-19 June 2008

Deadline for applications: 21 April!

During the training course you will have the opportunity to reflect on your own learning experience, and the value of self assessment. We will explore the challenges and opportunities of the recognition of non-formal learning and learn how to use Youthpass as a method for identifying and validating individual learning outcomes learning outcome.

The aim of the training course is to strengthen educational dimension and understanding of Youthpass as a tool for personal lifelong learning experience

The target group is trainers, multipliers and organisations with experience in implementing Youthpass.

Organizer: ANPCDEFP, Romanian National Agency of Youth in Action programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 21 April 2008

More details and Application form: <http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1225.html>

3. Info desk

3.1 . Call for participants: “Partnership Building in Gyumri - The First Step to Social Workers Network”, Gyumri and Lori – Armenia., 21-27 April

“Youth For Peace and Development” NGO and “Minorities of Europe” are happy to invite you to take part in the Partnership Building Activity (PBA): Partnership Building in Gyumri - The First Step to Social Workers Network Carried out in the framework of European Commission “Youth in Action” programme (Action 3.1).

The PBA will take place between April 21-27 in Gyumri and Lori, Armenia.

We are looking for young people age 18-30 directly working with youth with fewer opportunities: the priority will be given to Social workers and youth workers working within/for special institutions, such as children’s houses, day-care centres, special schools, and/or NGOs specializing in the work with youth from above mentioned institutions.

Countries eligible:

EU - Czech Republic, Denmark, Lithuania, Poland and the UK

EECA - Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine

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You can find more details here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=209

3.2 Organisation from eastern Ukraine is looking for EVS volunteers

We are looking for partners from Programme countries for EVS hosting project in Eastern Ukraine. We are planning to host 4 volunteers from August 2008 for a year to work with children and to work in media-project.

For details please contact Olga Sobhenko or Andriy Donets: debate@cent.dn.ua

Donetsk Youth Debate Centre (Donetsk): www.cent.dn.ua

You can find more details here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=198

3.3 NGO "Nadiya" from Ukraine is looking for EVS partners

We have planned the project and still need partner organisations from Programme countries. We want to invite two young people, who have a wish to share the experience and to get experience of our organization in rendering social services to children and youth with intellectual disabilities participate in development of the post-soviet community on ways to European integration, realizing the joint project.

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3.4 Volunteers needed in south-west Georgia

The Guria region is located in the south-west part, along the Black Sea coastal line of Georgia, the Caucasus. The organization target group is youth and children aged 5-30. Since establishment the GYRC has served more than 3000 rural youth and society members through various community development projects and co-sponsored organizational activities.

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You can find more details here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=197

3.5 Calls for participants for one Training and Youth Exchange from the Azerbaijani "Azerbaijan-Europe Youth Cooperation" NGO

Training Course: "Integration process in Europe: "Youth in Action" is one model of integration", Baku – Azerbaijan, September 2008 with the following aims:

- to develop partnership building activity and promote project by Youth in Action.
- to develop European citizenship, explain how integration process helps to act on it.
- to creates a field for cooperation.

You can find more details here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=200

Youth Exchange: "Intercultural dialogue in Europe: International Art Festival", Baku – Azerbaijan, September 2008 with the following aims:

- to create intercultural dialogue for tolerance of youth from different nationality and cultural as it will be basis for cooperation.
- to develop partnership building activity and promote project by Youth in Action.
- to help to youth awareness with culture and art of different European Country.

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You can find more details here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=199

3.6 Slovak-Georgian Society looking for partners for training course on religions in Europe, to take place in Bakuriani, Georgia, in August 2008

The Training Course “Res Divina – Youth for Religious Dialogue” is organized for youth workers from Youth in Action Programme Countries and from Eastern Europe and Caucasus. The training is aimed to improve the personal skills and abilities of the participants in implementing inter-religious youth projects.

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3.7 ADVIT/ ICYE invites EVS volunteers to Moldova

Many people in the world have never heard about Moldova. They even wonder that such country exists. Then follow timid wild guesses of its location: Africa! Asia! No? Where it may be? However that happens through no fault of those people. There's too few information about Moldova in the Internet. So, the time to tell the world about Moldova came!

ADVIT/ ICYE Moldova, sending, hosting organization and coordinator of EVS projects in Moldova is looking for partners who will be interested in sending volunteers to Moldova.

Natalia Alexandrov, ADVIT/ICYE Moldova

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You can find more details here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=62

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.

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