

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 2/2008

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 2nd/2008 issue of the Newsletter published by the SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre.

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1. OUTLOOK on SALTO EECA activities

1.1 “LAB 3 active” Training Course, Trabzon – Turkey, 7-13 April

“LAB 3 active” was a Training Course for 24 experienced youth workers, that aimed at exploring non-formal education methods for increasing the youth participation within Youth in Action Programme in cooperation with EECA neighbouring partner countries. The event was organised by SALTO EECA and Turkish National Agency.

Why we had "LAB 3 active"?

- LAB because it was laboratory, as we were working on methods;
- 3 as we wanted to be innovative and there are three possible activities for cooperation with neighbouring partner countries (evs, youth exchange, training&networking) and action 3 is associated with this cooperation;
- active, because we focused on the youth participation!

See photos: http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=17
Report coming soon!

1.2 Call for Trainers and Reporter: Training Course "Building Bridges in conflict areas", Turkey, 13 - 20 September

Deadline for applications: 23 May!

We are looking for 3 trainers and reporter for "Building Bridges in conflict areas" Training Course. It targets experienced youth workers, who intervene in the different conflict areas: social, cultural, ethnic, territorial, etc... and aims at exploring non-formal learning possibilities for youth from unstable, volatile communities.

The Training focuses on cooperation within Youth in Action Programme between organisations from Programme Countries, Eastern Europe and Caucasus as well as South East Europe neighbouring regions.

Objectives

- To explore the youth work experiences and developments in conflict areas;
- To rise the skills and abilities in pro-active interventions in youth field of conflict zones;
- To build up the partnerships for future projects within Youth in Action Programme in the area of youth work in unstable, volatile communities;

Organizer: SALTOs EECA, SEE, CD and Turkish NA

Deadline: 23 May 2008

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

1.3 Call for participants: Training Course "Building Bridges in conflict areas", Turkey, 13 - 20 September

Deadline for applications: 13 July!

Europe is being described as the area of stability and prosperity. Europe is often a dream for many migrants. Nevertheless within the Europe there are many different conflicts which rise questions for the future of our continent. Youth work in such areas becomes one of the most difficult as well as urgent issues. The realities of many European regions may differ one from each other, but what are we aiming in our youth work in volatile communities? What are the basic principles of non-formal learning in such contexts?

We would like to invite for the training 30 experienced youth workers representing organisations active in the (post)conflict areas.

Organizer: SALTOs EECA, SEE, CD and Turkish NA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 13 July 2008

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

1.4 New search possibilities at the European Training Calendar (country filter)

- Are you often confused with the jargon names of the regions eligible for Trainings (what are EFTA/EEA countries and what actually Programme Countries mean...?)
- Would you like to apply for Training and be sure that your country is qualified?
- Do you want to search the SALTO's Training Calendar for proposals open for participants of your origin?

Now you can use the Country Filters and check out what are the Training opportunities open for you: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training

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

2.1 Call for participants: European Citizenship Training Course in French language!: Marly-le-Roi - France 1-7 September

Deadline for applications: 15 June!

The training course on European Citizenship aims 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 recognise 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: French NA, SALTO RC and the Partnership Programme

Working language: French

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 15 June 2008

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1266.html

2.2 Call for participants: Training Course "SOHO - European Training Course for EVS Coordinators", Reims - France, 22-26 October

Deadline for applications: 22 August!

SOHO is training for project's coordinators, supervisors, mentors, and contact persons in the European Voluntary Service (EVS) – Action 2. It targets those who directly work (voluntarily or professionally) with the EVS projects.

The overall aim of the SOHO TC is to increase the quality of EVS projects.

The specific objectives of the course are:

- To get a better understanding of the concept of EVS.
- To experience intercultural dimensions of an EVS project.
- To improve the ability for co-operation and working in an EVS partnership.
- To raise awareness of quality in EVS projects.
- To improve attitude, skills, and knowledge about the role/work of a coordinator.
- To raise confidence in organising EVS projects.
- To reflect on their role/work as a coordinator.
- To exchange experience and 'best practices' with other participants.

Organizer: SALTO Training and Cooperation and French NA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 22 August 2008

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1257.html

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3.1 Youth NGO Exhibition In Baku, Azerbaijan – everyone is invited! 6th June

Azerbaijani Ministry of Youth and Sport will organize a youth NGO exhibition in Baku, Azerbaijan on 6th June. The event can be efficient tool for getting to know Azerbaijani youth sector and development of partnerships. The Ministry invites the officers of SALTOs Resource Centres and National Agencies as well as representatives of youth organizations from Programme Countries.

Participants need to cover travel to Baku expenditures. Accommodation and boarding are provided by the Azerbaijani Ministry of Youth and Sport.

If you are interested please contact: Emin Amrullayev from AEGEE-Baki (Baku), e-mail: amrullayev@yahoo.com

3.2 "Getting to the roots of Citizenship", Kernave, Lithuania, 6-12 April

Recently education of active democratic citizenship became one of the key topics both in European youth work, training field and was put on agendas of the biggest European institutions. However the impact evaluation of course on (European) citizenship courses has shown, it's not an easy theme to work with young people on daily basis. Youth workers find it difficult to work on cognitive level and use discussion based methods. The issue becomes even more important when youth workers are dealing with so called "youth at risk" or other kind of target groups, which need special attention and efforts of youth workers to involve them actively in the learning process.

Trainers of this training course had the belief that outdoor education could be effective and attractive way for non-formal learning and citizenship education and we decided to try out! If you, as reader of this report, are interested in our findings, key-activities and insights, then keep on reading!

Get the insight in this extraordinary training, read the full Report "Walking the talk": www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/download.php?id=166

Organiser: Agency of International Youth Co-operation, www.itba.lt
Host: Lithuanian National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme

3.3 Call for participants: last chance to apply for Training Course "Making Meetings Magic: Inclusion and Democratic Decision Making in Environmental Youth NGOs", Söderhamn – Sweden, 2-7 June

Deadline for applications: 14 May!

This training course is for you who imagine a democratic and sustainable world, and who believe we must use democratic and sustainable working methods to reach there.

Young environmentalists from all over Europe and beyond will participate in the training course. You will get tools for making meetings more magic and for developing your local environmental work for becoming more democratic and inclusive.

Organizer: Youth and Environment Europe (YEE), www.yee.ecn.cz, yeeweb@yee.org

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 25 euro

Deadline: 14 May 2008

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1273.html

3.4 Call for participants: Training of Trainers “Innovation and creativity in non-formal education”, Oradea – Romania, 10-19 November

Deadline for applications: 20 May!

Train The Trainer program aims to develop participants' skills in training development and delivery in order to generate optimum learning outcomes and improved performance.

The training course is based on Accelerated Learning methodology. Accelerated Learning is based on the latest research on brain and learning. It is open and flexible. It gets learners totally involved. It appeals to all learning styles. It energizes and rehumanizes the learning process. It seeks to make learning enjoyable. And it is solidly committed to results, results, results.

Organizer: Association for Consultation and Training–ACT, www.act.org.ro, office@act.org.ro

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 20 May 2008

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1271.html

3.5 Volunteers needed in Armenia, Moldova as well as Scotland and Lithuania

Check out the SALTO EECA Forum for many possibilities to perform the European Voluntary Service (EVS) abroad. Volunteers as well as partner organisations needed!

EECA region: Federation of Youth Clubs, World Independent Youth Union, both from Armenia and ADVIT from Moldova: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewforum.php?f=2

Programme Countries: West Lothian Youth Theatre from Scotland and Actio Catholica Patria from Lithuania: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewforum.php?f=6

3.6 Call for partners: Partnership Building Activities “Collecting Station: Sivas”, Turkey, 25-29 September

Deadline for applications: 1 June!

Simeranya Youth Express will organise a Partnership Building Activity to increase the number of youth projects and its quality on cultural diversity in Youth in Action Programme. It will take place in Sivas, Turkey between 25-29 September 2008. The aim of this PBA is to promote contacts between youth workers and youth leaders in order to get to know each other, exchange of information and to develop ideas for new youth projects, to share experiences and ideas.

To apply for the participation in this project, please contact us to get application forms. Deadline for applications is 1st June 2008. After that we will inform all organizations that apply for PBA, both selected and unselected. We will ask Part3s from selected partners later.

More details here: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=214

3.7 EECA Reports Corner: Check out what Training Course “Youth Against Trafficking” in Moldova was about! And how participants of “World is a stage where everyone has his role” Training Course in Armenia performed...

Two new, exciting reports are available at the SALTO EECA's Forum “Reports Corner”. Take an overview on the Training Course “Youth Against Trafficking” organised in Moldova in April by Advit. Read the innovatory and artistic brief report on the “World is a stage where everyone has his role!” Training Course, that took place in Armenia in March and was organized by World Independent Youth Union.

Files located here: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/viewforum.php?f=8

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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