

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 3/2008

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 3rd/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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1.1 Partnership Building Activity "East&West Included", Gdansk – Poland, 12-18 May

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. PBA organised together with Polish National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme.

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

See photos: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=19

Report available here: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/dload.php?action=download&id=81

1.2 Partnership Building Seminar "Let's WORK with the Neighbours", Velenje – Slovenia, 2-8 June

Multidimensional seminar for 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. Event organised jointly by regional SALTOs, Polish, French and Slovenian National Agencies of Youth in Action Programme.

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.

See some photos here: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=21

1.3 Training Course "Changing locally – cooperating internationally", Poland, 9-15 June

Training for experienced youth workers, which aimed at discovering resources for international youth cooperation within the Youth in Action Programme in context of creating positive change in local communities. Training organised together with Polish National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme.

Goal:

To encourage participants to use the opportunities of the international youth cooperation within the Youth in Action Programme in order to bring 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 European & Caucasian countries;

See photos here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=20
Report coming soon!

1.4 Seminar on Youth Policy Development in EECA countries, Budapest – Hungary, 18-20 June

The workshop on the development of youth policy in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, organised at the European Youth Centre in Budapest 18-19 June 2008, by the Youth Partnership joint programme of the Council of Europe and the European Commission together with the SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre. The event brought together 17 participants, most of whom came from the countries in the region. Attendees came from government, youth research and the non-governmental youth sector with the aim to discuss the youth policy development in the region and recognise possibilities of future cooperation within the topic.

Report available soon!

1.5 EECA Contact list – restructured, repaired and ready for your organisation!

EECA Contact List serves organisations interested in cooperation between Programme and Eastern European and Caucasian countries to find partners for future projects in frames of Youth in Action Programme. Recently the List was repaired and restructured and now is available again, for any interested organisation to sign up!

Lately the list contains **130 organisations from over 25 countries**.

To enhance your possibilities of partner finding make sure, that your organisation is also in the EECA Contact List: www.salto-eeca.eu/szukaj.php

Very easy to browse!

Sign up in just few minutes!

Look for new partners!

2. Calls for SALTO EECA activities in second half of 2008

2.1 Training Course “Building Bridges in conflict areas”, Istanbul – Turkey, 13-20 September

Prolonged Deadline for applications: 10 August!

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. How to encourage young people and create safe atmosphere for non-formal learning in suburbs of Paris, in many cities of Balkans (Mitrovica for example) or towns of Transnistria, separatist republic, just between Moldova and Ukraine?

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?

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;

Training course for 30 youth workers, active in difficult areas, coming from Eastern Europe and Caucasus, South East Europe (Western Balkans) and Programme countries.

Organisers: SALTO EECA, SEE, CD and Turkish National Agency of the YiA programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **10 August 2008**

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

2.2 Training Course “SOHO”, Reims – France, 22-26 October

Deadline for applications: 22 August!

The SOHO training supports voluntary as well as full-time youth workers dealing directly with young volunteers in Sending and Host Organisations as a coordinator and having little or no experience in long-term volunteering but being at least in the process of starting an EVS project (Action 2).

This training will go deeper into subjects that are closely linked to EVS. It intends to contribute to an increase in quality of EVS projects. The main subjects of the training are:

- the role of a coordinator in an EVS project.
- the intercultural dimension of an EVS project.
- partnerships in EVS.

Organisers: SALTO TC and French National Agency of the YiA programme
 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

2.3 Good practice event “Tool Fair 3”, Canary Islands – Spain, 5-9 November

Deadline for applications: 16 September!

Following the frank success of the two past editions of this large event, the Salto EuroMed will organise the third edition of the "Tool Fair" with support of regional SALTOs EECA and SEE.

Once again 100 people are expected!! Participants will come from both "Programme" and "Partner" countries, all stakeholders of the YOUTH IN ACTION programme: young people, youth workers, youth leaders, trainers, etc.

In one place, for 5 days, the Fair will be a "showroom" for the huge variety and richness of tools developed and used under the Youth in Action programme, a place to experiment with methods and exercises used within the different actions (youth exchanges, EVS, youth initiatives, trainings) 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. "know-How" will be gathered in order to create a "common memory".

Organisers: SALTO Euromed, EECA and SEE
 and Spanish National Agency of the YiA programme
 Working language: English
 Age limit: none
 Participant's cost: none
 Deadline: 16 September 2008
 More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/toolfair2008

2.4 Training Course “COME (CONflict ManagEMENT for different actors in EVS projects)”, Prague – Czech Republic, 7-13 November

Deadline for applications: 26 September!

COME (CONflict ManagEMENT for different actors in EVS projects) is an international training course for coordinators and mentors in EVS projects, who are in direct contact with EVS volunteers in different countries.

Aim:

Improvement of the quality of the EVS hosting projects by developing the competencies in analyzing and dealing with conflicts

Objectives:

- to clarify the roles of all partners in EVS projects (SO, HO, volunteer, NA) with main focus on rights and responsibilities of the co-ordinators and mentors
- to raise awareness of possible reasons leading to conflicts in EVS projects
- to further develop understanding of cultural differences of the participants in EVS projects
- to share experience in EVS projects
- to explore a new features of EVS under Youth in Action

Organiser: Czech National Agency of the YiA programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: 26 September 2008

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1335.html

3. Info desk**3.1 Educational Initiatives Centre is looking for partners from Programme countries for EVS hosting project in Lviv, Ukraine.**

We have possibility for hosting 4-8 volunteers for a period of 8-12 month to work in projects regarding:

- supporting European School clubs in secondary schools in Lviv and region;
- facilitating youth initiatives in Lviv;
- providing foreign languages workshops for youth and teachers;
- cooperating with youth by organizing youth news paper in Journalist club;
- assisting by training and network activities of hosting organization.

We are also interested in EVS sending projects.

For details please contact:

Yaryna Borenko, Educational Initiatives Centre (Lviv, Ukraine): www.dialog.lviv.ua
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Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=229

3.2 EVS in Armenia in the orphanage house for disabled children of 1-6 years old

Dear friends!

Few weeks ago I was invited to the orphanage house for disabled children of 1-6 years old.

Here we realized that EVS volunteers can become new blood and new impulse for the orphanage house and means of life for children, who still can develop life skills in case of hard work and attention, which they haven't because of lack of staff members.

In the SALTO EECA Forum you may find the description of the project and photos of the children. If somebody would like to be hosted in Armenia and do inmost work please contact us, as we are looking for 6-7 volunteers for this cooperative project with Nrani NGO.

Hope to get letter from you soon!

Tatevik Margaryan, NGO World Independent Youth Union (Yerevan, Armenia)

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Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=228

3.3 APD Tbilisi, Georgia looks for partners for EVS projects

Hosting placement offered by our organization are shortly described and available to download at the SALTO EECA Forum.

Hosting placement: Open Air Museum in Tbilisi

Task: The volunteer architectural restorer will serve as a normal staff at the museum

Vacancies: 2 places

Hosting placement: Rustavi

Task: Fundraising and planning the local, national and international long-term projects

Vacancies: 1 place

We would like to apply for September 1st deadline

With kind regards and thanks,

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Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=226

3.4. Project partners needed for 2 Youth Exchanges in Ukraine

We are 14 students from Teacher training university (Ukraine). We are looking for a Partner and Programme countries' organizations for Youth Exchange in two projects.

During "Europe through Ages" we want to create our own country (the prototype of Europe) with its own government and society. We plan to show the historical development of European countries through the main historical periods in performances and role-playing games. For example, the historical events which may be represented are rebellions, inquisition, royal ceremonies, folk fests etc... We'd also like to picture Europe in future.

At the "Funny or Not?" we will go into activities around: humorous shows, comic performances, contests, elements of Flashmob.

Target group: 7 male and 7 female (+ 1 group leader) from each country aged between 18-25, who are eager to know more about other countries and cultures.

The project venue and date are not defined yet.

We'll be thankful for your offers and suggestions.

Contact person:

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Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewforum.php?f=1

3.5 EVS projects with East-Ukrainian Resource Center

Public organization East-Ukrainian Resource Centre „Social Partnership”, Donetsk, Ukraine is **looking for a partner sending organisation** and for a volunteer for an EVS project „Born to be Free-will”. The type of the project is work with youth. The project will be implemented in Donetsk, Ukraine. Its length is 10 months. The Activity is planning to start from February till November, 2009.

At the same time, we are also **looking for a partner hosting organisation** for an EVS project „Volunteer: peer to peer” The main idea of the project is to help young people with fewer opportunities to discover another world, cultures and what’s more important to meet new people. Unfortunately they are very restricted in their possibilities and this project will be a gift for them. here are 4-5 volunteers who are willing to do an EVS and our organization is ready to be a sending organization and help them to make a discover.

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Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewforum.php?f=2

3.6 International Youth Conference: “Introduction of European principles of formation of youth policy on the base on co-management”. Kyiv – Ukraine, 21–24 August

National Council of Youth Organisations of Ukraine by support of Ministry of Ukraine for Youth, Family and Sports invites You to participate in International Youth Conference <Introduction of European principles of formation of youth policy on the base on co-management> which will take place between 21st and 24th of August 2008 in Kiev, Ukraine.

Aim of the Conference: experience exchange in the sphere of the youth policy, based on co-management principle, improving the ways of cooperation between the youth, in the face of NGOs representatives with authorities in the processes of development and realization the state youth policy.

Deadline: **10th of August 2008**

Application forms and more detailed info you may find at the SALTO EECA Forum.

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Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=232

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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