

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 4/2008

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 4th/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 Training Course “Building Bridges in conflict areas”, Istanbul – Turkey, 13-20 September

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?

“Building bridges” aimed at such 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;

Finally 25 youth workers, active in difficult areas took part in the training course. They come from Eastern Europe and Caucasus, South East Europe (Western Balkans) and Programme countries – 20 countries all together.

See photos: http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=23

Report will be available in January both, in electronic and printed version.

If you would like to receive by post printed report, please let us know: eeeca@salto-youth.net

1.2 Economic Forum of Young Leaders, Nowy Sącz – Poland, 9-12 September

The Forum took place from 9-12 September 2008 in Nowy Sącz, Poland. Over 350 journalists, representatives of social and political organisations, as well as economic and non-governmental institutions from 41 countries from EU, Eastern Europe and Caucasus took part in this year's Economic Forum of Young Leaders.

The participants not only discussed major problems concerning the present-day Europe but they also tried to find solutions to them. The Forum establishes the role of the young generations within the social and economic changes occurring on the European continent. The Economic Forum of Young Leaders is accompanying the Economic Forum in Krynica.

See photos, multimedia materials (ngoTV) and speeches here: www.forum-leaders.eu

1.3 Internships at SALTO EECA office

During the summer period, we hosted 2 internees in our Warsaw office. They both were winners of the "Grasz o staz" programme (www.grasz.pl).

Between 23 June and 31 July Magdalena Miedzianowska, graduate of Applied Social Science faculty of Warsaw University helped us with creating statistics of projects granted under Action 3.1 – "Cooperation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries of the European Union" in 2007 and developed country manuals (www.salto-youth.net/eecainfo), especially for Armenia.

Between 18 August and 18 September Balbina Zygał, graduate of International Relations of Poznań University helped us to follow Magda's work on statistics of Action 3.1 and prepared the data of 3 deadlines of 2008, developed country manuals, especially for Russia and restructured our small library, to facilitate access to resources in our office.

If you are interested in internship at SALTO EECA Resource Centre, please contact us at eeca@salto-youth.net

2. Calls for participants for future activities

2.1 Study Visit "Youth work reality in Austria and Belgium", Vienna – Austria, Brussels – Belgium, 22-29 March 2009

Deadline for applications: 10 December!

Study Visit for 21 experienced youth workers representing active local youth organisations to discover youth work realities (practice and policies) in Austria and Belgium, with special focus on youth participation and inclusion. **Call for participants is open for youth workers from all 7 Eastern European and Caucasus countries with a special priority for participants from Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia).**

Study visits' objectives are:

- to learn about youth policies in both hosting countries;
- to share experiences and practices between participants from two hosting countries and Eastern Europe and Caucasus participants;
- to foster mutual knowledge and understanding between participants from different countries involved
- to promote sustainable contacts between the youth NGOs aiming at future development of projects within the Youth in Action Programme

Organisers: SALTO EECA, Austrian and Belgian (French speaking) National Agency of the YiA programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **10 December 2008**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/svatbe2009/

2.2 Study Visit “Youth work reality in Belarus”, Minsk, Grodna – Belarus, 5-10 May 2009

Deadline for applications: 10 January!

Study Visit for around 25 experienced youth workers representing active local youth organisations to discover youth work realities (practice and policies) in Belarus. **Call for participants is open for youth workers from all Programme Countries as well as officers of Youth in Action National Agencies.**

Study visits' objectives are:

- to learn about youth policies in Belarus;
- to share experiences and practices between participants home countries and participants from Belarus;
- to foster mutual knowledge and understanding between participants from different countries involved
- to promote sustainable contacts between the youth NGOs aiming at future development of projects within the Youth in Action Programme

Organiser: SALTO EECA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **10 January 2009**

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

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3.1 International youth friendship festival "St.Petersburg Brings Friends Together", St.Petersburg – Russia, 3-7 December

This multilateral project aims to enable members and representatives of children's and youth organisations to share their views on issues related to youth and youth policy through an array of roundtable discussions and other engaging activities.

The Festival will serve to:

- promote socially important values in youth
- bring interests, opportunities and the participants' activity in one place while grasping the essence of cultural identity and understanding the importance of other cultures.
- establish friendly and creative contacts.
- enable young people from different countries to fulfil their creative potential by means of intercultural communication.
- engage you in constructive discussions regarding problems and advances in intercultural cooperation
- generalize the experience of youngsters, experts, and governmental institutions as regards mobility and Human Rights education, the promotion of social diversity and integration in Europe, youth participation and proactive citizenship, innovative society and the recognition of non-formal education.

Organiser: St.Petersburg Roundtable of Youth and Children's Associations
 Working language: English
 Age limit: over 20
 Participant's cost: visa and travel costs to St. Petersburg
 Deadline: **20 October 2008**
 More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1371.html

3.2 International youth seminar "Participation of young people in the process of youth policy development", Kyiv – Ukraine, 9-14 April 2009 call for partners

Dear friends,

On behalf of NGOs Donetsk Youth Debate Centre, Ukraine and Free Learning Centre, Lithuania I would like to invite interested organisations to participate in the international youth seminar "Participation of young people in the process of youth policy development"

The project is a Youth seminar within Action 3.1 of the YiA Programme. The main theme of the seminar is Youth policy developing by young people. The aim of the seminar is to facilitate the process of development of youth policies in the participating countries based on active participation of young people and non-formal education approach

We are currently looking for partners from Poland, Slovakia and Czech Republic. Deadline for interests: **20 October 2008**

You can find short description of the project posted on SALTO EECA Forum:
www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=235

For details please contact:
 Andriy Donets, "Donetsk Youth Debate Centre", andryushkad@yahoo.com

3.3 All-Ukrainian campaign "Tolerance as the way to Europe", September to November 2008

Non-governmental organization Vinnitsa Regional Centre for Information "Kreativ" together with the Network of pro European organizations of Ukraine started all-Ukrainian campaign "Tolerance as the way to Europe", which is taking place from September to November 2008 within the frame of "European Year of Intercultural Dialogue".

This campaign is directed at promotion of leading European value – tolerance in Ukrainian society - and takes place due to financial support of International Renaissance Foundation.

Join to all actions of all-Ukrainian campaign "Tolerance as the way to Europe" and follow announcements in your town and on the website of the campaign www.tolerant.org.ua

Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=236

3.4 Association Sportive Et Culturelle d'Avon from France looking for youth exchange project partners

A French youth organization would like to organise Youth Exchange with EECA partners under action 3.1.

At SALTO EECA Forum you can find their short description of project in Spanish and English: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=233

3.5 Polish volunteer looking for EVS host placement in Russia, Ukraine or Georgia

I'm thinking about going for EVS to Ukraine, Georgia or Russia. I'd like to get in touch with organizations open to be a host for volunteers from Poland. I will be grateful for any information about current or planned projects in these countries. I'm also open to assist with creating/writing a project. I read in Russian and Ukrainian so don't hesitate to write in these languages. Greetings from Cracow!

Marta Trzcionka: marta_te@wp.pl

Posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=234

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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