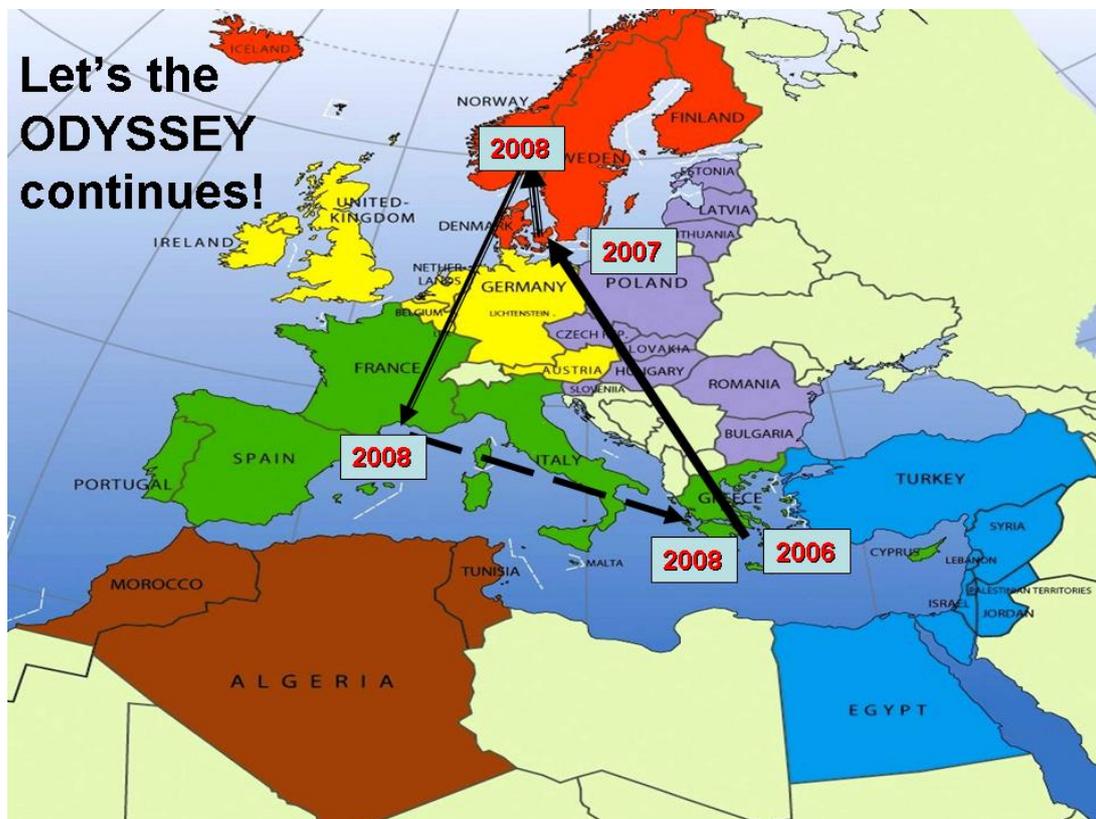


"Let's network in EVS: Odyssey continues"

Networking Conference

Ithaca, Greece, 25 – 30 of November 2008



Networking conference for organisations/participants of previous "EVS Odyssey in Euro Med" contact seminars, aimed to sustain the EVS cooperation in EuroMed

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1. Background of the Seminar

The "EVS Odyssey in EuroMed" started its trip in November 2006 from the Greek island of Hydra and continuing ever since from harbour to harbour: Copenhagen (September 2007), Oslo (April 2008) and Aix en Provence (October 2008).

The common purpose of those 4 contact making seminars was to explore a) the meaning and potential of EVS in EuroMed cooperation and b) the idea to build sustainable partnerships in this field.

Final destination: ITHACA!

As Konstantinos Kavafys says:

*"When you set out on your journey to Ithaca,
pray that the road is long,
full of adventure, full of knowledge.
Always keep Ithaca in your mind..."*

As a result and follow up of these 2 years of work, the SALTO Euro Med Resource Centre and the Greek National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme – with the support of the National Agencies of Denmark, Norway and France - decided to organize a Networking Conference, "Let's network in EVS: Odyssey continues", to offer to the participants of those events the opportunity to stop for a while and think all together about the partnerships and EVS projects on process since the beginning of the Odysseys, the developments in the common understanding of volunteering in Euro Med; to open new possibilities for partnerships/projects and open the path to sustainable cooperation through the reinforcement and creation of networks

"Let's network in EVS: Odyssey continues", a part from the participants, their organisations and the promoting stakeholders, counted on the support of other National Agencies and Euro Med Youth Units (Bulgaria, Cyprus, Portugal, Turkey, Jordan, Tunisia), that complete a monitoring group of support to NGOs, their actions and quality of the projects in Euro Med.

This ongoing cooperation has been the result of two years of institutional networking and will be a valuable support for the sustainable cooperation in EVS in Euro Med in the future years.



Stakeholders of "Let's network in EVS: Odyssey continues"

2. Aims and objectives

The stakeholders offered to the participants of the past EVS Odyssey in Euro Med contact making seminars the opportunity to evaluate what has been accomplished so far and to jointly draw a more solid route for their future common trip, based on:

- partnerships and EVS projects on process since the beginning of the Odyssey
- developments in the common understanding of volunteering in EuroMed
- sustainable cooperation through the reinforcement of existing network(s)
- development of new partnerships and new projects

So we can say that the overall **aim of the conference** was: to sustain the EVS cooperation in EuroMed, through reinforcing understanding, projects, partnerships and networking.

The specific objectives were:

Objective 1: to assess the impact and the quality of the partnerships and EVS projects on process since the beginning of the Odysseys.

Objective 2: to explore the developments in the common understanding of volunteering in Euro Med.

Objective 3: to sustain the ongoing cooperation reinforcing the existing network(s).

Objective 4: to support the creation of new partnerships and new projects.

3. Profile of participants and selection

Information on the Networking Conference have been spread by the Greek National Agency, in coordination with the supporting National Agencies and EMYUs and SALTO EuroMed.

The selection process was carried out by the National Agencies and by the EMYUs, under the supervision of the SALTO Resource Centre and the Greek National Agency.

The participants of "Let's network in EVS: Odyssey continues" have been selected among youth workers, youth leaders and project managers from Programme and Meda Countries, with this profile:

- took part to a previous "EVS Odyssey in EuroMed" contact making seminar;
- other representatives of participating organisations could replace the former participants only if directly involved in partnerships or projects.

A special effort has been done to have at the conference representatives of the National Agencies and EMYUs involved in the EVS Odyssey in Euro Med. Their task has been thought as a monitoring group with the aim of supporting participants in the follow up.



The Odysseys in Ithaca

English was the working language.

The Networking Conference "Let's network in EVS: Odyssey continues" brought together 46 participants and 16 representatives from NAs and EMYUs, from 18 different countries (Algeria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Malta, Morocco, Norway, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestinian Authority, Portugal, Tunisia, Turkey)

From Programme countries: 24

From Meda countries: 22

4. Methodology used

The main idea in terms of methodology used for this networking conference was first to break down the idea of a conference (we even thought to change the name at first). We had indeed to work on an original concept, mixing up evaluation, conceptualisation and partnership-building for a real networking in the future. Different things were to be considered before choosing the right methodology:

- Most of participants knew each other from one or another of the Odyssey before. We took for granted that they would be happy to met again and to share what happened in their lives and work since they first met.
- All participants knew at least one of the team members.
- We had during the conference a big bunch of NA and EMYU representatives, who, for most of them supported one of the Odyssey.
- The foreseen group was meant to be more than 100 participants, for 2 trainers/facilitators. At the end, we discovered that they would be "only" about 60.

Starting from these statements, the team tried to propose different methods of work:

Collective and mutual evaluation

Work in partnerships to share about the standing of their work.

Analytic work on a peer-to-peer basis in order to share feedback on the different projects

Exchange of practices, peer-to-peer approach

The presentation of good practices was chosen as a method to reinforce the idea of networking and of participant-centred approach. It was considered that the main expertise was in the group and this had to be made evident.

Conceptualisation

From the first elements of evaluation, we proposed to extract some hot issues, out from experience, that can be worked out as such and transferred into a wider frame. The methods chosen here were much more based on collective reflection upon approaches to have. This was also reinforced by a more frontal input from the "monitoring group".

Also, we had a few moments of more "frontal" inputs about competences, definitions of partnership and so on. These moments could be considered more as "conference-style" sessions

Networking

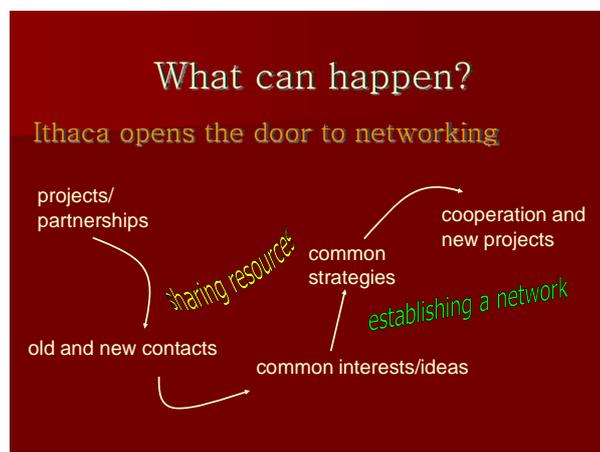
The methods chosen was a mix of simulation game and creative moments so that people are put smoothly in situations of "production" and partnership-building.

Then the methods chosen for partner matching was more in the direction of open-space and self managed group dynamics.

Feedback on projects and partnerships was again a strong peer-to-peer moment.

Facilitating, coaching and monitoring

The team considered and presented themselves as facilitators and guides. Because, group dynamics started quickly and because all participants knew at least one member of team, it was easier to change roles and to appear less as trainers, but more as facilitators. Also, we clearly stated that the group of NA's had to be considered as a monitoring group. So, at the end, very smoothly, we could distinguish a clear methodology of coaching and monitoring processes, that we hope to make clear also for the follow-up of Odysseys.



5. The activities day by day

Tuesday, 25 of November

Afternoon and evening

(on the boat, sailing together to Ithaca)

Hello from the team

A short video made by the team was supposed to (re)connect the group and to be virtually present with them. In the same time, this video handed over to our colleague Evi, who was in charge of proposing the following activities during the boat trip:

Reconnecting our travel stories

Participants divided in mixed groups with participants of all the Odysseys. They introduced each other to the others and shared about how was their Odyssey travel. From that, they produced a drawing about "the small Odyssey group", that was to be used at the beginning of the afternoon session of day after "how was our EVS Odyssey till now?".

Finding some rest

Late evening, after this long trip, participants finally reached Ithaca and could find a bed, a room and some rest! Before "diving" into sleep, they could find a team letter, telling them about the next morning.

Wednesday, 26 of November

Morning

Looking for EVS Odyssey spirit

Opening

After an opening made by Dora Bei from the Greek NA and by the mayor of Ithaca, some extracts from each Odyssey's video were shown.

Bernard Abrignani from SALTO said a few word of introduction.

The team read "Ithaca" from K. Kavafis, coming from the back of the room and ending in front of participants for short introduction words to the conference.

Getting to know

A giant human bingo was proposed (useful to know hobbies and to talk about features and rules of the Conference). The "winner" of the Bingo could get a symbolic present, Mr EuroMed "duck" volunteer, that can be transmitted as mascot from participants to participants (symbolizing the follow-up and growing-up of Odyssey cooperation spirit).

Odyssey overview (programme and expectations)

The history of Odyssey

We built together a human map of EuroMed area so that we can reconstruct where people are from, where they travelled to for their Odyssey (Greece, Denmark, Norway or France), till the final destination, Ithaca. At the end, we could notice that using different routes, the group was one, settling on that Island, ready to start with sharing and networking!

What to expect in this conference?

The conference spirit, objectives, methodology, programme and expected outcomes were presented in powerpoint. Programme was then displayed in paper, on the wall

Preparing the evaluation

Individual reflection

In a first step, participants were sitting individually to assess what happened in their EVS journey since the Odyssey and to try to imagine what would happen next. They also had to assess the strengths and weaknesses of their Odyssey follow-up. For that purpose they were given a template that they had to fill in and to use afterwards for the sharing.

Partnerships reflection

In partnerships groups, participants had to produce a poster, summarizing their projects (realised or coming soon), with following information: Who is involved, what is the project about, what are our strengths and weaknesses. In case they are partners in several projects, they had to choose the most advanced project/partnership.

They had to leave a blank space on the template for feedback from the other groups.

They left their production on the floor for creating a gallery that would be visited in the afternoon.

Afternoon

How was our EVS Odyssey till now?

Crossed analysis of projects

New groups, mixing Meda/EU from different Odysseys were created, taking care that each project/partnership exposed in the gallery was represented by at least 1 partner in the new group.

Each group had to interact on some of flipcharts presenting the project, by writing "obstacles and challenges" they see in this project and by questioning " them constructively. In this phase the representative of the project, who was in the group could answer some questions, give clarifications.

Identification of hot issues

After this analysis of different projects, each group had to select the 5 most challenging issues according to them to write them on a card and to stick them on the wall.

Work on feedback from other groups

Back to their partnership groups, partners could read the suggestions from others and work on the feedback they made, so that they can improve the quality of their projects

The partnerships and NGO's market

Each participant prepare a stand with material, food, devices, to hang close to the common posters of projects and partnerships (created for the evaluation before) and created a poster of their ONG.

As in the other Odysseys, they could then wear their ONG poster on them and go for a short walk around.

Then, back to their stands, the free market was considered as open and free interaction could start, with the objective of identifying new partners for networking further in EVS.

Daily evaluation "Behind the curtain"

On the stage, behind the curtain, a cosy place was prepared (candles, little lamps, music) with 3 different items to evaluate freely:

A Dardboard (Programme, methods, group atmosphere, my contribution)

A Box "message to the team"

A Free expression board

Participants were invited to take off their shoes, to silently pass behind the curtain and share their impressions of the day.

Evening

Mixing stories from inland and sealands

The group was divided in 8 small groups. Different corners were prepared in advance, in different rooms: No lamp, but only candles, with chairs or carpet around. In this cosy atmosphere, each groups could tell each other the stories they prepared. The idea was that, at the end, they could create a new story, mixing up elements, characters from north and south and prepare how to visualize it for the next evening (shadows, comics, theatre, puppets, exhibition)

Thursday, 27 of November

Morning

After a short intro and some reconnection from the evening before, we could get into a new day, devoted to identifying perspectives and practices.

Identifying the "hot issues" in EuroMed EVS

What is a hot issue?

After a work of classification of the hot issues from the day before, 6 groups were built and had to choose what they consider being the hottest issue to them.

In a silent floor discussion, they had to define why the issue is "hot" (which dimensions it involves), to give example from the practice and already propose some solutions.

In that time, the monitoring team split themselves for taking notes from the silent floor.

How to approach this issue?

Starting from this written discussion, the group had to deepen it in order to produce a comprehensible approach to the issue (visual synthesis of the silent floor retaking the same elements).

Meanwhile, the monitoring team went to work on their feedback

Conclusions

Each poster was exposed and visited by the others. For each of them, the monitoring team proposed a short feedback to everybody.

Odysseys good practices, workshops led by participants

People, who volunteered to propose a workshop had a short meeting with the team and prepared a poster to promote their workshop.

The idea of the workshop on good practices in EVS EuroMed was to share about: type of activity, aim/objective, partners, how the idea was born, milestones from the idea until the activity, main outcomes, what have happened after the activity was finished and especially: **WHY THIS IS A GOOD PRACTICE?**

Then, were invited to enroll in the workshops for two rows of Odyssey good practices.

Afternoon

EuroMed game: From Zeus to Thor

Participants, in small mixed groups, had to explore the island, interact with local people, discover "treasures" of Ithaca and of the history and legends of the past. In the group building activity they were led by young students of Ithaca.

At the end the groups compared their findings and explored in this way the richness of the island and of the Euromediterranean heritage.

Key-competences and evaluation of EVS experiences

An input

We started with a short power point input "EVS=a learning journey" to tackle the idea of EVS as educational experience and understand how learning is important to assess in terms of competences and how evaluation of these competences can lead us to recognition of the experience in a wider frame (Youthpass and key-competences were mentioned here as possible tools)

Evaluation and competences in EVS EuroMed, seen from different angles

We divided participants in 6 groups. Each group had a different item of discussion that they had to present in a different way:

- Promote EVS competences (using the key-competences) in a job interview after EVS (prepare a scene)
- Make young people understand the learning process of EVS without boring them (prepare a scene)
- Build an evaluation strategy model for the whole EVS project (draw a giant scheme)

- Propose a definition of the competence adapted to EuroMed context (write a definition on poster), including a translation in different languages
- Give a concrete example for each 8 key competences (prepare a scene)
- Why evaluating always? (Have a debate on flipchart)

Each group presented its production.

We then concluded with a few words about the importance of evaluation and of assessing competences in EVS EuroMed.

Daily evaluation "Behind the curtain"

Same as everyday

Free evening

Friday, 28 of November

Morning

Discovering Ithaca treasures

The Greek NA proposed an excursion around the island. On a bus, participants had the opportunity to visit different places all around the island.

Afternoon

EVS networking in EuroMed: How to become Odyssey travelers

Simulation game

For stimulating participants before they enter a new partnership phase and for making them reflect on the processes of a good quality partnership work, we proposed to them a simulation game: In 6 different groups (Egyptians, Vikings, Assyrians, Venetians, Greeks, Etruscs), they had to build one common boat, using the instructions they were given and the limited resources they got (material and ways of communication between each other). At the end of the allocated time, all partners were coming together for assembling the different parts of the boat and celebrating it.

Reflection

We had a short discussion on the processes of cooperation and on what makes a good partnership, on how to make the good use of resources, how to work on common objectives but with different interests,...



The results of the simulation "how to become connected travellers"

New phase of EVS Odyssey: cooperation and projects

Odyssey Café

This method, which is now a “must” in the Odyssey and in some other EuroMed activities, was known by participants. The idea was to facilitate the partner matching, to give participants the opportunity to confront their needs, to exchange on their new projects or partnerships. The whole team (including NA's) prepared a room in the hotel so that it looks like a nice cosy café, with real products to consume. The team was dressed as waiters and waitresses and served participants while they were working on deepening their needs and cooperation discussions. The following steps of discussion were proposed. After each step, participants were invited to move tables, so that they can meet as many different people as possible:

1. The need of my NGO to go into new EVS EuroMed projects is...
2. The impact I want in my local community with new EuroMed EVS projects is...
3. The strategy I have to enlarge/reinforce my partnership/project is...

At the end of each step of discussion, participants had to write down the outcomes on post-its to bring them to the cash, and to get tickets for ordering. The team was having a short individual discussion on each outcome, together with the person who brought it. All outcomes were then displayed on a wall.

Before starting each new step of discussion, the participants had to shortly brief each other (as they were with new people) on what has been discussed before.

Support to partner- matching

A space was visualized to put ideas into action. During the break, the team tried to classify all projects/partnerships ideas into the following system:

Columns: Projects, partnerships, networks, others

Lines: Different topics (including one "other")

Due to the delay and to the level of tiredness, it was decided then to have the partner matching the morning after, starting from that system.

Evening

New stories from Ithaca

Originally, it was planned to have an evening in which participants could tell their new invented stories. A few groups did so. Most of the evening was also devoted (on the choice of participants) to little improvisation scenes, tackling different “sensitive points” in EuroMed (religion, gender issues,...) prepared by different actors and “last minute volunteers” who had to react to the proposed situations.

This was also the evening in which participants brought their food, drinks and other traditional specialties from their countries

Saturday, 29 of November

Morning

Working on further EVS projects and partnerships

A short appetizer

We proposed to participants a short brainstorming on the two words “partnership” and “network”, so that we could make the difference. This was followed by a proposal of a definition for each word.

Partner matching

We then presented the system elaborated after the Odyssey café, in which we could see who proposed which projects/partnership/strategy, on which topic. Starting from that, a schedule was proposed so that participants can “date” for some working meetings, according to the partners they wanted to work with. We left them organizing themselves, by discussing, posting messages on the proposed projects, filling into this collective agenda (indication of meeting place and time) so that the morning could be used efficiently by everybody.

Work on projects/partnerships

All groups started to work autonomously till lunch time.
We reminded them all that the monitoring group was here permanently at their disposal for any questions or support. So was the team of trainers.
The team gave all groups a template on how they should present their outcomes (projects/partnerships), which had to be ready beginning of afternoon.

Afternoon

Our ship sails again: projects and partnerships gallery

Visiting the gallery of projects

All groups had to come back with the results of their work: A template on flipchart, presenting their project/partnership.

All posters were displayed all around the room, with a circulation. Close to all posters was put a blank paper for feedback.

Time was left to circulate around the gallery and to read all posters. It was recommended to write down their comments on the allocated paper.

Sharing our impressions

The whole group had a moment to share general impressions about the outcomes. The main questions we asked ourselves were "what does it tell us in terms of networking?", "What are the developments we could see since our first Odyssey",...

Let's commit ourselves to our projects!

In order to symbolize the process of turning ideas into concrete actions for the future, participants were asked to write down on a huge poster the next concrete step they would commit themselves to make after this conference in order to bring the project/partnership on tracks. This huge board of commitments was then displayed and we made group picture in front of it.

Conclusions and perspectives

Bernard Abrignani concluded by giving some updates on SALTO, on future perspectives in EuroMed (and EuroMed EVS), on possible tools to use (E-Learning platform,...)

The National Agencies and the EMYUs, "the monitoring group", concluded on the idea of follow-up. The team concluded by giving some positive motivation into the group for the implementation of their projects and partnerships.

Evaluation

The choice was made to have only an active evaluation, by different means (no questionnaire).

Different corners were allocated for evaluating different items, using different methods:

1/Odyssey continues? (Silent Floor discussion about perspectives)

2/ Objectives (A scale was proposed to mark the level of achievement of each objective of the conference. A space was left for comments)

3/ Methodology (A free expression wall)

4/ The group as a learning community? (Participants could write and stick on the wall clear and concrete short letter, starting with "dear learning community,...")

5/ Support from the team of trainers (A box was disposed for posting messages to the team)

6/ Support from the monitoring group:

*How did you see the cooperation of the NAs and EMYUs (the monitoring group) during the Conference? (A poster was disposed for drawing a smiley and for writing down comments)

*What do you expect from NAs and EMYUs in the future in terms of technical support? (A box was disposed to write down messages to NAs AND EMYUs)

7/ Logistics (A dashboard about venue, accommodation and food, technical support, organization before)

Evening

Before dinner, the Greek NA organized some traditional dances at the beginning of the evening. The group also met after dinner for watching the video of the conference and for self organizing the rest of the evening programme.

Most of people then decided to go for a drink in the pubs around.

6. The team

The Seminar counted on a training team composed of 2 trainers that, alternatively, coordinated all the “EVS Odyssey in Euro Med” contact making seminars implemented previously. The logistic team was organized by the Greek National Agency.

The **training team** was composed by:

Sylvain Abrial, free lance trainer, France

Davide Tonon, free lance trainer, Spain, coordinator of the Networking Conference

A special support to the training team came from *Evi Koutsouspirou*, free lance trainer, Greece



Trainers and monitoring team, waiters of the Ithaca Odyssey Café

The **logistic team** was composed by:

Martha Diamantopoulou, *Layia Tzortzi*, *Sofia Kentistou*, of the Greek National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme

The **monitoring group** was composed by:

Ammar Chikhi, EMYU of Tunisia

Bernard Abrignani, Director of the SALTO Euro Med Resource Centre

Dora Bei, Director of the Greek National Agency of Youth in Action Programme

Hur Guldu, Turkish National Agency of Youth in Action

Katrine Daviknes, Norwegian National Agency of Youth in Action

Muhannad Al Akroush, EMYU of Jordan

Peter Markov, Bulgarian National Agency of Youth in Action

Rachid Halouani, EMYU of Tunisia

Rosa Ferreira, Portuguese National Agency of Youth in Action

Sadi Soboh, EMYU of Jordan

Salima Boudoukha, French National Agency of Youth in Action

Yiannis Yannakis, Cypriot National Agency of Youth in Action

7. Results and impact

The conference managed to gather on board the really motivated "EVS Odyssey in Euro Med" participants and brought them on the other side: the networking side. The result has been highly satisfactory. The participants are ready to reinforce links and implement projects during the follow up.

We can say that all the aims have been achieved, in different measure.

"To assess the impact and the quality of the partnerships and EVS projects on process since the beginning of the Odysseys"

A personal reflection on the follow up after Odysseys and a group discussion on the ongoing partnerships have been moments for deepening. This self assessment has been also very important for the monitoring group in order to understand what happened and which are the trends and the obstacles. And to assess participants with its feedback.

"To explore the developments in the common understanding of volunteering in EuroMed"

We managed to open a discussion/exchange on good practices and "hot issues" (main obstacles) of EVS in EuroMed. With the feedback of the monitoring group. Also the topic of recognition of key competences and evaluation of EVS experiences has been introduced.

"To sustain the ongoing cooperation reinforcing the existing network(s). To support the creation of new partnerships and new projects"

Participants worked in their partnerships, had the chance to mix the experiences of the different Odysseys, to work in new groups, to establish new connections, to start networking in small groups and with the big group. At the end of the conference 32 ideas for projects/partnerships/networks were presented.

The conference has been in part evaluation, in part a training, in part a projects/partnership/networking building seminar.

We had less participants than expected, around the half of all the Odysseys, but this was normal because along the travel always someone get lost or busy. And also it was a lucky circumstance because this fact allowed us to work well with a reduced group to build links and to reflect on challenges.

In terms of human resources it would have been very difficult with the current team (2 trainers) to work out a conference with so many aims and the double of participants. It has been a challenge anyway.

The monitoring group is growing and the stakeholders are finding their role inside this "floating ship" of EVS in EuroMed.

The possibility of a big follow up, with projects, partnerships and networks, is visible and touchable.

8. Evaluation of participants

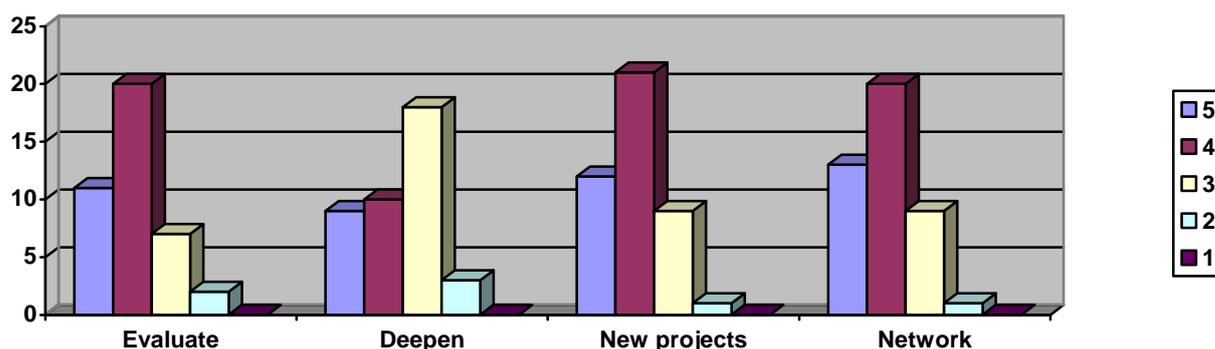
General Evaluation

The evaluation provides with an overview of the results of the session, at the end of the programme of activities, in which participants were asked to express themselves around different aspects of the conference.

The analysis of the results is given below.

1 - Evaluate the achievement of the objectives

OBJECTIVE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOT	AVERAGE
Evaluate the results of Odyssey cooperation till now and launch a bridge to the future			1	1	4	3	10	10	10	1	40	7,4
Deepen on key/quality issues of EVS in Euro/Med				3	14	4	3	7	5	4	40	6,7
Construction of new projects partnerships networks			1		4	5	8	13	8	4	43	7,6
Build up a common networking community of EVS Odyssey in EuroMed				1	7	2	4	16	8	5	43	7,6



2 – Free expression wall on methodology

- I learn more
- Very interactive. Interactive, efficient!
- Very effective and joyful
- Nothing new.
- It helped to involve us in the whole process
- Creative, interesting, funny!

- Very good, especially having in mind tight programme and many goals to achieve.
- More time needed for presentations and communication between participants
- Difficult to be one team with 60 participants.
- Imaginative, creative, dynamic, surprising
- Make new projects, become more confident.
- Enjoyable way of doing things!
- Very high level!
- Extremely nice workshops

3 – Dear learning community... *(messages to the other participants of the conference)*

- Thank you all for giving the freedom to go deeper within each other and fulfil the air with us.
- I am leaving this Island with more energy...thank to all of you: for these intense moments of sharing we have to keep being part of the action!
- Penelope, I am back

4 – Messages to the team

- Helped us to understand and work on EVS projects
- La méthodologie est très bien tout fois pour une évaluation final du processus, l'apport d'un sociologue ou philosophe sur les relations Nord-Sud aurait pu être intéressant
- Many thanks for your style: it's a learning experience in itself
- ...understanding, accompanying, listening, being crazy, innovating, perfectionists, professional...thank you!
- You are friendly and give me new ideas of this world and that I can look behind the door

5 – Messages to the monitoring group

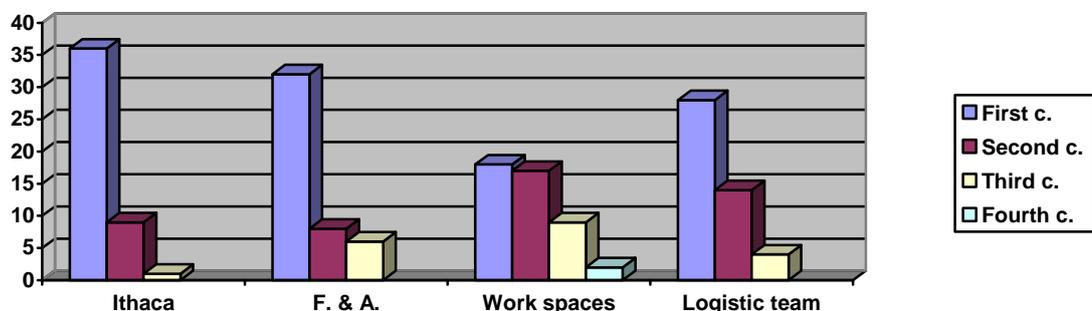
How did you see the cooperation of the Nas and EMYUs (the monitoring group) during the Conference?

What do you expect from Nas and EMYUs in the future in terms of technical support?

- I wish more participation and tangible support from my EMYU
- Help from NA 24/24 hour !
- As always French NA is available. Thanks for that!
- I hope this was not the last seminar with you because it was great!
- To do follow-up on everything
- More collaboration between NA's and EMYU's
- Good to meet personally our national agents: Keep doing this kind of seminars where we can ask all our questions!
- Update participants with new things
- I want any connection with them, they don't respond (IL)
- Meet us before sending and explain the process!
- More information, please.
- I appreciate their work
- Maybe NA could give a course on how to prepare for a project
- I expect them to be available and to change their behavior
- Working groups between NA and NGO's
- Many help from them; Thank you.
- I need your support and your coordination.

6 - Target on logistic aspects

	First circle	Second c.	Third c.	Fourth c.	TOTAL
Ithaca	36	9	1		46
Food and accommodation	32	8	6		46
Working spaces	18	17	9	2	46
Support from logistic team	28	14	4		46



7 – Chat room: “Odyssey continues?”

- From Hydra to Ithaca, a long journey. Now we are finishing the Odyssey but we’ve opened doors for many other ones.
- It was a long journey but we just start now.
- Ithaca is the beginning.
- The nicest trip is the one you still didn’t do.
- The nicest trip is the one you meet the nicest people.
- I’m optimistic, don’t worry, we can perceive results coming very soon!
- Let’s go for action!
- The voyage is also for personal development and this can last for ever!
- The most beautiful things you cannot see ,with eyes, you can see with heart.

Commitments for the future

From more general...

- I will see you again.
- I will do my best to achieve the creation of the network
- I will survive and try to be a good partner!
- I will be a good partner and work actively to do it.
- I will give this the 1st priority.
- I will do my best to achieve our goal and to make these proposals in Morocco (Zineb)

To more targeted...

- Let’s put Turkey and Cyprus in Acion!
- Portugal, Denmark and Greece are my target (Rachad, MOR)
- I will do my best to fulfill my commitment with Palestine and Israel.

To partnership commitment...

- I will be a good partner with Miguel. (Khalil, ALG)
- I will be a partner in youth exchange.
- I commit myself to concretize a project and a partnership in 2009 (Abderzak, ALG)
- I will find funds to continue working in the field of Youth in Action.

To concrete hosting action...

- I will host volunteers in Morocco (Ahmed)
- I will host 2 or more Meda country participants in Denmark, in 2009.
- I will host EVS in Tunisia (Mounir)
- I will host the 1st volunteer in my organization in Greece and I will work to implement youth exchanges.
- I will host Greek young people in Palestine and send Palestinian young people to Norway.
- I will host EVS from Meda for short term
- I will host EVS project in Israel (Itay, IL)
- I will establish cooperation for hosting EVS from Meda.

To sending actions...

- I will send/ host EVS and Youth exchange in 2009.
- I will select and send volunteer to Denmark (Khalil, ALG)
- I will send volunteer to Palestine.

To concrete steps...

- I'll apply 1st of February for EVS and Youth exchange.
- I send the 1st emails next week (Michael, D)
- Next week, you'll receive summary of the project and I will not let Miguel leave up the projects si we will make sustainable partnerships around sustainable development.

But also...

- I will work actively in the preparation of your youth exchange. I will prepare an EVS with Morocco.
- I will start to work on "youth initiative" frame. I will keep in touch with my new partners for projects (EVS, youth exchanges) (Eleonore, FR).
- I will make 2 Youth exchanges and 1 EVS within Euromed, if NA let me!
- Environment intercultural youth exchange (2009)
- I will send/host volunteers and participate in youth exchange (Amokrane, ALG)
- I will host/send youth exchange in 2009 (Nezar, IL)
- I start with a big network to intercultural sports for young people (Samer, JO)



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