

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 1/2009

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 1st/2009 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 EECA participants at SOHO Training Course, Helsinki, Finland, 4-8 February 2009

For the first time, SALTO EECA supported SOHO (Sending Organisation, Hosting Organisation - European module Training Course for EVS Coordinators and Mentors) in 2008. Now, in 2009 we are already proposing 5 SOHO trainings to youth workers from Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

Natia Gigiadze from Student Youth Council in Ozurgeti, Georgia and Darina Stepanova from Sfera in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia took part in SOHO in Helsinki.

You can find information about upcoming SOHOs in next section of this Newsletter (2.3).

1.2 SALTO EECA Multipliers annual meeting, Tbilisi, Georgia, 17-22 February 2009

Network of Multipliers of the Youth in Action Programme gathered on the Annual meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia, between 17-22 February 2009. The multipliers together with the SALTO EECA Resource Centre had opportunity to evaluate the work done in 2008 and plan multiplying activities for 2009.

We also invited Maija Lehto, officer from twin SALTO South East Europe (SEE) to share their regional experiences with multiplying Youth in Action Programme (www.salto-youth.net/contactpoints).

Additionally, Nerijus Kriauciunas took part in the meeting on behalf of SALTO Training & Cooperation (TC) to present recent developments of Youthpass in action 3.1 and to research recognition of non-formal education in Eastern Europe and Caucasus region. Please find interesting outcomes here: <http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=252> (multimedia file). In next "Youth in 7" Magazine you can find very interesting article by Nerius based on his discussions during EECA Multipliers meeting.

See photos: http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=27

Read report: <http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/dload.php?action=download&id=101>

2. UPCOMING activities

2.1 Call for Participants, Trainers and Editor for Training Course "EastWestEVS", Moldova, 1-7 June 2009

Deadline for Trainer applications: 22 March!
Deadline for Editor applications: 5 April!
Deadline for Participants applications: 13 April!

Training Course "EastWestEVS" will bring 26 youth workers from organisations interested in European Voluntary Service (EVS) projects within Youth in Action programme in cooperation between Programme and Eastern Europe & Caucasus countries. This training is organised together by British and Spanish National Agencies of Youth in Action Programme and SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus and SALTO Cultural Diversity Resource Centres.

"EastWestEVS" in 2009 will focus on Cultural Diversity and intercultural learning in EVS Project. The event will give chance to participants to learn about Youth in Action Programme and European Voluntary Service, to raise quality of their EVS projects as well as to find partners for future common activities.

Organisers: British and Spanish NAs as well as SALTO EECA and SALTO CD

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **Trainers: 22/3, Editor: 5/4, Participants: 13/4**

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

2.2 Call for Participants, Trainers and Editor for Training Course "EasternExpress", Turkey, 25-31 October 2009

Deadline for Trainer and Editor applications: 20 May!
Deadline for Participants applications: 23 August!

"Eastern Express" Training course aims at rising quality of Youth Exchanges within action 3.1 of Youth in Action (YiA) programme, especially is cooperation between Programme and Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EECA) regions. The training is organised jointly by Turkish National Agency of YiA Programme and SALTO EECA Resource Centre.

In 2009, special focus will be paid to Innovation and Creativity in youth work in general, and in Youth Exchanges in particular. During the event participants will have a chance to learn about Youth in Action Programme and Youth Exchanges, to raise quality of their future projects as well as to find partners for future common activities.

Organisers: Turkish NA and SALTO EECA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **Trainers and Editor: 20/5, Participants: 23/8**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/eetc2009

2.3 EECA participants at SOHO Training Courses in Bulgaria (11-15 March), France (1-5 April), Turkey (27-31 May)

Deadline for applications: 1 April!

In the upcoming days, several youth workers from Eastern Europe and Caucasus will take part in the SOHO trainings in Bulgaria (11-15 March) and France (1-5 April). There is still open call for participants for Turkish SOHO (27-31 May), until 1 April!

SOHO (Sending Organisation, Hosting Organisation) is an European module Training Course for EVS Coordinators and Mentors. Mentors and coordinators of EVS projects play a crucial role in the triangle of Sending Organisations, Host Organisations, and the volunteer. At a SOHO training course, participants meet in a multilateral context to exchange needs and expectations and to learn about quality aspects of EVS projects.

On an annual basis, SALTO Training and Co-operation co-ordinates and monitors several SOHO training courses for ca. 250 coordinators and mentors from all over Europe. The training courses are hosted by the National Agencies of Youth in Action Programme and are implemented by a trainers pool consisting of 7 European trainers. From 2008 SALTO EECA already send 6 youth workers for 3 SOHOs and will send subsequent 4.

Organisers: SALTO TC and different National Agencies of YiA Programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: depends on hosting National Agency regulations

Next deadline: **1 April**

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

2.4 EECA participants at BiTriMulti in Reims, France, 24-28 June 2009

Deadline for applications: 1 May!

BiTriMulti (BTM) is a training course based on simulation games, inputs, and group work. The training supports mainly newcomers to develop Youth Exchanges within the context of Youth in Action, Action 1.1 and 3.1.

Youth exchanges are standard international activities of a long tradition within European. Several indicators are recommended to meet the quality aspects of good Youth Exchange and to be successful during the application process and the implementation of the project. The main aim of BTM is to support youth workers to achieve the expected quality standards.

Organisers: SALTO TC and French National Agency of YiA Programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 50 euro

Deadline: **1 May**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1438.html

3. Info desk

3.1 Programme Guide updated!

European Commission has updated the Youth in Action Programme Guide. The changes are quite little, but between all strong emphasis is paid to safety and security of participants of future activities. Before applying make sure you are in line with the newest regulations: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2009/index_en.htm

3.2 EVS hosting placements in Lviv, Ukraine and Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

Academy of Ukrainian Youth from Lviv, Ukraine is looking for partners from Programme countries for EVS hosting project in Lviv, Ukraine. We have possibility to host 6 volunteers for a period of 8-12 month to work in projects regarding European clubs, children education, and work with people with disabilities:

For details please contact Olena Yaremko
e-mail: evslviv@gmail.com (subject: EVS projects)

More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=256

Institute of Ukrainian Studies from Lviv, Ukraine plan to host 4 volunteers in different projects related to web-site, cooperation with international and local partners, project development, promoting Youth in Action Programme, fundraising, work with local youth.

The project will last for one year. The volunteers will stay in Lviv (Ukraine) since beginning of September (negotiable) 2009 till the end of August 2010.

If you are interested in this position please send your motivation letter, CV and photo to Nata_pustelnyk@ukr.net

More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=244>

SFERA from Nizhny Novgorod, Russia is happy to present new EVS vacancies for the 1st of April deadline. Work done by volunteers will consist of promotion of volunteering in workcamps, development of long-term volunteering, improvement of the social service in Russia and promotion of youth participation.

More information: ltv@dobrovolets.ru

More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=251>

3.3 EVS placement in Oswiecim, Poland

Dear sending organizations and volunteers,

Auschwitz Jewish Centre (www.ajcf.pl), NGO from Oswiecim, Poland plan to host 1 volunteer in our Project. The project will last for one year. Volunteers will stay in Oswiecim (Poland) since beginning of September (negotiable) 2009 till the end of August 2010.

If you are interested in this position please send your motivation letter, CV and photo to Kuncewicz@ajcf.pl

More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=254>

3.4 Hairdressers Youth Exchange - find Innovation at Youth Exchange in Azerbaijan

Title: Inclusion of young people with different background – Different styles, equal rights

Theme: Tradition & cultural diversity

Where: Ganja/Azerbaijan

When COE and EU started its projects enlargement in all European countries many young people joined to these projects and they involved other young people from their community to these projects as well. When we look to the target group we can see that only educated people, students involve these kinds of activities. But our aim is to involve all young people regardless his duty, religion, culture.

It is time to work with hairdressers!!!

More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=257>

Sincerely, Anar Gadimaliyev, anar_yes@yahoo.com, phone: +99450 3838233

3.5 Call for participants “Fostering gender equality and human rights in youth work”, Bulgaria, 7-12 July 2009

Deadline for applications: 30 April!

This seminar aims at raising the awareness of youth workers and leaders on gender equality and human rights as an integral part of their youth work through non-formal educational methods. During the seminar we will use: non-formal educational methods, discussions, case studies, role plays and group activities. We will actively use the Compass, Gender Matters, Companion and the Education pack.

Organisers: Youth and Civil Initiatives in the Rose Valley (www.mgird.youthbg.net)

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: 30% of travel costs + 30 euro participation fee

Deadline: 30 April

More details and Application form: <http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1404.html>

3.6 Call for partners “East meets West for Future to Europe” PBS In Georgia, 12-18 September 2009

Academy for Peace and Development in cooperation with Kaleidoskopio (Italy) is applying for the Partnership Building Activity, which will be organised through September 12-18 in Kobuleti Georgia.

If you are interested to become partners you are welcome to join, also you can disseminate the call among your national networks.

All the best,
Giorgi Kakulia, giorgi.kakulia@gmail.com
Academy for Peace and Development

More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=258>

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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