

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 4/2009

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 4th/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. OUTLOOK on previous activities co-organised by SALTO EECA

1.1 "Let's evaluate with our Neighbours" Seminar, Warsaw, Poland, 6-10 October

In October 2009 over 60 youth workers from Programme countries and all neighbouring regions of European Union (Eastern Europe & Caucasus, Euromed, South East Europe) met in Poland to evaluate cooperation in frames of Youth in Action Programme. To give additional value to the process and undertake institutional evaluation, we have involved representatives of 8 National Agencies and 3 regional SALTO Resource Centres.

Please find a film about the seminar here: www.euya.ee/tempora/lewon.divx

Interested what were projects that participants brought with themselves to Konstancin? Check out the newly created "Neighbouring Partner Countries - Good Practise Projects Database" - www.salto-youth.net/NPC_good_practise_projects

"Let's..." is a long term strategy of cooperation among different stakeholders to support cooperation with Neighbouring Countries within Youth in Action Programme. First activity took place in 2007, France ("Let's meet our Neighbours"), second in 2008, Slovenia ("Let's work with our Neighbours"). This year the seminar was organised by the group of French, Polish and Slovenian National Agencies and 3 regional SALTOs.

Next year you will find a report with compendium of good practices, recommendations for quality cooperation and statistics of action 2 and 3.1 from 2007-2009. And we will organise new "Let's train with our Neighbours". So stay tuned!

1.2 Educational report form "Building Bridges" is now published

"Building Bridges" was a training course delivered in 2008 for experienced youth workers, who intervene in the different conflict areas: social, cultural, ethnic, territorial, etc... and aimed at exploring non-formal learning possibilities for youth from unstable, volatile communities.

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

If you know more about the training, please visit: www.salto-youth.net/BuildingBridges
And now we have a FINAL EDUCATIONAL REPORT: www.salto-youth.net/download/1841

1.3 SALTO 2008 Annual Report

Since 2007, SALTO Network strives to gather information about all educational activities run by the 8 Resource Centres. In 2008 we have produced first comprehensive report presenting our achievements throughout 2007 (www.salto-youth.net/download/1792).

BUT NOW:

Do you know how many training courses SALTO delivered in 2008?

Are you aware in which country most SALTO activities took place?

Maybe you are interested which country most SALTO participants came from?

Or even you want to know how many European Trainers worked with the Network in 2008?

Now you can find all this information along with activities' descriptions in SALTO Annual Report of 2008: www.salto-youth.net/download/1895

1.4 EECA Country Manuals updated

In August we hosted 2 internees at our office in Warszawa. One person, Aliaksei Shota, who comes from Grodna, Belarus, but studies in Krakow, Poland. And second, Krzysztof Duda from Katowice, Poland. Thanks to their involvement and very high motivation to support our SALTO EECA Resource Centre we managed to create several, very practical tools for YOU!

EECA Country Manuals are short information about each country of Eastern Europe and Caucasus with practical internet links for further research. This manuals can be nicely printed and delivered to your youth exchange participants or EVS volunteers.

Now all information is renewed and updated: www.salto-youth.net/eecamanual

1.5 Short reports from EECA participants from different SALTO and NA activities

SALTO EECA regularly supports National Agencies in promotion and recruitment process of participants for different educational activities. Since 2008 we managed to support recruitment of 69 youth workers from EECA region for 23 different activities.

To spread activities' effects and EECA participants learning outcomes as well as to make all this feedback accessible for wider group, we decided to publish short reports prepared by each participant after activity. Please find them on-line at SALTO EECA forum here:

www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/dload.php?action=category&id=27

1.6 SALTO EECA has a Library now!

If you would like to visit our office in Warsaw (Poland) and make use of the small library of publications that we gathered here, you are very welcome! Please, contact us few days before planned visit to arrange appointment (eeca@salto-youth.net).

Most of materials we have in our office, are related either to youth issues or to international relations of Eastern European and Caucasian countries. Browse the library here: www.salto-youth.net/download/1861/EECA_Library

1.7 Information about Youth in Action and SALTO now in Russian and Belarusian languages

Our SALTO EECA web-site presents generally opportunities for cooperation within Youth in Action Programme with Eastern Europe and Caucasus as well as information about our activities, publications, etc. Main site is run in English language.

Now main parts of our web-site were translated to Russian and Belarusian languages. Find it here: www.salto-youth.net/languages

If you are able and interested to translate this elements of our web-site to other EECA languages, please contact us (eeeca@salto-youth.net).

1.8 Statistics and research on actions 2, 3.1 and SALTO EECA

For the last 3 years, since new Youth in Action was started, SALTO EECA gathers and analyses information about the Programme implementation in Eastern Europe and Caucasus countries.

If you are interested to know how many EVS volunteers were hosted or sent from EECA region, or which Programme Countries' organisations were the most popular for action 3.1 projects with EECA partners... or many, many others... see:

www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/dload.php?action=category&id=28

Among the Youth in Action Programme statistics you might also find our internal, office evaluation of SALTO EECA activities. There you can learn what we have done in details during last years.

2. UPCOMING activities

2.1 Training course “Wind of Change - the Creativity and Innovation in Youth Projects”, Poland, 7-12 December 2009

Deadline for Participants applications: 28 October!

Aim of the training course is to contribute to development of high quality and innovative projects in Youth in Action Programme.

Objectives:

- To boost imagination of youth workers and leaders when planning and realizing project (for example theme, programme and work methods);
- To discover creative approach to youth work;
- To create an opportunity for exchanging ideas;
- To share good practices in Youth in Action Programme;
- To prepare youth workers and leaders for a change in their environment (tools, strategies, methods);

- To discover potential of participants and their creativity;
- To redefine the understanding of terms: creativity and innovation;

Organisers: Polish National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: none

Deadline: 28 October!

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1626.html

2.2 SOHO - Training Course for EVS Coordinators and Mentors, Netherlands, 24-28 February 2010

Deadline for Participants applications: 1 December!

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

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 and mentor in an EVS project.
- The intercultural dimension of an EVS project.
- Partnerships in EVS.

Organisers: SALTO Training & Cooperation and Dutch National Agency of YiA Programme

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: none

Deadline: 1 December!

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1505.html

2.3 Public consultation on mobility opportunities for young people

The European Commission has published a Green Paper on "Promoting the learning mobility of young people" with the aim of opening up a debate on how best to boost the opportunities for young people in Europe to develop their knowledge and skills by going abroad. With this Green Paper the Commission launched a public consultation which will be open until 15 December 2009. Responses will be gathered via an online questionnaire and by written submissions.

Please share your opinion on the Paper and situation on mobility in your region:

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/consult/mobility_en.html

3. Info desk

3.1 EVS volunteers invited to Moldova

The Centre for European Voluntary Service in Moldova offers information and support to young people and organizations interested in European volunteerism. If you are a young European or Moldovan interested in performing a European Voluntary Service (EVS).

The Centre for European Voluntary Service in Moldova hereby launches a call to all young people, regardless of gender, religion, social or educational background, to participate in a nine months active non formal educational and reach intercultural learning experience in Moldova.

If spending an exciting experience together with young people from Moldova and other volunteers from all over Europe, learning about different cultures, developing new skills and improving yours, appeals to you, then read thoroughly the information at SALTO EECA Forum and get hold of a sending organization from your country to contact us as soon as possible.

Best wishes,

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More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto.org.pl/forum/viewtopic.php?t=280

3.2 Detailed information about Youth in Action in Russian language

Estonian National Agency of Youth in Action Programme is providing information about the Programme in Russian language. You can find a lot of practical information and hints for organising projects at the NA web-site: <http://euroopa.noored.ee/ru> (please note that this information is provided within context of Russian speaking Estonian organisations)

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.

You can find this SALTO EECA Newsletter as well as previous issues in PDF version in here: www.salto-youth.net/eecapublications

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Please, forward this NEWSLETTER to anyone who might be interested!

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