

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 2/2010

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 2nd/2010 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 Study Visit "Youth work reality in Southern Ukraine", 10-15 April

Ukraine was the first country visited by SALTO EECA in 2004. Since that time the number of international youth activities increased significantly. It's one of the most active country within the Youth in Action Programme in the region of Eastern Europe and Caucasus. Beside that, there are regions which are still not active in the field of international youth cooperation. Therefore SALTO EECA organised in April 2010 a Study Visit exploring a youth work reality in Southern Ukraine!

Twenty-one participants from 11 countries of EU and Turkey as well as 2 officers from Polish and Turkish National Agencies of the "Youth in Action" Programme have taken part in the study visit.

Participants had a chance:

- to learn about youth regional policies in Odessa, Mykolaiv and Kherson cities;
- to share experiences and practices in youth work;
- to foster mutual knowledge and understanding with local NGOs
- to promote sustainable contacts between the youth NGOs aiming at future development of projects within the Youth in Action Programme

1.2 "Eastern Express" Training course, Russia, 4-10 May

"Eastern Express" Training course is organised annually by SALTO EECA and its partners to rise quality of Youth Exchanges within action 3.1 of Youth in Action Programme, especially in cooperation between Programme and Eastern Europe and Caucasus regions.

In May 2010 twenty seven participants (12 from EECA and 15 from Programme countries) took part in the following "Eastern Express" in Kaliningrad region of Russia. As every year we are trying to focus the training at different priority or aspect of youth work, this time we had decided to spotlight the topic of active participation of young people.

This year the training was co-organised with the Polish and Lithuanian National Agencies. There are already plans for 2011 – to make the following "Eastern Express" with Hungarian and Slovak NAs... so stay tuned!

1.3 EECA participants at other events organised by National Agencies network

Every year SALTO EECA is asked to promote and recruit participants from Eastern Europe and Caucasus region for activities organised by the National Agencies network. We are very glad of this cooperation, as the number is growing constantly and last year we were able to support 40 youth workers through this scheme.

In 2010 we were already able to support 19 youth workers from EECA region for:

- "To pass... or to YOUTHPASS" training course, thanks to Italian NA
- "SOHO" – 2 trainings for EVS coordinators, thanks to Dutch and Turkish NAs
- "European Citizenship Training" 2 courses, thanks to Czech, French and UK NAs
- "Tic-Tac" training thanks to French NA

2. UPCOMING activities in 2010

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2.1 Call for participants: 2 activities of the “SOHO - Training Course for EVS Coordinators and mentors”.

Spain, 29 September – 3 October deadline for participants applications: 20 June!
Portugal, 9-14 October deadline for participants applications: 1 July!

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

This 2 separate trainings 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 mentor and coordinator in an EVS project.
- The intercultural dimension of an EVS project.
- Partnerships in EVS.

The methodology used in this training is based on experiential learning and learning-by-doing. Work methods are dynamic, and the participants will be participating actively.

Organiser: SALTO TC and Spanish as well as Portuguese National Agency of the YiA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: visa related cost as well as local transportation cost (flight cost as well as board&lodging will be covered by hosting NA)

Deadlines: **20 June and 1 July 2010**

More details and Application form:

- Spanish SOHO: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1757.html
- Portuguese SOHO: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1758.html

2.2 Call for participants: “Let’s train with our Neighbours – Peace Education” training course, Georgia, 3-10 October

Deadline for Participants applications: 15 July!

Despite hundreds of theories what peace actually is, we would like to aim this long term training course at very practical development of **competences that youth workers need for peace building**.

"Let's Train with our neighbours" belongs to the long term cooperation between the Regional SALTO Resource Centres fostered by the European Commission together with French, Slovenian and Polish National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme.

The set of 3 trainings in 2010 is a new step into the cooperation. In fact, this year, each Regional SALTO in cooperation with a thematic SALTO will develop a specific topic relevant

for the Region. This will be unique 3 parallel training courses involving participants from all Neighbouring Regions (4 youth workers from each region for each of the 3 trainings):

- SALTOs EuroMed and Participation (with French NA) will focus at *Civil Society, Participation and Democracy*
- SALTOs South East Europe and Training & Cooperation (with Slovenian and Turkish NAs) will focus at *Recognition of non-formal learning*
- and finally SALTOs Eastern Europe and Caucasus with SALTO Cultural Diversity (with Polish NA) will focus on **Peace Education**.

If you are interested in the “Let’s train with our Neighbours – Peace Education ” training co-organised this year by our Resource Centre, please follow the information below:

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: visa related cost as well as local transportation cost (flight cost as well as board&lodging will be covered by the organisers)

Deadline: **15 July!**

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

2.3 Call for participants: “European Citizenship” Training course, Norway, 10-17 October

Deadline for Participants applications: 20 June!

The training course on European Citizenship aims to support the professional development of youth workers and youth leaders by extending their critical understanding of European Citizenship, exploring and experiencing its potential and by enabling them to recognise and integrate European Citizenship in their youth work.

Further information on the content of the European Citizenship training courses can be found on the European Citizenship website at www.european-citizenship.org/courses

Organisers: SALTO T&C with Norwegian National Agency of the YiA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: visa related cost as well as local transportation cost (flight cost will be covered by SALTO EECA and board&lodging by hosting NA)

Deadline: **20 June!**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1790.html

2.4 Call for participants: “EastWestEVS” Training course, Turkey, 19-25 October

Deadline for Participants applications: 1 July!

Training Course "EastWestEVS" is an annual activity for youth workers and organisations interested in European Voluntary Service (EVS) projects within Youth in Action programme, with special focus at cooperation between Programme countries and Eastern European and Caucasian states..

This year "EastWestEVS" aims at developing competences of EVS projects coordinators and mentors in cooperation between Programme Countries and EECA region with special

attention to involvement of non-EU Programme Countries (Turkey, Norway, Lichtenstein, Iceland, and hopefully soon Switzerland, Croatia and Macedonia) with special highlight on group EVS activities and sustainable partnership development.

Organisers: SALTO EECA with Turkish National Agency of the YiA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: visa related cost as well as local transportation cost (flight cost and board&lodging will be covered by the organisers)

Deadline: **1 July!**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/EastWestEVS2010

2.5 Call for participants: "ToolFair 5" good practice event, Italy, 16-21 November

Deadline for Participants applications: 1 June!

A tool is only as good as the skills of the craftsman/woman using it!

In the Tool Fair V participants will shape their own educational and experiential pathway, running and or being participant of the different tools proposed by colleagues, contributing to its further development through feedback and reflecting on their transferability. So that at the end they will be inspired, challenged and ready to apply back home the learning outcomes of the Tool Fair.

This year, the Tool Fair is at its 5th edition. Gathering the experiences of the previous editions hosted in France, Turkey, Spain and Portugal, the Tool Fair 5 in Italy has the aim to reinforce and to improve its effects on tools and participants. Tool Fair is becoming a crucial element of a long term strategy on tools development for non formal learning.

Organisers: SALTO EuroMed with Italian National Agency of the YiA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: visa related cost as well as local transportation cost (flight cost will be covered by the SALTO EECA and board&lodging by the hosting NA)

Deadline: **1 June!**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/toolfair2010

3. Info desk

3.1 SALTO Network 10th anniversary – get your piece of the Birthday Cake!

SALTO is celebrating its 10th Anniversary in 2010 and you are invited! Participate in any of our 2010 events and get a piece of SALTO birthday cake. Yummy Yummy! We'll post the different birthday pictures on our web-pages. Looking forward to share some cake with you!

Instruction how to prepare a good SALTO birthday cake and what to do next:

www.salto-youth.net/10

3.2 Outcomes of international seminar on youth policy and participation, Donetsk, Ukraine, 10-16 March

How to involve young people to the process of the youth policy development?

This was the central question for the participants of the international seminar "Participation of young people in the process of youth policy development". The seminar took place in Donetsk, Ukraine on March 10-16 and was organized by the members of the Working Group on youth policy of the Network of Multipliers of European Community Youth in Action Programme in Eastern Europe and Caucasus region.

During six days young people representatives of youth NGOs from 12 European countries were analyzing the problems of young people, defining spheres of life which should be reflected in the youth policy and comparing youth policies in different countries and to what extent they meet the criteria set by Agenda 2020 on perspectives of the youth policy development of Council of Europe and Revised charter on youth participation on local and regional level.

Learn more and see the presentation of the seminar's outcomes at SALTO EECA forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=296

And contact one of the organisers: Andriy Donets, andryushkad@yahoo.com

3.3 Call for participants: "Cultural Everest" training course, Czech Republic, 5-10 October

Main aim of the "Cultural Everest" is to help youth workers, youth leaders and beneficiaries to be capable of preparing, realizing, and evaluating projects focused on all topics related to the interculturality within the Youth in Action programme. We would like to raise their awareness on cultural diversity. Participants of the TC should be much closer to the knowledge of their own attitude towards interculturality and its potential in any project of Youth in Action.

The aim is to help the participants to find answers on following questions:

- What is the intercultural learning in the project?
- Basic terminology and how to formulate the intercultural dimension of the project in the application form?
- What is not intercultural learning and how to avoid creating more stereotypes and prejudices?
- How and what can we learn from multiculturalism in the project? How to work with my own identity in the project?
- How to organize the project in order to gain as much as possible from the meeting of people from different cultures?

Organisers: Czech National Agency of the YiA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: none

Deadline: **7 June!**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1808.html

3.4 Group from Greece looks for partners in EECA region

We are a Cultural, non-profit Association, mostly consisting of young people aged between 13 and 30 years old and organizing cultural events, in the area of youth. Our youngsters deal with the culture, the history and the traditional dances of our country. About 200 young people are taught Greek traditional and folk dances and participate in cultural events every year.

We would like to participate in Action 3 - Youth in the World of the Youth in Action Programme. Specifically, we are interested in taking part in cooperation with the Eastern Europe and Caucasus region.

Learn more at SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=294
And contact the organisation directly: Nick Kotsokolos, n_kotsokolos@yahoo.gr

3.5 Summer workcamps in Belarus

Dear friends,

This is your opportunity to spend time in Belarus and get involved into the best volunteer Workcamps! Don't miss them!

Name: Radzivilly's Heritage

Date: 9-23 July

Venue: Nesvizh Town, Minsk Region

Profile of the works: reconstruction and reparation of the oldest and most beautiful estate of the time 17-18 Centuries.

Deadline for the inquiries: June 1, 2010

Cost: 30 euro

Information from the SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=295
Contact e-mail: Olga Khabibulina, olga.khabibulina@gmail.com

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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