

STUDY VISIT « YOUTH WORK IN MOLDOVA »

October 20-25, 2005, Chisinau

Report

The Short Study Visit on "Youth Work in Moldova" was the third event from the series of the presentation of the youth work in Eastern Europe and Caucasus countries.

Aims:

This SSV was focused especially on aspects of the non-formal education development and wanted to encourage potential partners to set up projects and future cooperation. During the Short Study Visit, participants visited youth organizations with different background and from different regions and had meetings with local authorities responsible for youth matters.

Date and Venue:

The Short Study Visit "Youth Work in Moldova" took place from 20–25 October, 2005 in all regions of the country (north – Soroca, center – Chisinau, south – Comrat and Ciadir – Lunga and in Transnistria - Tiraspol).

Objectives:

- To get to know with wide range of Moldavian organizations working with young people on different levels
- To build new partnerships between Programme countries and Moldavian partners
- To get to know organizations from different part of Europe
- To introduce working methods of organizations with different background
- To create atmosphere of common understanding between people representing different cultures, working styles, etc.
- To present profiles and experience of participating organizations
- To promote Moldova among partners from Programme countries
- To present cultural diversity of the region

Participants:

There was a place for 17 youth workers from YOUTH Programme countries and 2 National Agencies' officers.

(Annex 1 – List of participants)

Applicants fulfilled following criteria:

- Were representative of the youth organization or organization working with young people who were able and authorized on behalf of its organization to create future projects ideas
- Had basic knowledge about YOUTH Programmed on decentralized level (experience in projects with Partner countries is very welcome)
- Was preferable having experience from minimum 1 multilateral YOUTH project (other non-formal education experience was an additional advantage)
- Were prepared to participate in follow-up or evaluation activities organized by the National Agency or SALTO-YOUTH network

- Were prepared to actively attend and contribute during the full duration of the SSV.

Working language of the Study Visit was English.

Programed elements:

- Presentation of participants and organizations
- Presentation of the YOUTH Programed with special focus on "Third countries co-operation"
- Visits to different youth organization in different part of Moldova including Transnistria and Gagauzia
- Presentation of the youth work reality in Moldova
- Project Market - time for planning common future projects

(Annex 2 – Working Programed)

October 20

Short Study Visit “Youth work in Moldova” started with a short presentation of the Programed, getting to know each other and some ice-breaking activities in the Hotel “National”. *Mr. Tomasz Bratek and Mr. Andrij Pavlovych, SALTO-YOUTH EECA RC*, introduced goals of the Programed and pointed out main issues to be discussed.

October 21, 2005

Presentation of Youth Policy in Moldova: History, Reality and Perspectives

Mss. Liliana Palihovici, Head of the Youth Program Division, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport.

PREZENTATION

Visit to National Youth Resource Center

- a service open for all categories of adolescents, young people and professionals working with youth;
- has the mission to provide information, non-formal education services and free time opportunities. Contribute to social integration of young people and to life skills development.

Main characteristics:

- respects the rights of young people and meets their needs and interests;
- the qualified staff provides friendly and qualitative services;
- is linked to other specialized services from the community/regions when young people’s needs differ from their capacities, fields of activity;
- collaborate with social services for supporting vulnerable young people and young people at risk;
- promotes equal opportunities for all regardless cultural background, race, spoken language, sex, age, religion etc.
- promotes integrate activities and services, accessible and addressed to all young people.

Principles of activity:

- accessibility
- nondiscrimination
- confidentiality
- respect for the dignity of each young people
- communication
- participation

Target group:

- young people aged 15-25, and especially:
- young people with limited opportunities;
- young people at risk;
- associated young people
- professionals working with youth
- parents and young couples.

Fields of intervention:

- information
- counseling
- training activities
- youth participation
- free time activities

National Youth Resource Centers was created in April 2004, and has the aim to:

- facilitate the communication and sharing of experiences between its members;
- capacity building of the NNYRC;
- common planning, implementation and evaluation of projects;
- training needs identification.

The main **objectives** of the National Network Resource Centers are:

- contributing to the development of youth policies;
- promoting the partnership between governmental and non-governmental sectors;
- facilitating the process of sharing of experience and good practices in youth work
- building the capacities of professionals working with youth in order to ensure an efficient involvement of young people in the social life;
- building partnership with similar structure from abroad.

Visit to Youth Media Center

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The Youth Media Center is a friendly space opened to all children and young people from the country. It offers opportunities and tools for freedom of expression, realizing own ideas and active participation in social life.

YMC was established in April, 2003 with the support of UNICEF Moldova and Children Rights Protection of Mayor's Office in the Municipality Chisinau.

The Youth Media Center laid a special focus on youth involvement in community and national media, these being considered as real rostrums for expressing their ideas, opinions, in presenting and analyzing the problems they face, in searching constructive and sustainable solution. The Youth Media Center ensured functioning of a network of all school newspapers and radio stations from all around Moldova.

Throughout newspapers, radio broadcasts and videos, teenagers motivated their peers to get involved and to participate in the life of their community. In this way the youngsters promoted successful models of children's and teenagers' participation from the whole country, and they were influencing the behavior of their peers by promoting a responsible attitude towards their own health and development.

The young journalists involved in the activities in the Media Center became resource persons in mass-media in their communities. They have created school newspapers and have improved the quality of mass-media at community level.

Activities:

- **Radio Studio "Voice of Youth"**. Young journalists had the opportunity to prepare and edit their own radio programs in the framework of the Radio Studio "Young Voice". After being

produced the programs and broadcasted on “Antena C” radio station with a national coverage. Youth broadcasts promoted positive image of the youth in the society and presented youth opinions about specific problems they have to face at local level, and also those that are common for children and young people from whole country;

- **Network of School Mass Media.** The Youth Media Center is facilitating the communication in network for young journalists from newspapers and school radio stations.

- **Training media courses.** YMC provides opportunities for young journalists to build their capacities in elaborating, editing and broadcasting, interviewing, writing reports, designing of school newspapers, digital photo, PSAs, also provide professional journalists with information about working with young people, how to involve them in media activities, how to encourage them to express themselves and use media for that, how to empower young people to present directly to the public topics of their interest.

The Young Media Center goals are:

- to promote free access for young people to useful information according to their age, so that they can be ready to act responsibly in front of life’s obstacles, as involved and active citizens.
- spreading information so that the audience becomes aware of the problems youth deals with and to serve in promoting a positive image in society.
- creating a safe and friendly space for youth, where they would be given the opportunity to spend well their free time.

Meeting with members of National Youth Council in Moldova (CNTM) in the hall of hotel “National”

This meeting started with Mr. Tomasz Bratek: presentation of the SALTO-YOUTH EECA RC and YOUTH Programed with a special focus on conditions and rules for participation of partner countries from Eastern Europe and Caucasus Region and application procedure.

After was the presentation of **National Youth Council in Moldova (CNTM)** by Igor Casapu.

Mission

CNTM promotes the interests of the young people from Moldova, develops youth associative structures through the implementation of program activities, training, information, lobby and consulting services.

Vision

CNTM is the organization that brings together the interests of the young people from Moldova and serves as the unique national platform of the youth associative sector.

Values

We believe that:

- Young people of Moldova are active citizens, participate in the local, national and international decision making processes and contribute to the development of the country;
- Young people of Moldova know their rights and fight for their recognition by being active in youth organizations;
- Young people of Moldova benefit of services and information that contribute to their multilateral development.

The Youth NGO that was present at the meeting

ORDSE - Organization for Reform and Developing of Educational System

Target group – youth from rural area and orphanages

Activities: more than 3000 children get a help from them, they have projects for reconstruction of orphanages. The organization would like to host some volunteers and to have youth exchanges.

Young journalism Center

Target group – youth 15-22 years old

Main aims: to promote youth press by training and informational support young journalists.

Weekly have a newsletter with information about youth.

Are interested in collaboration with others organization and youth projects for young journalists.

Invisible College

Target group – students from faculty of Political science

Main aims: to inform students about political leaders, organize meeting with them. Also support activities with others NGO.

Foundation “Integrity”

Main aims of organization: to promote active citizenship and democracy. Supporting European integration. Are eager to collaborate with European Union and candidate countries.

Recent project “Center of Japanese culture”

CNG -Moldova, Challenge for a New Generation

Main aims: to promote non-formal education and intercultural exchanges. Organize English summer camps for disadvantaged young people and camp for youth with different problems.

Association ACORD

Target group: students 18-25 years old.
Help students from agricultural University to go to study in Great Britain.

Institute of Study in Development "Millenium"

Target group: young people 18-26 years old
Main aims: to involve young people in making decision process; to help them to find a job at a local level. Encourage Local Youth Councils in elaboration Youth Strategy. Open for collaborations.

22 November, 2005

Visit to regional Resource Center from Soroca

Regional Resource Center from Soroca will be opened on 10 November 2005

The idea to create this center in Soroca was developed by NGO "Dacia" after the suggestion of two volunteers from Peace Corp in order to fill the lack that is concerning youth activities in the locality. It is financed by UNICEF, FISM and support from Local Administration.

The Center is focused on 2 main projects:

- Informational program – that includes a computer room with access to internet and web portal; informational sources: newspapers, radio, TV for developing future projects.
- Youth participation – to create during 6 months 16 Youth Local Councils. Trainings with youth workers.
- Healthy life and volunteering – promoting young people in finding a job through the contracts with economic agents.
- house for young people from orphanages, to involve them in the society: to get a job and their home.
- The Center is focused on work with young people but do not exclude the work with youth workers. They use all the mean of mass-media: tv, radio, newspapers, web to attract youth.

The Organizations that was present at the meeting

Public Organization for children and youth "Mostenitorii" from Balti

Consist of the contribution to social youth integrity from different social categories in the Republic of Moldova through information, consultation and education.

Aims and objectives:

- the disclosure and the development of the creative potential of children and youth;
- the promotion of the democratic values, protection of human rights through different projects and programs;
- the creation of conditions in order to improve the situation of the youth in society;

- the establishment and development of the collaboration with youth from the republic and from foreign countries, in order to elaborate and to promote a concept of an youth exchange;

- the study and the valuation of the historic-cultural patrimony of Moldova;
- the assistance of young people from socially vulnerable families;
- the contribution of reestablishment of natural balance;
- the formation of ecological vision and consciousness of young people;
- the education for healthy life among young people;
- the development of the non-governmental sector in the region.

The organization is founder member of the National Council of Youth and of the Independent Press Association from Moldova. Other branches of the organization include Drochia and Riscani.

Community Organization “Demos” from Edinet

Organizational mission: to create opportunities for informing, education and developing life skills in youth and promoting their participation in community life.

Objectives:

- cultivating moral and ethical values in human society;
- granting friendly youth services;
- creating conditions for developing the creative and intellectual potential of children and youth promoting gifted youth;
- creating a center, clubs of social roles, culture, etc.
- making other aware of and spreading a healthy way of life;
- forming life skills;
- informing, documenting, researching and consulting in domains that hold the interest of youth;
- professional orientation and education training in line with youth;
- favoring social integration of youth from minority groups and protecting their rights;
- providing informational, legal, social and psychological assistance to marginalized youth and victims of family violence;
- eradicating human trafficking.

Resource Center from Balti

Target group: young people 12-25 years old;

Main activities are based on informational support, training on NGO management.

They had participated in youth exchange in 1999 in Sicilia, have a volunteer from France by his own initiative.

NGO “Credis ” are focused in promotion of new generation, promoting human rights and society developing.

23 October, 2005

Visit to Partnership Council in Comrat

The meeting with different NGO from Comrat, in the building of Mayor of Comrat, was started by Mr.Nikolai Dudoglo, Mayor of Comrat who welcomed all the participants of the SV for coming and told briefly about the situation of young people and Youth organization in the city and the region. After that Mr. Tomasz Bratek made a short presentation of youth

Program and SV and all the participants made a short presentation about their organization and activities.

Partnership Council in Comrat

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Goals:

- participation in development of the regional and urban programs of the social and economic development of the region;
- development of the mechanisms of the cooperation of public organizations with the organs of the local self-guidance;
- rendering to consultative aid to the public organizations of region on questions of the publicly political and economic life of the region.

Regional Youth Center of Gagauzia

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Goals:

- informational consultation services;
- educative programs;
- the propaganda of healthy means of the life;
- psychological rehabilitation and the support;
- preparation and the publication of pamphlets, booklets and news bulletin, creation WEB-pages.

Public Movement of women of large families entrepreneurs in Gagauzia

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Goals:

- improvement of women's status in the public, economic and cultural fields of social life;
- providing assistance to families with many children, to needy people;
- contributing to democratic changes in the region of Gagauzia through social orientation of young people.

Center for social&cultural development and cooperation

Main activities are oriented to the projects concerning human rights and education of young generation, also have projects on national level. Have experience in training on international level.

Independent Center of journalism from Moldova

Support the journalists rights and give consultation concerning the law.

The Youth Center “Pelegrim-Demo”

Target group: youth 18-30.

Support active participation of youth in citizenship and democracy using different methods.

Women Association of Gagauzia

Target group: 16-24 years old

have activities concerning information of population for prevention trafficking, juridical consultation and economic development. Their main project is “School of Leaders” .

The communists union of youth

Target group: 14-25 years old

Inform young people about all the political activities and prepare young leaders.

House of Schoolchildren

give different activities for young people for their extracurricular time. Different direction of activities as sport, drawing and participate in different local and national competitions.

The Youth Center “Adept”

Main fields of activity:

- professional orientation;
- education of youth;
- creativity.

visit to student-council of high school in Ciadir Lunga

The Lyceum Parliament was founded in 1995. Since that is selected every two years. Elections are held in a democratically way. At first it seemed like a game but today it appeared to be a real democratically procedure. Representatives of the Parental Committee and local administration are present at the elections. Volunteers make their own programs and present them in front of the students of our lyceum. After this the members of the Parliament elect their own President and the head of the Chambers.

The Lyceum Parliament consists of four Chambers: the Culture Chamber, Science Chamber, Education and Sport Chamber and the Chamber of Legislation. Also there is a Press Center which is subordinated to the Parliament.

A continuous process of teaching students from the gymnasiums stage helps in future to have better candidates for the future lyceum Parliament body.

After the presentation the students had free time for discussion and change their opinions.

visit the Mayor of Ciadir-Lunga

The meeting started with welcoming of the Mayor of Ciadir Lunga and the presentation of situation of youth in the city with some statistics and projects. They are open to any cooperation concerning youth and youth NGO for future developing of the city. There also was presented some youth organization which had the opportunity to present their organization and to find out about the other's.

24 October, 2005

Meeting with Transnistrian Youth NGOs

This meeting was started by the representative from the Ministry of Education of Transnistria who had told about the educational system. In Transnistrian Republic there are 3 official language: Russian, Ukranian, Moldavian. The Ministry realize its own youth policy and is based on its own local and regional Divisions. They do not support the NGO but on the territory of Transnistria are registered 60 NGO. Also the authorities are very proud that could keep the educational system from the Soviet Union.

Mr. Andrij Pavlovich : presentation of the SALTO-YOUTH EECA RC and YOUTH programme with a special focus on conditions and rules for participation of partner countries from Eastern Europe and Caucasus Region and application procedure.

Organisation "Proriv"

A group of young people of 17-23 years old. This organization support the independence of Transnistrian Republic and have different specific methods to express their opinion and to provide the democracy. They are very important in Transnistria and have offices in Tiraspol, Bender, Grigoriopol, Ribnita and other regions. Have strong relations with Russia and practiced youth exchanges in Russia and Ukraine but would to have also in Europe.

Russian-Moldavian theater "Santos" from Caragas

Have 14 active members and work in direction for developing new generation using different activities. And the main activity are the performances in villages and cities, charity events for youth, children and disable people. Also they have an informational project in collaboration with "School of Leaders" from Poland.

NGO "Ecumena" from Bender

This is an ecological club with activities are based on ecological education and cultural ecology use different activities, training, camps and informational brochure for education young people.

NGO "Stels Tera"

Work on creating youth Councils. Their main aim is to find active young people who will work in the future for developing their localities, to help youth to create the councils and a local or regional network.

Are very open for cooperation.

NGO "Stanovlenie"

Target group: young people 12-25.
Are organizing trainings and seminars concerning youth and children's rights.

NGO "Choose of youth" from Bender

Drug abuse is a big problem for this region and especially for orphan young people, that's why they are working in organizing seminars and spreading information for prevention of drug abuse.