

# **Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 2/2011**

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**Dear Readers,**

**Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup>/2011 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.**

*Your SALTO EECA RC Team*

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## **1. OUTLOOK on previous activities co-organised by SALTO EECA**

### **1.1 TC “Diversity is More”, Guimaraes, Portugal, 20-25 February 2011**

"Diversity is more" was organised by the Portuguese National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme in cooperation with the SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre. The Training Course created opportunities to reflect and to build different perspectives on the migration processes, towards a better understanding and tolerance among the different stakeholders. It was an opportunity to feel empowered and inspired to develop a new strategy.

For 4 days, 22 participants (including 6 participants from EECA region) could:

- learn about Youth in Action Programme, especially about cooperation between non-EU Programme and EECA countries;
- explore impact of migration flows in Europe;
- build bridges between last experiences and present challenges of migrant communities;
- find partners and create quality, sustainable partnerships;
- plan future projects.

## **2. UPCOMING activities in 2011**

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### **2.1 Annual Meeting of SALTO EECA Multipliers in Tbilisi, 24-27 March 2011**

During this meeting, the representatives of national and international working groups multipliers together with the SALTO EECA Team will have an opportunity to evaluate multipliers activities done in 2010 and to discuss on future multiplying activities for 2011. Meeting of Multipliers will be also a good occasion to talk about strategy of cooperation within national groups of multipliers as well as within international working groups of multipliers. At the moment there are three working groups on Youth Policy, Non-Formal Learning Tools and Information.

The overall aim of the Annual Meeting of Multipliers is also to discuss on the new Programme Guide of the Youth in Action Programme and strategic planning of the common priorities and key points of the future actions of multipliers.

### **2.2 European Citizenship Training, France, 6-12 June 2011**

**Deadline for applications: 25<sup>th</sup> March**

This training course was developed to encourage the development of a critical, democratic and European Citizenship and in doing so, to support the implementation and quality of the «Youth in Action» Programme.

The main aim of this training course is 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.

Organisers: The network of National Agencies for "Youth in Action"

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: none

Deadline: **25<sup>th</sup> March!**

More details and Application form: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/training/find-a-training/1793.html>

### **2.3 "Eastern Express" Training Course, Budapest, Hungary, 15-22 May 2011**

**Deadline for applications: 1<sup>st</sup> April**

"Eastern Express" TC 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.

#### **Programme elements:**

- Youth in Action Programme presentation with special focus on cooperation with EECA countries within Action 3.1 projects;
- How to find partners?
- How to organize successful Youth Exchange project with Programme and Neighbouring Partner Countries of Eastern Europe and Caucasus?

Organisers: SALTO EECA, Hungarian and Slovak NA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: none

Deadline: **1<sup>st</sup> April!**

More details and Application form: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/training/find-a-training/2002.html>

### **2.4. East West Included, 6-11 June, Moldova**

**Deadline for applications: 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

The main aim is to motivate and bring in contact project organisers from Programme Countries and EECA countries for organising EVS projects in rural areas within the Youth in Action Programme. The course targets project organisers from Programme Countries and EECA countries.

- The participants should be from an EVS accredited organisation (coordinating, sending, hosting or both) or should already have some experience in EVS
- Have experience in rural youth work
- Have experience in developing projects under the Youth in Action programme.
- Be interested in developing EVS projects in rural areas.

Organisers: Austrian National Agency, with the support of the Danish NA, SALTO EECA & SALTO Inclusion

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's fee: none

Deadline: **3<sup>rd</sup> April!**

More details and Application form are available at: <http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/eeca/activitieseeeca/eastwestincl2011/>

### **3. Info desk**

#### **3.1 SALTO EECA announces a photo contest for EVS volunteers and for EVS coordinators!**

Have you ever took a part in an EVS volunteering project by yourself? Did you host EVS volunteer? Please share your story with us — and tell us what you have done and learned from this stunning and outstanding experience!

SALTO EECA in cooperation with the Polish Embassy in Madrid and the Spanish National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme Spain organise a contest of the best photos presenting EVS activity in Eastern Europe and Caucasus!

Please send the best photos of your EVS activity till 30<sup>th</sup> of April to the e-mail address: [evsineeca@gmail.com](mailto:evsineeca@gmail.com)

The best photos and EVS stories will be selected by the joint jury and the winners will be invited to take part in EU's "Youth Event" during Polish Presidency in Warsaw, Poland or in youth activity in Spain, where the photo exhibition of EVS activities in EECA will be presented! Your photo could be there as well!

The photo exhibition about EVS activities in EECA will be inaugurated during the "Youth Event" in Warsaw on 4-7 September 2011. It will be presented also during the international forum "Eastern dimension of volunteering" which will take place in Warsaw on 5-7 December 2011

More info will is available at: <http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/eeca/activitieseeeca/evscontest/>

### 3.2 Survey about SALTO EECA activities between 2004-2009

Last summer we have run survey about SALTO EECA activities between 2004-2009. Our interneer – Emilia Borkowska – managed to finalise the report already in August, but unfortunately it was never disseminated.

Our Resource Centre was extremely busy recently with EVS accreditations of EECA EVS organisations, but now our work becomes more regular and we can finalise such not-finalised initiatives. The file is available, among other SALTO EECA surveys, on our web-site (right column): [www.salto-youth.net/rc/eeca/about](http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/eeca/about). If you have any questions or remarks to the survey, please come back to us!

### 3.3 "FreeSbee – be free from Stereotypes!" Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, 23-29 May, 2011

"SFERA" movement is happy to invite you to participate in Training Course "FreeSbee – be free from Stereotypes!" which will take place in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia from 23<sup>d</sup> till 29<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011 with the support of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

Training Course aims to give the young people a possibility to confront inherited prejudices and stereotypes with reality and change negative images through direct contact, cultural and national aspect in order to be successful leaders of international multicultural groups.

The TC is scheduled for May 23-29, 2011 and will be hosted in Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia. Financial support is provided by the European Youth Foundation. All costs will be covered except for 25% of the international travel costs and a participation fee of EUR 60. The TC will be held in English.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Roxana Shabanova ([sfera@dobrovolets.ru](mailto:sfera@dobrovolets.ru)) tel. +7 831 430-47-40/03, fax: +7 831 430-49-13, website: [www.dobrovolets.ru](http://www.dobrovolets.ru)

### 3.4 GapGenc Festival, Gaiantep, 06-09 May 2011

We would like to invite you all to GapGenc Festival to be held in Gaiantep in 06-09 May 2011. Travel cost is reimbursed and you need to apply online for that via the pdf file attached by the mail. (National Agency Call)

Main activity of the festival will be European Voluntarism Congress. You can attend the conventions and workshops linked with the subject.

Also, you can apply online to have Information Desk within the organisation fair to enlarge your network or to organise any workshop related with the theme of the festival "Youth Participation and Volunteering".

[www.gapgenc.org](http://www.gapgenc.org).

<http://www.youtube.com/gapgencfestival>

## 4. INFORMATION on SALTO EECA RC

**SALTO Resource Centre for Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EECA)** was established in Poland on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 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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