



Annex 3

The full Bridges report

Bridges for Recognition
Participants List

Leuven, 19-23 January 2005



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Annex to the Bridges for Recognition Report
www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/BridgesForRecognition/

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Many of our members provide volunteering opportunities and a context for non-formal education, and are striving for a better recognition of the value of youth work and NFL.

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We think that recognition and evaluation of NF and IF learning are very important issues since they are related to employability and to LLL.



Solco has been coordinating projects like EGEIS and organised events to disseminate information on recognition of learning acquired outside traditional educational structure.

We are interested in participating in further activities in this field like research, sharing best practices, developing new tools/methods... even though we know there are a lot of issues that we have to take into consideration when we talk about “how to recognize with the same methodologies in Europe”. It is a big, important challenge that European countries have to face!

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Department of Culture and Environment Affairs in Trondheim has overriding responsibility for Cultural and recreational affairs. Trondheim has had a comprehensive policy on youth active citizenship. The focus has been on facilitating and supporting youth project initiated, organised and run by young people. The project Youth Work in Progress is based on training a program for youth workers running in Trondheim the last three years.

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IFHOHYP is the only international non-governmental federation (dedicated to the needs) of hard of hearing youth, European Human Bridges is the (integrated) network for disabled and non-disabled; both are aimed at developing disability awareness and skills needed for inclusion, through non-formal educational activities.

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This association is pretty recent. Its expertise is in diagnostic and support of youth work activities.

The experience of the different partners :

- informatics (to develop on-line evaluation process)
- consulting on intercultural management(www.icmassociates.com)
- youth-work (with a focus on young people with less opportunities)
- international institutions and European Educational Programmes.
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The Higher Council for Youth is the governmental organisation which is taking care of more than 1 million young people aged between 13-22 years old. The Higher Council recognized that young people have mean role in developing the society by being active, so the council organises different non formal activities for them such as summer camps, workshops and training courses.

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Since 2001 the Association of youth non-formal education in Lithuania works in stimulating the recognition of skills and learning by young people through participation in youth work activities; enhancing the social recognition of youth work in society; raising the visibility of youth work and its recognition within and outside the youth sector.

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In addition to grantmaking to proven youth programs, NJF works to influence policies beneficial to children, advocates on their behalf (getting more recognition for the work of youth related NGOs in the Netherlands), and promotes the interests of children and young people through the dissemination of vital information. The active participation of youth is central to NJF's activities.

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The Council of Europe aims to encourage young people to play an active role in strengthening civil society in Europe and upholding the values of human rights, cultural diversity and social cohesion, and to promote and develop youth policies, with special emphasis on youth participation. The Directorate of Youth and Sport brings together young people, youth associations and networks, government agencies and experts in an ongoing consultation on policy objectives and practice in the youth field. It encourages the development of youth associations, networks and initiatives, and stimulates international co-operation in this field.

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MOBILITÁS is a national youth service institution in Hungary, a governmental structure supervised by the Ministry of Youth, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. It provides grants as well as information, publications, counselling, training and research for children and youth NGOs, informal youth groups, youth workers, institutions working with/for children and youth, municipalities and political youth organisations in Hungary.

Mobilitás has a Regional Youth Service in each of the seven statistical regions of Hungary. As part of its Directorate of Training and Research it also operates the Hungarian National Agency for the YOUTH Programme.

One of its focuses is to promote non-formal learning of young people in an outside-school context. For this end it also co-operates – among others - with Hungarian, foreign and international institutions within the field of non-formal education.

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Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare / NIZW

The Netherlands Institute for Care and Welfare / NIZW is an independent organization dedicated to quality and innovation of the care and welfare sector. This sector employs over 750,000 professionals and many volunteers in areas such as child care, social services, youth care, informal care.

NIZW informs, innovates and supports the sector and thus contributes to a caring society, in which citizens' personal responsibility and freedom of choice come first.

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MJA - Social Youth Action ngo

MJA, acronym for Maatschappelijke Jongeren Actie (Social Youth Action) is a youth movement of a National Health Service.

MJA mainly organises socio-cultural trainings (non-formal education), youth-exchanges, health-campaigns, humanitarian projects and holidays. We have over 200 volunteers who are trained in the youth-NFE-contexts, with the flemish system of recognition by certifying.

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Balkan Children and Youth Foundation

BCYF represents a new model of regional cooperation that aims to increase the effectiveness, scale, and sustainability of existing programmes and approaches within the region.

Its goal is to build positive, long-term supports for the region's young people through strengthening and expanding country-specific initiatives and scaling them up on a regional level.

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We belong to a big social welfare organisation. We encourage young people to organize their free time. We are involved in politics. We offer seminars about sexuality, drugs, violence, hatred against foreigners, right wing politics, gender issues, beauty idol, democracy etc. We are involved in international youth work, (youth exchanges, EVS). Since last year we have a group of volunteers promoting international youth work, motivating especially young people with less opportunities to participate.

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Y.E.S. FORUM

Young people send us a clear message: they want to shape their environment and society actively.

That is why Y.E.S. Forum is aiming at offering them forms of support in order to gain and improve their competence and enable them to act as active and responsible citizens.



We promote non-formal measures and projects as an important means for competence building of young people and to combat social exclusion.

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Main fields of work are:

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- youth work as a tool for community development
- human rights education (esp gender issue)
- lifelong learning

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Recognition runs through everything I do since it is about getting institutions and authorities to recognise the value of youth work and for participants to receive recognition for the competencies they acquire.

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Group “Hajde da...”

NGO “Hajde da...” operates out of the strong need of its members to be proactive in the society and time they live in, particularly in the field of non-formal education, training and youth work.

Direct link to Recognition would be the program of education for teachers “Alphabet of Tolerance – Education and Implementation” has got credentials of Serbian Ministry of Education and Sports, meaning that it is recognized as adequate and eminent addition to curriculum.

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BKJ - Bundesvereinigung Kulturelle Jugendbildung (German Federation of Associations for Cultural Youth Education)

47 member-organisations of BKJ have a common goal: the promotion of in-school and out-of-school cultural education for children and young people on both national and international level. Each year more than ten million young people participate in the activities organised by BKJ member organizations in all areas of culture: visual art, music, drama, theatre, dance, literature, photography, film, video and multimedia. BKJ is the government's key partner in the field of cultural youth education.

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