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EVS Contactmaking Seminar

organised by the Hungarian National Agency of the Youth Programme

Theme: EVS as a tool for inclusion of young people and possible co-operation across borders

Place: Hungary

Date: 20-24 May 2006

Language of the seminar: English

Participants: maximum 25 participants from the neighbouring countries of Hungary: Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Romania, Ukraine, Slovak Republic (3 participants from each country, 4 participants from Hungary.)

Context:

The Youth Programme has been a useful tool for the exchange of experience and knowledge in the youth field between Western and Eastern, Northern and Southern Europe. However, we have long been missing a stronger cooperation between organizations across the borders.

In the last one and a half years the Hungarian National Agency has been working nationally on the encouragement of organizations to get involved in short- (or long) term EVS projects with neighbouring countries including disadvantaged and / or disabled young people. The reason for this being that it can be a relatively smaller challenge, an easier first step for these young people to try themselves in a safe environment which is not so far from their home.

Aims:

Participating in this contactmaking seminar gives organisations a chance to get to know new EVS partners and to share your experiences as a sending or a hosting organisation. We hope to see more EVS projects to be born in this part of Europe, with the countries represented, involving Partner countries to the YOUTH Programme as well. During the seminar we will aim at encouraging organisations to realize short-term EVS projects.

Target group:

- Participants from Programme countries should be representatives of EVS sending and / or hosting organisations. They are supposed to already have some experience in EVS (at least to be in the process of sending or hosting a volunteer, but preferably having already been sending or receiving their first volunteer).
- Participants from Partner countries do not necessarily have to have experience in EVS.
- Participants should be open to start a short- or long term EVS project after or as a result of the seminar.

Program elements:

- getting to know each other and experiences;
- what is a short- or long term EVS project useful for;
- how to plan and realise a successful EVS project;
- co-operation between the sending and hosting organisations;
- EVS project management;
- building new EVS partnerships.



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Team of trainers: The process will be facilitated by two trainers contracted by the Hungarian National Agency. Krisztina GYÓRY (Hungarian) and Hayo de VRIES (Dutch) already have long and diverse experience in EVS and training related to EVS.

Costs: The Hungarian National Agency is going to cover all the hosting costs including accommodation, food and program costs. We kindly ask the sending National Agencies to pay the international travel costs of their participants to the venue of the seminar. We will reimburse cheapest fare international travel costs to participants from Partner countries.

Application deadline: 20th March 2006

How to apply?

The applicants from Programme countries should send their application form to their respective National Agency. We kindly ask National Agencies to send the application of their 3 candidates to the address below before 27th March. Applicants from Partner countries should directly apply to the Hungarian National Agency (see address below). Every applicant will be informed about the result of selection by 3rd April 2006.

For any further details and application form please contact:

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