

Newsletter of the SALTO-YOUTH Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC and youthNET/CIS project 02/2006

Dear Recipients,

Welcome to the Newsletter issued by the SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centre for Eastern Europe and Caucasus in cooperation with the youthNET/CIS project.

In this Newsletter you can find information about activities aimed at development of the non-formal education and youth cooperation between Programme and Eastern European and Caucasian countries within European Union YOUTH programme

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1. INFORMATION on SALTO EECA and youthNET/CIS

1.1 SALTO EECA RC

The SALTO EECA Resource Centre provides information and support for both the YOUTH programme beneficiaries and the National Agencies. In addition, it organises advanced training courses and partnership building activities. The training courses focus specifically on the development of the YOUTH programme Actions.

1.2 youthNET/CIS project

The youthNET/CIS project is focused on partnership building between organisations from Programme and Eastern European countries as well as on disseminating information on the YOUTH programme in Eastern Europe. These aims are implemented mainly through theme-focused contact-making activities, information days and dissemination of information materials.

You can find information on forthcoming events organized by SALTO EECA or the youthNET/CIS project through the NEWSLETTER or checking regularly www.iz.or.at

2. OUTLOOK of SALTO EECA and youthNET/CIS activities till the end of 2006

2.1 Forthcoming SALTO EECA events:

Date	Venue	Title
24 - 30 June, 2006	Russian Federation	Study Visit "Youth work in Russia"
8 - 15 July, 2006	Luxembourg	Training Course "Education for Adventure"
1-7 August, 2006	Ukraine	Training course/Contact Making Seminar "EastWestEVS"
13-20 November, 2006	Germany	Training course/Study Visit "TRAIN2EVS"
25-31 August, 2006 11-17 November, 2006	Lviv, Ukraine Strasbourg, France	Training for the YOUTH with EECA Region Trainers on cooperation (part I & II)
1-4 December, 2006	Poland	Multiplier's Network annual evaluation meeting

2.2 Plan of the youthNET/CIS project events:

Date	Venue	Title
October 2006	Russian Federation	Training Course "Active Citizenship"

3. CALLS for PARTICIPANTS & TRAINERS

3.1 Call for participants in the Training Course/Study Visit "TRAIN2EVS" which will take place in Germany 2006 between 13-20 of November 2006

This Training Course/Study Visit is organised by the SALTO-YOUTH EECA RC in cooperation with the German YOUTH National Agency. It will bring together 22 voluntary and professional youth workers, youth leaders and project coordinators working directly with young people, who are interested in setting up new projects within the European Voluntary Service, more info: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tcsvA2>

3.2 Call for trainers/facilitators in the Training Course/Study Visit "TRAIN2EVS" which will take place in Germany between 13-20 of November 2006

More info: www.salto-youth.net/call4train2EVS

Deadline for applications 17th July; Prep-meeting in Bonn 12-15th September 2006

3.3 Call for participants in the Training for the YOUTH Trainers on cooperation with EECA Region; Part I: Lviv, Ukraine, 25-31st August 2006; Part II: Strasbourg, France, 11-17th November 2006

This training course is organised by SALTO-YOUTH Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre in cooperation with Council of Europe

Training for the YOUTH Trainers on cooperation with EECA Region will be split into two stages:

First training stage will take place between 25-31 August 2006 in Lviv, Ukraine.

Second training will take place on 11-17 November, 2006 in Strasbourg, France.

NOTE! Participants are committed to attend for the full duration and in both stages of the course.

More info: <http://www.salto-youth.net/toteeca>

Deadline for applications 17th July;

4. Latest developments in the SALTO EECA and the youthNET/CIS work

4.1 Contact-Making Seminar Yth2 on EVS in cooperation with Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, Poronin, Poland, 1-5th April, 2006

This event brought together 17 Participants: 8 from Programme countries (Portugal, Germany, Spain, Lithuania, Poland, France and Belgium) and 9 from Partner Countries (Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine). The group consisted of voluntary and professional youth workers, youth leaders and project coordinators working directly with young people.

During the Seminar, participants had the possibility to develop contacts between European and EECA organisations for future co-operation within the framework of EVS.

The main goals of the CMS were to train participants from both Partner and Programme countries in the necessary technical elements for organising EVS co-operation with EECA countries; to build successful partnerships and intercultural understanding between East and West; to stimulate an understanding and to promote the idea of EVS in EECA countries; and to promote cooperation with the EECA region in the Programme countries.

4.2 Training Course EASTERN EXPRESS, Antalya, Turkey, 11 - 17 May 2006

The EASTERN EXPRESS TC was organised by SALTO EECA, in cooperation with the Turkish YOUTH National Agency, for the benefit of potential partners for Action 1 - Youth Exchange projects within the framework of the YOUTH programme's International Cooperation strand. It focused on the development of cooperation between Programme and Eastern Europe and Caucasus countries. In addition to facilitating and enhancing cooperation between organisations from EECA and Programme countries, the TC also stimulated the creation of new youth exchange project ideas as well as focusing on quality project management skills.

4.3 Contact Seminar/International Public Fair: "Inclusion through Art" Wrocław, Poland, 22 -28 May 2006

The main aim of the seminar was to promote international youth work as an extra tool for inclusion of young people into society. The focus of the seminar was using artistic methods in order to reach youth on the edge of society. The Contact Making Seminar had focused on

Action 1 (Youth Exchange) and Action 5 (Support Measures) of the YOUTH Programme of the European Commission. 29 participants from 14 different countries participated in this event.

Objectives:

- to exchange ideas, methods and good practice in the work field of the participants,
- to initiate long term cooperation between represented organisations by setting up common projects,
- to increase knowledge of realities and cultural understanding between Eastern and Western European citizens,
- to promote the YOUTH Programme as a tool for inclusion.

The International Fair "Inclusion through Art" was a public, open air event in the city centre of Wrocław, where 30 organisations from the seminar and 20 local organisations presented actively their methods of work to the local youth and to each other. The event attracted more than 100 representatives of youth NGOs and lots of curious people from Wrocław!

5. Invitations to UPCOMING events

5.1 Training of Trainers and Youth Workers: "Developing Educational Activities for Conflict Resolution", Romania, 13-22 August 2006

A training course dedicated to less experienced trainers and youth workers from all YOUTH programme countries as well as from Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, who are carrying out intercultural youth activities. The aims of the training course are:

- To provide basic insight into different concepts of learning in non-formal education.
- To increase the participants' competencies and motivation to introduce and deal with intercultural learning in their activities.

The specific objectives of this project are as follows:

- During the training course the participants will gain skills and competencies to design, run, and evaluate youth activities.
- By the end of the training course the participants will learn 25 methods and techniques used in youth work.
- The participants will get familiar with the characteristics of the youth sector for a better understanding of methods and techniques.
- The participants will increase their knowledge and awareness of the values of non-formal education in youth activities.

Organizer: Life Foundation (<http://www.act.org.ro>)

Working language: English

Age limit: None

Cost to Participants: 30% of travel

Application Deadline: 30.06.2006

Details and Application Form:

http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/834.html?&search=&termin_von=2006-06-01&termin_bis=2006-11-31&pagerCurrentOffset=40

5.2 Study Session: "Generation Europe - All Different, All Equal!", France, 2-8 October 2006

The aim of this study session is to raise an awareness of Human Rights issues and to equip youth leaders with the knowledge and tools to implement projects related to this theme at grassroots level. It aims to do this by providing an opportunity for intercultural dialogue among youth leaders from various backgrounds, to discuss aspects of Human Rights education as well as our individual and group responsibility, when it comes to securing Human Rights for everybody in relation to an increasingly globalised world.

Organizer: World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (<http://www.wagggsworld.org>)

Working languages: English and French or Russian

Age limit: None

Cost to Participants: 45 euro.

Application Deadline: 15.08.2006

Details and Application Form available here:

http://www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/730.html?&search=&termin_von=2006-06-01&termin_bis=2006-11-31&pagerCurrentOffset=58

And in June Europak: <http://www.europak-online.net/ukeurop.html>

5.3 International Youth Camp in Anapa, Russia, 10-20 August 2006

The programme offers opportunities on gaining new leadership skills through workshops on the following themes:

- How to become a successful trainer for youth organizations;
- Effective teamwork;
- New technologies and benefits of working as part of a Network of Youth Organizations;
- Practical experience of working with youth organizations in Russia and abroad;
- Culture and traditions of the Krasnodar region;
- There will also be an opportunity to improve language skills (Russian for foreigners and English for Russians) as well as an entertainment programme to relax .

Organizer: The Center for Interethnic Cooperation

(<http://www.interethnic.org/englishsite.html>)

Working languages: English and Russian

Cost to Participants: 440 euro

Application Deadline: no information

Details and contacts available here: http://www.interethnic.org/EngNews/260506_1.html

5.4 Work camp: "Pid Kamenem" (Under the Rock), Ukraine, 28 July - 08 August 2006

Objectives:

- To unite young people involved in youth movements from different countries and parts of Ukraine;
- To help in the restoration works of a Monastery complex;

- To create a friendly environment for cultural and experience exchange among participants;
- To set up contacts and relations for future cooperation;
- To enjoy spending time together.

Organizer: Institute of Public Leadership (<http://www.ihl.org.ua>)

Working languages: English, Ukrainian, Polish, Russian.... (In the communication process, participants' language abilities will be taken into consideration)

Age limit: 17-30

Cost to Participants: 10 USD plus travel to Lviv, Ukraine

Application Deadline: 1.07.2006

Details and Application Form - activities@ihl.org.ua

5.5 "TOOL FAIR", France, 1-5 November 2006

The "Tool Fair" will gather 120 people coming from both programme and partner countries, all stakeholders of the YOUTH programme: young people, youth workers, trainers, etc.

In one place, for 3 days, the Fair will be a "showroom" for the huge variety and richness of tools developed and used under the YOUTH programme, a place to experiment with methods and exercises used within the different actions (youth exchanges, EVS, youth initiatives, training) and based on different themes (cultural diversity, inclusion, cooperation with partner countries, etc...). The Fair could become the creation of the participants themselves and enable their tools to be used throughout the programme. "Savoir-faire" will be gathered in order to create a "common memory".

Organizer: French National Agency (<http://www.afpej.fr>)

and SALTO-EuroMed (<http://www.salto-youth.net/euromed>)

Working languages: English

Age limit: none

Cost to Participants: check with your National Agency or organizers – euromed@salto-youth.net

Application Deadline: 08.09.2006

Details and Application Form here: <http://www.salto-youth.net/toolfair>

6. Short reports on PAST and ONGOING events

6.1 Youth Exchange: "Youth for Peace Between the Cultures", Georgia, 4-11 May 2006

The Youth Exchange gathered together young people from seven countries (four from each country plus one group leader) in Kobuleti, Georgia. A total of 40 participants spent 8 days together in order to get to know peace building methods, obstacles, experiences and knowledge relating to conflict resolution techniques.

Organizer: Academy for Peace and Development (APD) (<http://www.apd.ge>)

In cooperation with: Erasmus Students Network Tallinn (ESN) (<http://www.esn.ee>)

Partner countries: Estonia, UK, Netherlands, Hungary and Moldova, Azerbaijan, Georgia

6.2 EVS: "Germany meets Georgia - EVS for youth work in a conflict region", Georgia, April 2006 - April 2007

The aim of this 12-month European Voluntary Service project, undertaken by Sebastian Schweitzer from Germany, is to help him gain experience in the planning, running and evaluation of national and international youth projects organised within conflict regions and with partners from conflict regions. This means that he will be able to improve his own skills in the field of organising youth exchange and voluntary service projects (conception, research, organisation, running, evaluation) by being involved in the daily work of the host organisation Acedemy for Peace and Development in Georgia.

Organizer: Academy for Peace and Development (APD) (<http://www.apd.ge>)

In cooperation with: Mostar Peaceproject (mostarfp@freenet.de)

7. Info desk

7.1 The International NGO AIESEC Moldova is looking for funds to participate in an International Congress

The International NGO AIESEC Moldova is looking for funds that will allow them to visit and participate in an INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS that will take place in Warsaw, Poland, from 24 August to 3 September 2006. Four AIESEC members are seeking financial support - the amount of money that each participant has to pay towards participation is 375 euros.

Contact: Tatiana Alexeev - tatiana.alexeev@gmail.com

7.2 Contribution for SALTO EECA Newsletter

We would like to invite YOU to contribute to the SALTO EECA Newsletter!!!

If you organize/d interesting events with partner organisations in Programme or EECA Partner countries PLEASE LET US KNOW! We will publish your brief invitation or report here (don't forget to include photos for illustration!).

The most efficient way to publicise and disseminate information on your events is to have them mentioned in the SALTO EECA NEWSLETTER!

We look forward to hearing from you and to receiving your comments on the Newsletter.

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