

# Partnership Building Seminar "Let's WORK with our Neighbours"



**Multidimensional seminar of youth workers in area of Youth in Action (YiA) Programme priorities in context of cooperation between the three neighbouring regions: EECA, SEE, Euromed and Programme Countries.**

**Velenje, Slovenia, 2 – 8 of June 2008**

Last year Regional SALTOs Euromed, SEE and EECA together with European Commission and French National Agency organised a seminar "Let's meet our Neighbours and the World".

The idea of having a big kick-off seminar that would open possibilities for cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries and the World within Youth in Action Programme arose in the end of 2006. The summaries of previous Youth Programme and experiences that many organizations gained in projects first with Third Countries, then with Partner Countries and now with the Neighbouring Partner Countries clearly showed a big need to support and develop the cooperation that goes much beyond the borders of European Union.

## **Aim of the Partnership Building Seminar**

To increase the cooperation within the Youth in Action Programme between Programme Countries and Neighbouring Partner Countries.

## **Objectives**

- \* To motivate participants to establish sustainable partnerships through exploring and learning about the Youth in Action Programme (especially Actions 2 - EVS and 3.1- Youth in the World) and Neighbouring Partner Countries.
- \* To explore quality aspects of the Youth in Action Programme: (1) Youth in Action Programme priorities, in relation with actions and youth work reality; (2) regional procedures; (3) good project practices; (4) expected results.
- \* To support participants to identify and develop concrete bi- and/or cross-regional projects in the frame of the cooperation with Neighbouring countries.

## **Organisers**

This Partnership Building Seminar has been co-organised by regional SALTOs South East Europe, Eastern Europe & Caucasus and EuroMed as well as Slovenian, French and Polish National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme with support of other National Agencies of YiA.

## **Participants**

The Partnership Building Seminar "Let's WORK with our Neighbours" brought together 52 participants from 30 different countries (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Egypt, France, FYRO Macedonia, Georgia, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Moldova, Palestinian Authority, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovenia, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, UNMI Kosovo, United Kingdom: 9 participants from MEDA, 11 from EECA, 9 from SEE and 23 from Programme Countries).

Participants were youth workers/youth leaders/project managers with mandate from their organisation, experience in Youth in Action Programme/ Euromed Youth Programme/other international youth programmes, represented organisations with experience in Youth in Action Programme/ Euromed Youth Programme/other international youth programmes, with motivation to promote projects with neighbours;

## **Team of the trainers and stakeholders**

The Seminar counted on a facilitation/training team composed of 6 trainers coming from different countries (3 from Programme Countries, and one from each Partner region), experienced in partner countries cooperation. The bigger team, including stakeholders, counted on one officer from Slovenian, Polish and French National Agency as well as one officer from each regional SALTO EuroMed, SEE and EECA.



## Results

After the project development phase we had from 12 projects under construction. A summary of them is here below.

The purpose of the stakeholders that organized "Let's work with our neighbours" is to support the follow up of these projects and organize next year in Poland an Evaluation Seminar on the Neighbouring cooperation.

<b>Number</b>	<b>1 &amp; 2</b>
Name	<b>DIVERSITY THROUGH ARTICITY</b>
Who? (Partners)	Project A: France, Portugal, Croatia, Albania Project B: Poland, Romania, Armenia, Georgia
For whom? (Target Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 18-25 year</li> <li>- Interested in cultural diversity</li> <li>- English speaking</li> <li>- People who were never involved in an international youth exchange</li> <li>- Having the nationality of the respective country!</li> </ul>
Why?	
What for? (Aim)	To share legends of different cultures through art (Movie, Photography)
What? (Objectives)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.To share legends of different countries/cultures</li> <li>2.To raise the awareness</li> <li>3.To raise the knowledge of local community about different cultures</li> </ol>
How	
When/Where?	

<b>Number</b>	<b>3</b>
Name	<b>SMILE FACTORY</b>
Who?	
For whom? (Target Group)	- Youngsters 16-18 year
Why? (Need of the target group)	Need of information about voluntary work specially in the context of working with disabled people
What for? (Aim)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up-raising youth voluntarism</li> <li>- Up-raising the recognition of voluntarism in the community as an essential pillar of social life</li> <li>- Increasing the socialization of disable in the society</li> </ul>
What? (Objectives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Exchanging experience</li> <li>- Bringing new skills (Cloning, juggling, Pantomime)</li> </ul>
How (Methodology)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Realizing voluntary event with disabled children</li> <li>- Reflecting about importing the knowledge to the participants' own community</li> </ul>
When/Where?	Slovenia 2008

<b>Number</b>	<b>4</b>
Name	<b>The difference according to the Zebra or Live my Life!</b>
Who? (Partners)	Olga (Belarus), Jamel (France), Lilit (Armenia), Lucas (Italy), Svitlana (Ukraine), Eva (Portugal)
For whom? (Target Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young people of 18-25</li> <li>- Rural area (50% experienced/not experienced in cultural diversity)</li> </ul>
Why? (Need of the target group)	Lack of understanding/knowledge about diversity of cultures, religions, traditions
What for? (Aim)	Promoting dialogue and tolerance among young people with different cultural background
What? (Objectives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To begin cultural understanding</li> <li>- To use Zebra as an example of diversity (look deeper and you see the difference between them)</li> </ul>
How (Methodology)	Youth exchange Non-formal education
When/Where?	Italy or Armenia / April 2009

<b>Number</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Let's be Active in Europe</b>
<b>Who? (Partners)</b>	Manuela (France), Ivana (Serbia), Olsi (Albania), Aleksandar (FYROMacedonia), Amra (Slovenja), Marcin (Poland)
<b>For whom? (Target Group)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 18-25 year</li> <li>- Young people from different cultural and ethnical background (D.C.E.B)</li> <li>- 6+1 x6 countries (42)</li> </ul>
<b>Why?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- lack of information and involvement of young people</li> <li>- lack of sense of belonging on local and European levels</li> <li>- lack of dialogue between Me and Other</li> </ul>
<b>What for? (Aim)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased awareness of young people (YP) with D.C.E.B. on European Citizenship</li> <li>- Empowered youth taking active role in local communities</li> </ul>
<b>What? (Objectives)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bringing together YP with D.C.E.B.</li> <li>- Creating space for structured dialogue</li> <li>- Fostering their feeling of sharing common values</li> <li>- Raising their sense of belonging to Europe</li> <li>- Make them aware of possibilities through YiA</li> </ul>
<b>How (Methodology)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Youth exchange</li> <li>- Workshops</li> <li>- European Citizenship</li> <li>- Active Participation</li> <li>- Intercultural Dialogue</li> <li>- Values / Identity</li> <li>- Visiting local Community</li> <li>- Excursion</li> <li>- Bi-national parties</li> </ul>
<b>When/Where?</b>	SERBIA / July 2009

<b>Number</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>The Folk Shock – preserving culture in a creative way</b>
<b>Who?</b>	Moldova, FYROMacedonia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Lithuania
<b>For whom? (Target Group)</b>	-
<b>Why?</b>	
<b>What for? (Aim)</b>	Exploring, understanding and preserving different cultures in a creative and innovative way
<b>What? (Objectives)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discover how culture is preserved and promoted</li> <li>- Explore different national dances through national dances, music and customs</li> <li>- Appreciate the diversity of culture and develop tolerance among young people</li> </ul>
<b>How (Methodology)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workshops; debates; role plays</li> <li>- Excursion;</li> <li>- Using COE and EC materials</li> <li>- Good practices</li> <li>- Create a common dance mixing modern and folk elements</li> <li>- Explore folk music, make mixes and remixes</li> <li>- Fashion show (creating modern style with elements of folk)</li> </ul>
<b>When/Where?</b>	Ohrid/FYROMacedonia – Spring 2009

<b>Number</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Sport against Addiction</b>
<b>Who?</b>	
<b>For whom? (Target Group)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Young people 15-18 years old</li> <li>- 5+1 from each country</li> <li>- Y.P. with social and economic problems from poor families, families with alcohol problems</li> </ul>
<b>Why? (Need of the target group)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- These Y.P. have a lot of free time and they don't spend it in quality way</li> <li>- They are not aware of their physical capacities</li> <li>- They are not aware of the results of addiction</li> </ul>
<b>What for? (Aim)</b>	Promotion of healthy life style among young people
<b>What? (Objectives)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Informational awareness of young people about alcoholism, tobacco and drugs</li> <li>- To show them other opportunities and alternative ways of spending time for prevention of addiction</li> </ul>
<b>How</b>	-
<b>When/Where?</b>	

<b>Number</b>	<b>8</b>
Name	<b>Bridging the past and reality</b>
Who? (Partners)	Luxemburg (Lisel asbl.), Kosovo (Earth savers), France (CISED asbl.), Serbia (???)
For whom? (Target Group)	- Young people, age 18-25 - Experiencing ethnical divide in their communities
Why?	
What for? (Aim)	To raise awareness about cultural heritage and enhance skills in preserving it.
What? (Objectives)	- Improving intercultural communication with regard to intercultural living context of participants - Providing space to work together on preserving cultural heritage - Informing young people about YiA as a tool to be used in developing follow-ups
How (Methodology)	- Intercultural activities/training - Visits to communities - crafts - work experience
When/Where?	Kosovo, July 2009

<b>Number</b>	<b>9</b>
Name	<b>Aim High – Above the clouds</b>
Who? (Partners)	Poland, England, Turkey, Italy, Russia, Tunesia, Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina
For whom? (Target Group)	- Young people, age 18-25 - Including Y.P. with disability
Why?	
What for? (Aim)	To discuss cultural diversity through fairytales
What? (Objectives)	- To let YP exchange their cultural heritage, basing on fairy tales - To initiate YP to discover their own cultural heritage - To promote equality of all the cultures
How (Methodology)	- Through simulation games - Social theatre - National evenings - Discussions - GBA - Visiting thematic places
When/Where?	Russia, Ufa July 2009

<b>Number</b>	<b>10</b>
Name	<b>French – Polish Workshop about European Greatest Trains</b>
Who?	Poland, France
For whom? (Target Group)	- Young people, age 15-18 - Threatened crime, depravity (!)
Why?	- Prepare to work
What for? (Aim)	To help young people find job in occupations wanted at the local labour market
What? (Objectives)	- When an young is not qualified to fight discrimination towards youngs without qualification who are often social difficulties
How (Methodology)	- Analyze to propose action - Prepare to work, can be sport, training, education...
When/Where?	France

<b>Number</b>	<b>11</b>
Name	<b>Same difference: Lets celebrate our diversity</b>
Who?	Scotland, Poland, Macedonia, Egypt, Turkey, Palestine
For whom?	-
Why?	-
What for? (Aim)	Increase understanding, awareness and tolerance amongst the young people and involve the local community
What? (Objectives)	- Expose young people to a range of different cultures in order to increase awareness on respect to differences, mutual understanding
How (Methodology)	- Street performances - Field visits - ---
When/Where?	Scotland, Glasgow 11 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> April 2009

<b>Number</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Name</b>	<b>Conflict Resolution for Active Participation through sports</b>
<b>Who?</b>	Jordan, Italy, Scotland (GB), Turkey,
<b>For whom? (Target Group)</b>	- Young people age between 16-25 - Coming from less advantaged backgrounds (especially politically)
<b>Why? (Need of the target group)</b>	To help them overcome borders of xenophobia and enhance their role in their needy local communities
<b>What for? (Aim)</b>	Better understanding of their realities, and thus empower their roles and skills
<b>What? (Objectives)</b>	- Enhance communication skills - Construct leadership - Encourage realization of differences, competition for good reason and cooperation
<b>How (Methodology)</b>	- Workshops: using non-formal education - Sports: out-door activities – basically football - Brain storming - Peer to peer education
<b>When/Where?</b>	

