

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 5/2008

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 5th/2008 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.

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***All the best for upcoming holidays
and a lot of successful projects in 2009!***

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For the first time, SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus supported SOHO (Sending Organisation, Hosting Organisation) - European module Training Course for EVS Coordinators and Mentors.

Mentors and coordinators of EVS projects play a crucial role in the triangle of Sending Organisations, Host Organisations, and the volunteer. At a SOHO training course, mentors and coordinators from sending and host organisations meet in a multilateral context to exchange needs and expectations and to learn about quality aspects of EVS projects.

On an annual basis, SALTO Training and Co-operation co-ordinates and monitors several SOHO training courses for ca. 250 mentors from all over Europe. The training courses are hosted by the National Agencies of Youth in Action Programme and are implemented by a trainers pool consisting of 7 European trainers.

In 2008 SALTO EECA sent 4 youth workers from EECA region to the event in France.

In 2009 we plan to send several EECA EVS projects coordinators and mentors to SOHO Trainings in Finland (in February) and Turkey (in May).

Check out details and find on-line application forms here: www.salto-youth.net/activitiaseeca

1.2 Good Practice Event "Tool Fair 3", La Palma, Spain, 5-9 November 2008

Following the frank success of the two past editions of this large event, the SALTO EuroMed together with other SALTO Resource Centres organised the third edition of the "Tool Fair".

Almost 100 people from both Programme and Partner countries arrived safely to Canary Islands, to beautiful town of La Palma.

In one place, for 5 days, the Fair was a **"showroom"** for the huge variety and richness of **tools** developed and used under the **Youth in Action 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 helped participants to learn about each other work methods and enabled their tools to be disseminated and hopefully exploited in the future.

Read more about Tool Fair 3 here: <http://www.salto-youth.net/toolfair2008/>
See few photos here: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=25

2. UPCOMING activities

2.1 EECA Multipliers Meeting, Tbilisi, Georgia, 17-22 February 2009

Internal event, no deadline!

Thirty One EECA Multipliers are going to gather again on annual meeting of the network. Main aims of the meeting are to overview the multipliers activities, evaluate 2008 outcomes and prepare work plans for 2009.

SALTO Training and Cooperation is going to use the opportunity of the gathering and disseminate information about YouthPass situation in Eastern Europe and Caucasus on a very practical level. Moreover the representation from European Commission is expected.

SALTO EECA Multipliers Network in Brief

The network of SALTO EECA Multipliers was created in 2004 in order to support the development of the YOUTH Programme in the Region as well as to increase its visibility and quality of realised YOUTH projects in Eastern European and Caucasian Countries. Since 2004 the Network had evolved a lot. Nowadays the restructured Network gathers 31 youth workers from all 7 EECA countries: www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers

JOIN US!

Even though our resources are limited and we are not able to maintain Network much bigger than 30 youth workers, the recruitment is being held constantly. So, if you are interested to multiply the youth in Action programme with us, please visit:

www.salto-youth.net/eecarebuild

...and check out if you meet the formal criteria to be a SALTO EECA Multiplier. On the same web-site you can find an application form to be sent to our Centre by e-mail.

2.2 Study Visit “Youth work reality in Belarus”, Minsk, Grodno – Belarus, 5-10 May 2009

Deadline for applications: 10 January!

Study Visit for around 25 experienced youth workers representing active local youth organisations to discover youth work realities (practice and policies) in Belarus. **Call for participants is open for youth workers from all Programme Countries as well as officers of Youth in Action National Agencies.**

Study visits' objectives are:

- to learn about youth policies in Belarus;
- to share experiences and practices between participants home countries and participants from Belarus;
- to foster mutual knowledge and understanding between participants from different countries involved
- to promote sustainable contacts between the youth NGOs aiming at future development of projects within the Youth in Action Programme

Organiser: SALTO EECA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **10 January 2009**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/svbel

2.3 SOHO Training Course, Turkey, 26-31 May 2009

Deadline for applications: 1 April!

The SOHO training supports voluntary as well as full-time youth workers dealing directly with young volunteers in Sending and Host Organisations as a mentor or coordinator and having little or no experience in long-term volunteering but being at least in the process of starting an European Voluntary Service project (EVS is Action 2 of Youth in Action programme).

This training will go deeper into subjects that are closely linked to EVS. It intends to contribute to an increase in quality of EVS projects. The main subjects of the training are:

- The role of a mentor and coordinator in an EVS project.
- The intercultural dimension of an EVS project.
- Partnerships in EVS.

The methodology used in this training is based on experiential learning and learning-by-doing. Work methods are dynamic, and the participants will be participating actively.

Organiser: SALTO TC and Turkish National Agency

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: visa related cost as well as local transportation cost (flight cost paid by SALTO EECA, board&lodging by Turkish NA)

Deadline: **1 April 2009**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/find-a-training/1260.html

3. Info desk

3.1 II Georgian Youth Organisations Forum took place in Tbilisi, 13-14 December, 2008.

Forum was organised by the Georgian multipliers of the Youth in Action Programme (www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers) from Academy for Peace and Development, Youth Association "Droni" and Association "Atinati" in the cooperation with Charity Humanitarian Center "Abkhazeti" and National Council of Youth Organisations of Georgia.

The Georgian Youth Organisations Forum brought together about 100 workers from youth organisations, local and national authorities, youth policy specialists and national and/or international foundations members. The Forum gathered youth organisations in order to share their experiences, but the main focus was made on presenting good practices of youth policy developments in Europe and plans for youth policy development in Georgia. The European Community of the Youth in Action Programme as well as the youth policy of the Council of Europe were presented and discussed during the Forum's sessions.

As an outcome of the Georgian Youth Organisations Forum, a final report of Georgian Youth Organisations will be published in both languages Georgian and English. It will describe briefly the work of the organisations, which took part in the Forum and the outcomes of the debates and presentations.

Forum was supported financial by the Department for monitoring of youth affairs of Tbilisi city council.

If you want to learn more about the forum, please contact: geoyouthforum@yahoo.com

3.2 EVS position in Russia (Voronezh region) in environmental project.

With this project "Passage-Zebra" (www.workcamps.ru) wants to attract local volunteers to the unique heritage of the region and to raise the consciousness of local inhabitants in their relations to the surrounding environment.

The project will run in the most beautiful place of the Black Earth region – in the open air museum and natural preserve Divnogorje (www.divnogor.ru), which can be translated as "Wonder Mountains".

Tasks for voluntary work:

- work on environmental issues (creative solution of rubbish problem, deleting useless plants, planting useful plants, cleaning, cutting woods). Attention! The work can be physically hard!!!
- work on promotion of ecological values, social work (actions for visitors and locals, building signs for tourists, seminars/workshops for guests on big evens and festivals in Divnogorye)
- work on multiplication of effects (web-site update, articles to newspapers, interviews to local TV, meetings with students)

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More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=237

3.3 Ukrainian organization from city of Sumy is looking for volunteers.

Center for European Initiatives from Sumy, Ukraine (www.eu.sumy.ua) is looking for volunteers from European Union who will work on a project to maintain and further develop our local Network of Youth Euroclubs currently in city and regional educational establishments.

Volunteers will work with these clubs during entire year on one of the following topics:

- Human rights;
- Tolerance;
- Ecology;
- European integration;
- Other (other topics can be chosen and submitted with the application).

Duration of Volunteer Opportunities: 12 months

August 1, 2009 – July 31, 2010

September 1, 2009 – August 31, 2010

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More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=239>

3.4 Looking for free EVS placement in Caucasus.

Since August 2008, the Maison de l'Europe des Yvelines from France (www.maisoneurope78.eu) has been accredited as EVS Host and Sending Organisation.

One of our missions is to help young people to find interesting projects in Europe. Some of them really would like to do an EVS in Caucasus and Eastern Europe. But it's quite hard to find a project in this part of Europe when you don't have any contact...

That's why, I would like to ask you : would one of you be interested in hosting a French EVS volunteer? If yes, please send me an e-mail (see contact details below) and tell me what your project is about!

Thanks in advance.

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3.5 Do a European Voluntary Service with JANUN!

- You are interested in taking part in the work of an **environmental youth NGO**?
- You are fond of developing own activities in the field of **consumption & globalisation** within our project „KonsuMensch“?
- You are enjoying to work with **young volunteers** and within a **young team**?

Join us by doing an EVS with JANUN – the environmental youth network of Lower Saxony, Germany!

We are offering an **EVS-placement** for the period **1. May – 30. November 2009**.

We are looking for a motivated young person who is interested in the topics of globalisation & consumption, environmental and one-world issues.

The application deadline with the Youth in Action agency is the 1. Feb 09, therefore we are expecting your application by the **14th of January 2009**.

Please send it by e-mail to jochen@janun.de AND katrin@janun.de
 (you can also contact us if you have any questions about the project)

More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=243>

4. INFORMATION on SALTO EECA RC

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