

Newsletter of the SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus RC 2/2009

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 2nd/2009 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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1. OUTLOOK on previous activities co-organised by SALTO EECA

1.1 Study visit "Youth work reality in Austria and Belgium", 22-29 March

It's first time when SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre (SALTO EECA) together with Austrian and Belgian (French speaking community) National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme invited 24 active youth workers and youth leaders from the Eastern Europe and Caucasus countries to Austria and Belgium to:

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

See photos: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/album_cat.php?cat_id=28

1.2 Seminar in Moscow and Youth Forum in Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, April

In the end of April 2009 representatives of SALTO EECA Resource Centre visited two activities organised by Russian youth organisations:

- 20-26 April: International Youth forum "Youth actions – step by step to the future" in Nizhny Novgorod organised by Interregional Youth Social Movement "Sfera" (www.dobrovolets.ru) with support of European Council
- 23-26 April: Seminar in frames of "Social Diplomatic Corps" long-term course in Moscow organised by National Youth Council of Russia (www.youthrussia.ru) with support of national governmental bodies.

Thanks to the visits, SALTO EECA could gain very valuable knowledge of the youth work in Russian Federation and manage stronger relations between our Resource Centre and different actors in the field of youth policy in Russia.

1.3 New issue of "Youth in 7" Magazine

After very fruitful months of continuing our work to support youth work in frames of "Youth in Action" Programme in the region of Eastern Europe and Caucasus we finally managed to issue next "Youth in 7" Magazine!

If you want to get-to-know closer with SALTO EECA Multipliers and youth work reality in EECA region...

If you are interested why Evelina Taunyte got confused with Participation in Ajara region of Georgia and why playing football with hands is difficult...

And if you are keen to learn what Katarzyna Popławska saw by the taxi window arriving for her EVS project to Lviv, Ukraine...

Then you definitely need to read SALTO EECA "Youth in 7" Magazine!
[www.salto-youth.net/download/1743/Youth_in7_\(2008\).pdf](http://www.salto-youth.net/download/1743/Youth_in7_(2008).pdf)

See previous numbers as well: www.salto-youth.net/eecapublications/#youthin7

1.4 Action 2 and 3.1 in EECA region - analysis and statistics from 2008

In the beginning of 2009 we managed to prepare an analysis of action 2 (European Voluntary Service) and 3.1 (Youth Exchanges, Training&Networking) implementation in EECA region. For the first time we were able to compare the data with information collected in previous year and to have possibility to compare it and see trends and changes in "Youth in Action" Programme activities in/with EECA countries.

Among all different outcomes, we would like to share with you that:

- growth of granted EVS activities hosted in Programme Countries with volunteers from EECA region is about **87%** (from 147 activities granted in 2007 to 275 activities in 2008);
- the growth of hosting EVS activities in EECA countries is about **65%** (from 120 activities granted in 2007 to 198 in 2008);
- the growth of the activities in Action 3.1 is about **4%** (small growth of the number of activities within Action 3.1 is connected first of all with NAs' budgetary limits).

Please remember, that the factual quantitative data might slightly be different from those presented in the analysis. The number of factors and data sources makes it very difficult to receive the final numbers.

If you are interested to get detailed analysis, please e-mail us: eeca@salto-youth.net

2. UPCOMING activities

2.1 Seminar on Youth Policy development in EECA region, Konstancin-Warsaw, Poland, 6-9 July

NO call for participants, event by invitations

In July SALTO EECA together with the Partnership Programme between the European Council and the European Commission will organise a seminar about Youth Policy in Eastern Europe and Caucasus to:

- gather key stakeholders of the youth field and youth policy from the EECA region and some CoE and EU experts and to exchange information and views on the status and developments of youth policy in the region, in activities of the Council of Europe youth sector and the initiatives of the European Commission
- to discuss the potential fields of future cooperation, that would be of most added value to all sides.

This is already second meeting of similar format. This year we put stronger focus on gathering representatives of all 3 elements of the youth policy triangle: youth policy makers, youth workers and researchers of youth field.

There will be report published after the seminar, so follow our news!

2.2 Call for Participants for "Let's evaluate with our Neighbours" Seminar, Konstancin-Warsaw, Poland, 6-10 October

Deadline for Participants applications: 15 May!

In upcoming October three regional SALTOs together with its supporting National Agencies will realise a third stage of "Let's..." activities. After "Let's meet..." and "Let's work..." we will have "Let's evaluate with our Neighbours" evaluation seminar of projects realised in frames of Youth in Action (YiA) Programme in cooperation between partners from three neighbouring regions: Eastern Europe and Caucasus, South East Europe and Euromed as well as Programme Countries.

Main objectives of this year seminar are:

- to promote the QUALITY in cooperation with the Neighbouring Partner Countries (NPC) by evaluation/research of results,
- to collect, highlight and disseminate good practices,
- to evaluate cooperation between youth organisations by presenting good practices and sharing experiences,
- to create a kind of a 'List of recommendations' for future project partners and coordinators,
- additionally to evaluate the cooperation between National Agencies' officers responsible for NPC, regional SALTOs and EC

Organisers: Regional SALTOs: Euromed, South East Europe and Eastern Europe & Caucasus as well as French, Slovenian and Polish National Agencies

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **15 May!**

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

2.3 Call for Participants, Trainers and Editor for Training Course "Eastern Express", Turkey, 25-31 October

Deadline for Trainer and Editor applications: 20 May!
Deadline for Participants applications: 23 August!

"Eastern Express" Training course aims at rising quality of Youth Exchanges within action 3.1 of Youth in Action (YiA) programme, especially is cooperation between Programme and Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EECA) regions. The training is organised jointly by Turkish National Agency of YiA Programme and SALTO EECA Resource Centre.

In 2009, special focus will be paid to Innovation and Creativity in youth work in general, and in Youth Exchanges in particular. During the event participants will have a chance to learn about Youth in Action Programme and Youth Exchanges, to raise quality of their future projects as well as to find partners for future common activities.

Organisers: Turkish NA and SALTO EECA

Working language: English

Age limit: none

Participant's cost: none

Deadline: **Trainers and Editor: 20/5, Participants: 23/8**

More details and Application form: www.salto-youth.net/eetc2009

3. Info desk

3.1 24th International Leadership Workshop for Rural Youth, Germany 7-23 July

Deadline for Participants applications: 7 May!

The international exchange of experiences and the development of a network of experts in the course of this workshop provide important stimuli for improved rural youth work at international, national, regional and local levels.

Main focus

Participants in this international workshop develop strategies to initiate and support rural youth work.

They shall primarily deal with:

- the particular challenges to rural youth,
- methods helping to activate young people and to encourage their willingness
- to assume personal responsibility,
- successful project management and
- a worldwide exchange of ideas and experiences.

They shall elaborate concrete conceptual proposals to:

- develop rural youth structures,
- motivate and lead groups,
- improve the education and training situation in rural areas and
- create jobs in rural areas.

Registration and fees

The registration form must be returned to the Workshop Secretariat by 7th May 2009 at the latest: international@ble.de

Concerning covering costs of participation for youth workers from Eastern Europe and Caucasus, please contact with:

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More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=264>

3.2 Formal, non-formal and informal learning? Key Competences? Basic information in Russian language available!

Are you interested in differences between formal, non-formal and informal learning?
Have you heard about “Key competences” and would like to deepen your knowledge?

Now you can do it in Russian language with the little booklet prepared by Estonian Organisation: http://euroopa.noored.ee/files/EN_MF6_voldik_rus_90x180+3mm.pdf

3.3 Blogs of EVS volunteers

Blogging is one of the best ways of sharing EVS experiences. It is extremely valuable source of information for future volunteers going to the same country as well as actual volunteers who would like to share own impressions of the life and work in different culture. We strongly encourage EVS volunteers going to or from EECA region to write their blogs! Here are few examples:

Volunteers from European Union in Armenia: <http://hihajastan.blogspot.com/>

Latvian volunteer in Belarus: <http://going-by.blogspot.com/>
 Armenian volunteer in Luxembourg: <http://edithinlux.myevs.net/>

And if you don't know how to set up your private EVS blog, read here:
www.salto-eeca.eu/evs

3.4 EVS projects with Russia

German-Russian Exchange is looking for volunteer who will work on a project for a period of 10-12 month. Proposed dates of project: since September-October 2009 or later.

We are also coordinating and sending organization. We have volunteer work places for volunteers in more than 30 different organizations in Saint-Petersburg and North-West of Russia. Among others our partners include world famous Hermitage, Human Right Organization "Memorial" and others.

You can find more information here: www.obmen.org.
 For details please contact:
 Alexey Gorin, Director of the European Volunteering Agency
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More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=263>

Art-café LIMPOPO has been founded by creative and active people for creative and active people. The main idea is to create a place to facilitate the process of creation of the ideas by young people, and make shorter way of realization of these ideas. The atmosphere in café is always friendly, between the guests we try to create the permanent dialog, the result of which should be different activities, organized on the base of the café, foto- and art-exhibitions, parties and feasts. One of the aims is to attract more creative people to arrange the unique space, where young people could meet, create, share, develop and realize their ideas.

We are planning to make an EVS project and we are searching for the partner in EU country who could apply for the project, because as you know we cant apply for it.

Any artistic skills are welcome (music, art, photo, etc)

Please contact:
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More info posted on SALTO EECA Forum: <http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/viewtopic.php?t=262>

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.

You can find this SALTO EECA Newsletter as well as previous issues in PDF version in here: www.salto-youth.net/eecapublications

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