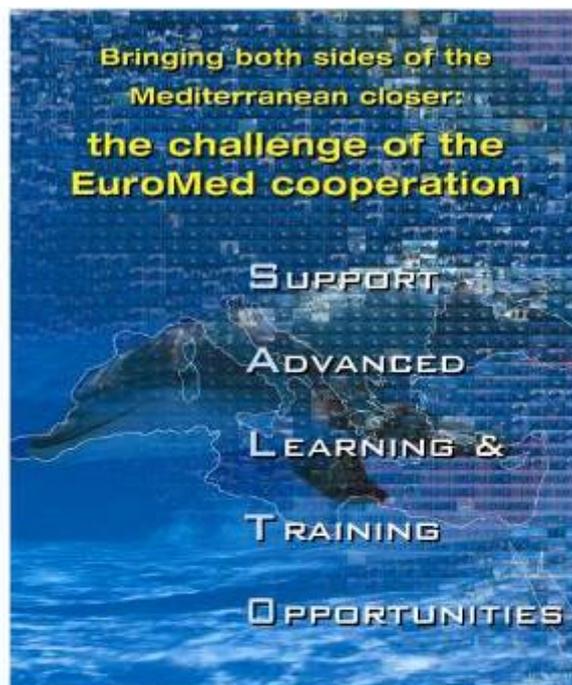


ACTIVITY REPORT 2008

SALTO EuroMed & Good Practices Resource Centre



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FOREWORD

2007 was the first year of the “Youth in Action programme” 2007-2013, and resumption of the EuroMed Youth III programme, which showed a new impulse of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

2008 was a year characterised by the maturity of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in the youth field. After a year of “taking off” -2007-, the EMYUs and the NAs have shown their willingness to participate in the EuroMed activities to reinforce the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

At the same time, this year has been marked by the end –in December- of the phase III of the Euromed Youth Programme and the doubts about the phase IV and the gap between those two phases.

Our SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre set as objectives to:

- Organise/run training courses/seminars as requested by National Agencies,
- Continue the regional cooperation between the 3 regional SALTO and their respective National Agencies with the follow up seminar “Let’s work with our neighbours”,
- Fit to the annual European thematic on Intercultural Dialogue with two activities
- Support the French Presidency during the second part of the year with a Conference on Youth participation, in cooperation with French National agency and the Salto Participation
- Reinforce a cooperation spirit between NAs/EMYUs through various activities (trainings and events in cooperation with NAs and EMYUs)
- Foster the Partnership activities with Council of Europe/ Euromed Youth Platform/ Anna Lindh Foundation and European Youth Forum

TRAININGS AND EVENTS

As we can deduce from the numbers, 2008 was a year full of activities. SALTO EuroMed received numerous demands of the NAs which led to the organisation of 11 trainings and 4 big events.

After the selection of the coordinators for each Salto EuroMed activity planned in 2008, Salto EuroMed organised a 3-day meeting in Injep in January. The first two days, the coordinators selected their own team of trainers and worked on the content of their activity. The third day, for the first time, National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme involved in the activities organised by Salto-Youth EuroMed Resource Centre in 2008 joined the coordinators of Training Courses in order to prepare all together their activities, to agree on the concept to be developed, on the logistical and financial aspects. Were present, the National Agencies from Malta, Italy, Turkey, France, Greece, Cyprus (represented by Greece) and the EuroMed Youth Units from Jordan.

This seminar was the occasion to update and disseminate the “Handbook for Hosting National Agencies” created in 2007, in order to help the hosting National Agencies to organize and prepare with the Euromed spirit, the events and trainings hosted in their country.

There were a growing number of trainings on relevant themes in the euro-Mediterranean context: democracy, education, civilisation, dialogue (inter-religious and inter-cultural) and environment.

Following the initiative of the Greek National Agency, a strategy on EVS EuroMed has been developed by numerous NAs: Denmark, Sweden, Finland, Norway, France, Bulgaria and the south cooperation network –initiated by France-. This strategy will continue in 2009.

The series of seminars “Let’s meet our neighbours” -2007- “Let’s work with our neighbours” -2008- and “Let’s evaluate with our neighbours” –for 2009- were contributing to increase the cooperation between the 3 regions of the Neighbourhood policy of the European Union. Those three seminars have been organised by the three regional SALTOs and the French, Slovenian and Polish NAs.

Other big events were:

The Conference “Youth Participation in the EuroMed” organised in cooperation with SALTO Participation, the French NA for the Youth Programme and the network of south agencies in the context of the French presidency of European Union

The 3rd edition of the Tool Fair organised with the Spanish NA and the Canary Islands Government allowed the sharing of tools and good practices when working with young people.

The Conference “Networking in EVS : Odyssey continues” with the Greek and Danish NAs to support the development of a network for EVS in EuroMed.

For the first time after the suspension in 2004, two Salto EuroMed activities have been co-organised by EuroMed Youth Units: the thematic training « Inter-religious dialogue » in Jordan and the training seminar « Lets Meet between regions: From the Baltic to the death sea” in Israel which implied a real implication of three NAs (Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia) and three EMYUs (Israel, Palestinian Authority and Jordan).

Another remarkable fact is that the number of participants from the Mediterranean countries has strongly growth (155 participants) thanks to the support of the EMYUs, NAs and RCBS unit for covering the travel costs.

The total number of applications is a bit lower than last year probably because the activities had very specific target groups and because last year was exceptionally high after the suspension of the programme.

Activities 2008

4 International Events

Seminar « **Let’s work with our neighbours** » 2-8 June; Slovenia

Conference « **Youth Participation in EuroMed** » 12-16 November; France (INJEP)

! French presidency

Conference « **Networking in EVS: the Odyssey continues** » 25-30 November; Greece

Tool Fair 4-8 November; Spain, Canary Islands

8 International Trainings

Training « **Democracy in EuroMed context: Illusion or reality?** » 19-27 April; Italy

Training « **Education and Civilizations** » 3-11 May; Malta

Training « **Inter-religious Dialogue** » 23-30 June; Jordan

Itinerary training « **Protecting Mediterranean environment: youth can make the difference** » 7-17 July ; Greek Islands

Training « **Inter Euro-Mediterranean cultural Dialogue** » 21-28 July ; Turkey

Training seminar « **Let’s meet between regions: Baltic-Dead seas** » 14-21 September ; Israel

Partnership building seminar « **EVS Odyssey in EuroMed** » 25-30 October; Marseille (France)

Training seminar « **Mozaic** » 2-7 December; Turkey (Council of Europe)

! New thematics

1 Contact Making Seminar

CMS « **EVS Odyssey in EuroMed** » 8-13 April; Norway

1 long term Training Course

Evaluation of the LTTC « **Dialogue among Civilizations** » 8-14 December ; Cyprus

1 cancelled Training Course

Training « **Good practices, training essentials** » 21-28 July ; Turkey

1. International Events

Partnership Building Seminar

**Let's work with our Neighbours and the World
2- 8 June 2008, Velenja – Slovenia**



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.

Last year Regional SALTO Resource Centres 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 and Objectives

This partnership building seminar aimed to increase the cooperation within the Youth in Action Programme between Programme Countries and Neighbouring Partner Countries. The following concrete objectives were set based on the afore-mentioned goal:

- 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.

Final Number of participants and profile

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).

52 participants: 27 men/ 25 women

- **23** from Program Countries
- **11** from EECA
- **9** from Meda
- **9** from SEE

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;

The Team

The facilitation team was composed by:

- Areg Tadevosyan, International Centre for Intercultural Research, Learning and Dialogue, Armenia
- Hiba Tibi, free lance trainer, Palestine
- Lidija Burić, free lance trainer, Croatia

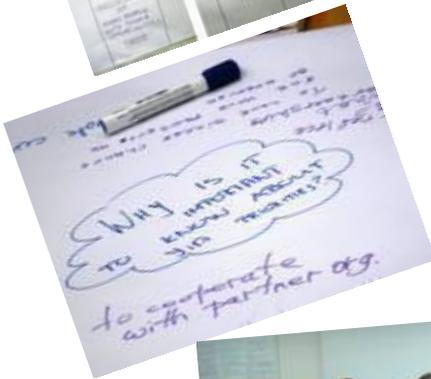
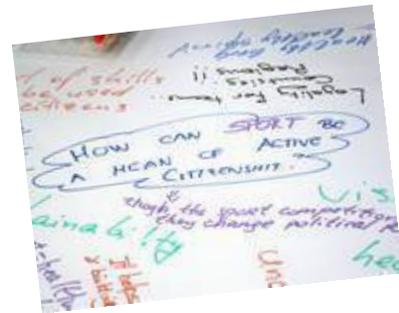
The team was coordinated by Davide Tonon, free lance trainer, Italy-Spain

National Agencies from Slovenia, Poland and France
3 regional SALTO-YOUTH RCs: EECA, EuroMed and SEE.



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. [More about the results in the report.](#)



**« Youth Participation in EuroMed »
12-16 November, Paris- France (INJEP)**



This event took place in the framework of the French Presidency of the European Union. It gathered actors involved in Youth participation at different levels - Young people, Youth workers and Youth policy makers from all Youth in Action programme countries and from the MEDA countries involved in the Barcelona process.

Background

Participation of Young people is one of the major topics of the European Youth in Action programme. On one hand, it is a horizontal priority that is implemented through all the various actions of the programme; on the other hand, in the Southern and Eastern shore of the Mediterranean sea, there is a strong will for young people to participate in public life and in all European exchange programmes.

The French National Agency Youth in Action, in cooperation with the Salto-Youth EuroMed and Participation Resource Centres, and in partnership with the South Cooperation Agencies Network of the Youth in Action Programme, decided to organise this conference to offer a platform for reflecting on the issue of Youth Participation and for debating on the realities of Youth Participation in EU and MEDA countries involved in the Barcelona process.

Aim and Objectives

This Conference aimed to reflect on the issue of **Youth Participation in the European and Mediterranean context(s)**. The following concrete objectives were set based on the afore-mentioned goal:

- To clarify the concept/definition of “Youth participation”
- To compare the existing situations of Youth participation in Programme as well as MEDA countries
- To reflect about the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes as tools for stimulating participation: such as introducing good practice projects, support structures that develop methods and strategies, input by experts and researchers
- To identify challenges for the development of Youth Participation in the EuroMed Youth cooperation
- To stimulate partnership building and development of projects supporting Youth participation in the framework of the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth Programmes

Profile of participants, selection and preparation

The participants selected for this conference were coming from programme countries of the Youth in Action programme, mainly from members of the “South cooperation agencies network”, and from Mediterranean partner countries (MEDA). They were young people, youth workers, Youth policy stakeholders, multipliers, having experience in the field of Youth Participation.

Final number of participants

62 participants: 31 men/ 31 women

38 from program countries (32 from the South Cooperation Agencies Network)

24 from Mediterranean partner countries

The participants could refer to the resources of:

- 9 representatives of NAs
- 3 representatives of Salto Resource Centres
- 2 representatives of EuroMed Youth Units
- 8 expert speakers



Methodology used

- lectures and presentations
- workshops
- discussions
- group work in smaller groups
- exchange of experiences/practices
- participative approach

To emphasise the participative approach and involve the participants as much as possible, the programme’s methodology scheduled activities focussed on interactivity and exchange of experiences, as in discussions in small groups, like in “3 words” or the “participation café”, or in individual presentations of projects and organisations, delivery of workshops, and the common design of future projects.

The Team

French National Agency: Jean Chiris (Head of NA), Isabelle Olivier (Action 3 Project officer), Gilles Baccala (TCP Officer), Alice Dartout (Assistant).

Salto-Youth EuroMed team: Markus Albrecht (facilitator), Bernard Abrignani (coordinator of Salto-Youth EuroMed RC), Stephanie Henry (Assistant), Caroline Mayaudon, (Communication Project officer).

Salto-Youth Participation RC: Fatima Lanaan (coordinator of the RC), Lidija Buric (facilitator).

with the support of AVICENNE for the logistic of the event



**« Networking in EVS: the Odyssee continues »
25-30 November; Athens - Greece**

Background

The "EVS Odyssey in EuroMed" started in November 2006 on the Greek island of Hydra and is continuing from harbour to harbour: Copenhagen (September 2007), Oslo (April 2008) and Marseille (October 2008). The common purpose of those trips is to explore the meaning and potential of EVS in EuroMed cooperation the idea to build sustainable partnerships in this field.

Aim of the conference

The aim of this Conference was to bring together former participants to EVS seminars organised by Salto-Youth EuroMed in order to build partnerships which will reinforce the quality of EVS networks in the framework of EuroMed cooperation.

Objectives

- To assess the impact and the quality of the partnerships and EVS projects on process since the beginning of the Odysseys
- To explore the developments in the common understanding of volunteering in EuroMed
- To sustain the ongoing cooperation reinforcing the existing network(s)
- To support the creation of new partnerships and new projects

Profile of participants, selection and preparation

The Conference was only opened to former participants in the following events:

- "EVS Odyssey in Euromed", Hydra (Greece), 15-19 November 2006
- "EVS Odyssey in Euromed", Høje Taastrup (Denmark), 5-9 September 2007
- "EVS Odyssey in Euromed", Oslo (Norway), 8-13 April 2008
- "EVS Odyssey in Euromed", Marseille, 25-30 October 2008

Final number of participants

46 participants : 29 men/ 17 women

21 from Programme countries

25 from Mediterranean Partner countries



The Team

Hellenic National Agency: Dora Bei (Head of NA), Layia Tzortzi (Project officer), Martha DIAMANTOPOULOUS (Project Officer), Sofia Kentistou.

EuroMed Youth Units: Ammar Chikhi (EMYU of Tunisia), Muhannad Al Akroush (EMYU of Jordan), Rachid Halouani (EMYU of Tunisia), Sadi Soboh (EMYU of Jordan)

National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme: Hur Guldu (Turkish NA), Katrine Daviknes (Norwegian NA), Peter Markov (Bulgarian NA), Rosa Ferreira (Portuguese NA), Salima Boudoukha (French NA), and Yiannis Yannakis (Cypriot NA).

Salto-Youth EuroMed Team: Sylvain Abrial (Trainer), Davide Tonon (Coordinator of the Conference), Bernard Abrignani, Coordinator of Salto-Youth EuroMed RC.



TOOL FAIR 3rd edition
5-9 November 2008, Santa Cruz de La Palma, Canary Islands (Spain)

“Valorisation can be defined as the process of disseminating and exploiting the results of projects with a view to optimising their value, strengthening their impact and making the largest possible number of young people in Europe benefit from it”. (DG-EAC)

Background

Participants came from both "Programme" and "Partner" countries, all stakeholders of the YOUTH programme: young people, youth workers, trainers, etc.

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 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".

Partners

This 3rd edition was co-organised by the **Spanish National Agency** in cooperation with the **Government of the Canary Islands** and **Salto-Youth EuroMed** on behalf the network of the 8 SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres.

Aim/Objectives

- To gather and to “valorise” tools created and implemented within the framework of youth work in general and Youth in Action programme more specifically
- To test tools,
- To analyse and to reflect on the transferability of these tools.

What is meant by "tool"?

A tool is any educational means, process or materials which can be used to support trainers, youth workers or young people themselves to better achieve the aims or goals of their activities.

It can be "touchable", "showable", like a video, a booklet, a report, a board game, etc. It can be experienced, like a simulation game, a creative workshop, a quiz, a role play or any outdoor activities, etc.

What happened during the Tool Fair?

From the Cosmic Learning and the non formal learning, through the Educational Tools and the Lifelong Learning, the participants learn more about the EuroMed e-learning community, the finished version of the EUROMED Game and, finally, experienced, shared, reflected and developed during two days 42 tools, until finishing producing more than 44 proposals for further cooperation...

Comparing with previous editions of the Tool Fair, some changes were introduced, as the classification and distribution of tools and experiences in the following categories:

- Generic Tools
- Thematic Tools
- Innovation in Tools
- Tools for Specific Target Groups
- Tools for EVS and for YOUTHPASS

Profile of the participants:

Participants should:

- be active in the youth field in general and more specifically within the YOUTH in Action Programme (young people, youth workers, youth leaders, trainers, NA representatives,...)
- have created a "tool" and experienced it within a YOUTH project;
- be ready to share it with others during the fair



Final number of participants

75 participants from 29 countries: 39 men/ 36 women
 40 European countries
 5 Meda countries
 7 EECA countries

and

6 quality trainers from Italy, Lebanon, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine
 7 representatives of NAs from Estonia, France, Lithuania, Portugal, Spain and Turkey
 2 representatives of Salto Ressource Centres EECA and Inclusion

8 Team members

Spanish National Agency: Esther Artal García (Head of NA), Marta Aguilera, Barbara Manna

Government of Canary Islands: Juan Carlos Rojas

Salto-Youth EuroMed Team: Andrés Abad (Coordinator of the event), Miguel Angel García (facilitator), Stephanie Henry (assistant), Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of the Salto-Youth EuroMed RC).



2. International Training Courses

Training course

Democracy within the Euromed context: illusion or reality? 20-27 April 2009, Venice - Italy

Background

Analyzing the background of Democracy within the EuroMed context and gaining a better understanding of the roots of democratic process through the history in connection with the implementation of Euro-Mediterranean projects

Short Introduction

The training session was co-organised by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre in conjunction with the Youth National Agency of Italy from 20th to 27th April 2008. The working languages were English and French.

During the training course, the participants had tested the meaning of Democracy. In fact, during all course, they choose their own structure and their own "parliament. The discussion about Democracy and its meaning started with a reflection on the "Serenissima" (Democracy in Venice in the Past) and with a Role play realized inside Palazzo Ducale.

Later, the participants have presented their own Political Systems with a focus and reflection about the Democracy.

Also, two of the trainers did a similar presentation about their own country (Israel and Egypt).

All these elements were important in order to better understand and to better develop concrete projects in the various countries. In order to develop this aspect, some activities had been proposed to better understand the skills and the competences to put in action projects with a "democratic" approach.

The course had provided time and space for building new partnerships and projects in the field of Youth in Action.

Aim and Objectives

The course aimed at analyzing the scenery of Democracy within the EuroMed context and at promoting a better understanding of the roots of democratic processes through the history and their links with the implementation of Euro-Mediterranean projects.

The following concrete objectives were set based on the afore-mentioned goal:

- to reflect on the concept of Democracy and its different understandings (from the political and social points of view in the different European and Mediterranean countries);
- to become acquainted with the different sceneries of Democracy in the EuroMed context and the historical interdependences they had upon each other;
- to acquire competencies to devise and implement youth projects in the EuroMed context, taking in account the frame of the democracy and youth.

Profile of participants

The course was designed as a complementary training session for youth workers and leaders who:

- already have some experience of the (EuroMed) YOUTH Programme;
- did the upstream preparatory research required and any additional research requested by the team once accepted on the course;
- had the backing of their organizations and the green light for a EuroMed YOUTH project;
- were motivated by the training course and free to attend the entire session;
- could communicate and work in at least one of the two working languages (English and French);
- were resident in a European Union Member State or in a Mediterranean country that had signed the Declaration of Barcelona.

Final Number of participants

26 participants: 13 men/ 13 women
 12 from Program Countries
 14 from Mediterranean partner countries

The Team

Italian National Agency: Giuseppe Gualtieri and Luca Pignocco,
 Logistic support: Stefania Toriello, Stefania Ziglio,

Salto-Youth EuroMed team: Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of Salto EM RC), Demicheli Federica (coordinator of the training), Leibovitch Adva (trainer), Brakel Kristian (trainer), Fouad Ahmed (trainer) and Boaria Marco (reporter).



Education and civilisation
3-11 Mai 2008, Valetta – Malta

Background

Education and Civilisations have been overlapping since ever. Every civilization contributed to the cultural history of the world. Also Education contributed to the creation of modern societies. In the framework of the YOUTH IN ACTION programme this relation is even more stressed. One of its actions, the voluntary service, is not developed as much as it could be.

The educational approaches and attitudes were not identical, not only between both sides of the Mediterranean Sea but also among countries of the same geographical area. The purpose of this course is also to reflect on the influence of civilisations in the educational systems and on the necessary conditions for implementing a qualitative voluntary service project (Action 2) within the Euro-Mediterranean co-operation.

Aim and objectives

This course aims at realising and concretising the links between education and civilisation and at checking whether they were a driving force or a brake to the qualitative development of Euro-Mediterranean voluntary service.

The following concrete objectives set in order to reach the aims as described above:

- to become acquainted with the Euro-Mediterranean civilisations and the mutual influences they had upon each other;
- to reflect on how civilisation influenced educational systems and the latter (non-formal) educational attitudes on both sides of the Mediterranean Sea;
- to compare the different educational systems and analyse their similitude and differences;
- to exchange concepts of voluntary services;
- to acquire competencies to assure a qualitative mentorship within the context of the Euro-Med YOUTH Programme;
- to create a technical and educational guide for implementing a Euro-Mediterranean voluntary service.

The topic of the training course had to be adapted to the competences and skills of participants which were less experienced as requested.

Profile of participants

The course was intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- were experienced in the Euro-Med YOUTH Programme (Actions 1, 2 & 5);
- were committed to prepare themselves for the handled subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- were motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- were supported by their organisation and have green light for implementing a Euro-Med YOUTH project;
- were able to communicate and work in at least one of the three working languages of this training course (English, French and/or Arab);
- were resident in a Member State of the European Union or in a Mediterranean country signatory to the Barcelona Declaration.

Final Number of participants

20 participants: 9 men/ 11 women

14 from Programme countries

6 from Mediterranean partner countries

The Team

Maltese National Agency: Mauro Pace-Parascandalo (Head of NA), Clive Bonnici, Ryan Bugeja (TCP Officers), Silvano Cristauro

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed: Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of Salto EM RC), Leo Kaserer (Coordinator of the TC), Federica Demicheli and Jenny Bouzboka (Trainers).

EuroMed Youth platform: Amanda Zammit (Project officer).



Results

The skills and experiences of the participants were not as expected: low level in English, lack of knowledge of the Youth in Action and EuroMed Youth programme. However, the team of trainers did the best to adapt the training course and to involve the majority of participants.

6 projects were born following up this training course:

- 4 projects were ready for the Call of 1st June 2008
- 2 projects are still under construction



Inter-religious dialogue
23-30 June 2008, Ajloun - Jordan

Background

Dialogue is “a necessity for all societies”. It is essential to build and develop; therefore, Neglecting dialogue today would be an act of fundamental human irresponsibility. Inter-religious Dialogue is certainly a challenge which demands “the intellectual, moral, and, the ability to accept the other.

Specificity of the venue

Jordan seeks to be a model of modern Arab state that identifies stability, acceptance and tolerance as a priority for the region. It is through constructive dialogue that harmony is to be achieved. This year the European commission indicated it is a year of intercultural Dialogue. It is important to implement activities in the region where Dialogue is crucial for humanity, where conflict is mostly focused on religion. Jordan is the first Mediterranean country to Host such a unique EuroMed Activity after the suspension caused for the decentralisation of the Euromed Youth Programme. The first TC “Inter-religious Dialogue” took place in Istanbul (Turkey) in October 2007, during Ramadan and also during the Eid Bayram, and many partners, SALTO’s and regions were represented, it has a special aspects and it was the base activity for the one implemented in Jordan.

Aim and Objectives

The main aim of this training seminar is to prepwre youth workers and future leaders in promoting dialogue among the different religions, spiritual and humanistic traditions mainly in the Euro-Med context where conflicts were increasingly associated with religious belonging. It stresses the reciprocal interactions and influences between, on the one hand, religions, spiritual and humanistic traditions, and on the other, the need to promote understanding and mutual respect.

The following objectives have been set in order to reach the aims as described above:

- To provide educational support and time for the participants to share and reflect about their own experiences and knowledge in the field of inter-religious dialogue
- To disseminate the principles of inter-religious dialogue using different means. SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Training Course "Inter-religious Dialogue" Report Ajloun – Jordan, 2008
- To give the opportunity for participants to experience what is Inter-religious Dialogue for them to be able to transfer it into their realities.
- To identify common elements in relation with the other religions that help participants built common understanding
- To help and support participants in improving their competence (Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes and Values) in the field of inter-religious dialogue.
- To allocate space for the participants to develop project ideas in the field of inter-religious dialogue.

Programme elements

20 activities were developed and implemented during the Training Course inter-religious Dialogue including Group dynamics, getting to know each other, see-sight and related with the issue inter-religious dialogue: Religious Trivial pursuit, What does religion mean? Religion past, present and future, Principles Dialogue Decalogue and a main part on IRD (3 sessions of practices).

You can read more in the report on line <http://www.salto-youth.net/ird2008report/>

Profile of participants

The course was intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- Were experienced in the Youth field and familiar with this topic;
- Were open to enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding the other cultures;
- Were committed to prepare themselves for the above-mentioned subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- Were motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- Were supported by their organization and have green light for implementing the Youth in Action and Euromed Youth projects;
- Were able to communicate in English or in French language
- Were residents in a European Union Member State, or in a Mediterranean Partner country signatory to the Barcelona Process.

Final Number of participants

24 participants: 11 men / 13 women

10 from Meda countries

14 from EU countries

Team

Jordan Euromed Youth Unit for the Euromed Youth programme:

Ali Bibi

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed team: Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of Salto EM RC), Roy Abou Habib (Coordinator of the TC), Christin Voigt & Marta Piszczek (Trainers)



Protecting the Mediterranean environment: Youth can make the difference
7-17 July 2008, Athens and Cycladic Islands- Greece

Introduction

Protection of environment, sustainable development, global warming, desertification, water management and other urgent environmental issues were becoming more and more important on a political level, a core issue for civil society and NGOs, a source of worrying for global economy. The protection of the Mediterranean Sea could represent another opportunity to bring both sides together, to foster the cooperation between European countries and MEDA countries.



Aim/ Objectives

- To raise awareness on the protection of the Mediterranean environment
- To foster competences on how the Youth in Action and the EuroMed Youth programmes can be used in this field
- To enhance active citizenship through the creation of structural dialogue between participants and stakeholders on environmental issue
- To learn about concrete contribution to global sustainable development, with a special focus on the Euro-Mediterranean area
- To strengthen participants' initiative and creativity
- To stimulate networking, improving quality and quantity of youth projects on environmental issues
- To exchange good practices

Programme elements

Participants coming from European and MEDA countries joined an itinerant training course on 5 different sailboats around Greek Cycladic Islands. They experienced strong team-building activities, learnt from sessions on environmental issues, produced an itinerant exhibition to be shown during the big events organised in all the islands where sailboats stopped, animated workshops and non-formal sessions during these events.

They also planned the route according to the wind and the knowledge of the skipper in order to reduce the use of the engine:

- Get economical packages of food
- Get organic and preferably local products
- Keep recyclables separately (eg. plastic bottles, cans, paper)
- Throw organics in the open sea (scrap food)
- Do not throw cigarette filters in the sea
- Use reasonable quantities of biodegradable products (liquid soap, shampoo etc)
- Save water
- Close the pumping while washing dishes
- Close the tap while shampooing
- Switch the lights off when not in use
- Drink tap water when available
- Reuse your glasses

More practices and experiences to share in the report of the training course on-line <http://www.salto-youth.net/environmentreport/>

Profile of participants

The course was dedicated to youth workers and youth leaders who:

- were between 20 and 30 years old
- were experienced in the Euro-Med YOUTH Programme and/or Youth in Action Programme
- were open to share and enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding environmental issues
- were committed to co-operate during the preparation phase before the implementation of the training course according to the team of trainers' requests (writing articles, making researches, etc.)

- were supported by their organisations and have a concrete interest in implementing a Euro-Med project on environmental issues
- were able to communicate and work in English
- were committed to attend the course for its full duration
- can swim and don't suffer from seasickness
- previous sailing experiences is considered an asset during applicants' selection process
- were ready to be active part of the sailing crew (cooking, cleaning, etc.)

Final Number of participants

30 participants: 16 men / 14 women
 13 from Meda countries
 17 from EU countries

Team

Greek National Agency: Dora Bei (Head of the Greek National Agency), Laya Tzortzi (TCP Officer), Martha Diamantopolou (TCP Officer).
Cypriot National Agency: Yiannis Yiannakis (Head of the Cypriot National Agency)

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre: Giuseppe Marletta (Coordinator of the Training Course), Evi Koutsousirou (Trainer), Haythem Kamel (Trainer), Emeric Abrignani (Trainer), Bernard Abrignani, Coordinator of the Resource Centre.



Follow-up

A long term training course is planned from 2009 till 2010 in cooperation with the Hellenic National Agency and an educational report will be edited.



Inter Euro-Mediterranean cultural Dialogue: the Spirit of EuroMed
21-28 July 2008, Konya - Turkey

Background

"The world's cultural wealth is its variety in dialogue. While each culture draws from its own roots, it must not fail to blossom when crossing other cultures."

Intercultural dialogue can't be implemented from above; a bottom-up approach is essential, as citizens are at the core of intercultural dialogue and have an important role to play. Young people must play an active part in identifying, mapping, evaluating and exchanging these experiences of intercultural dialogue.



The decision to declare 2008 the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue was intended to highlight and raise awareness about underlines the important contribution of intercultural dialogue to a number of the European Union's strategic priorities:

- The promotion of cultural diversity in Europe and in the world
- A solidarity dimension at the service of social cohesion
- An element of credibility in policies towards neighbouring countries and external relations in general
- We needed to move from intercultural dialogue to intercultural cooperation based on equality of people and citizenship.

Venue as a resource of learning

The training seminar was held in Konya, a cradle of many civilizations, became a centre of culture and politics during the period of Seljuks. The centre for the Mevlevi order was in Konya, where their 13th century guiding spirit, Mevlana (Jelaleddin al-Rumi) is buried. There is also a Mevlevi monastery or dergah in Istanbul, near the Galata Tower, where the Sema (whirling ceremony) is performed and accessible to the public.

Therefore, the venue had been used to illustrate a number of issues; perceptions and reality to work into the EuroMed context: Historical, Philosophical, Political, Traditions and Religious realities, enforce intercultural learning to try to find a basement for a better understanding and to reflect on what could, should be a EuroMed Spirit.

Expected Outcome

The participants were expected

- to enrich their knowledge and understanding towards intercultural dialogue in the Euro-Mediterranean region;
- to enhance cooperation in Euro - Med region
- to discover Mevlana's ideas by integrating with the youth's tolerance and humanism
- to enforce tolerance, respect, interaction, and dialog among young people

Methodology

The training seminar was based on the principles and practice of non-formal education and is conceived to allow a learner-centred approach based on active and interactive methods. Participants needed to self organised part of the activities and thus, to take a personal responsibility for their learning process. They should have to be opened for an experiential learning experience.

Profile of participants

The training seminar was intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- were experienced in the Youth in Action and Euro-Med YOUTH Programme
- who are active in their organisation
- were eager to learn more about intercultural dialogue in Euro - Med.
- were committed to prepare themselves for the handled subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- were motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;

- were supported by their organisation and have green light for implementing a Euro-Med YOUTH project;
- were able to communicate and work in English;
- were resident in a Member State of the European Union or in a Mediterranean country signatory to the Barcelona Declaration.

Final Number of participants

25 participants: 10 men / 15 women
 12 from Meda countries
 13 from EU countries

Team

Turkish National Agency: Ibrahim Demirel (Project officer)

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed team: Tugce Ciftcibasi (Coordinator of the TS), Anastasia Kyriakidou (Trainer), Tamara Cuprian (Reporter), Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of Salto EM RC).

Follow-up

An educational report is under construction.



**Let's meet between regions: Baltic-Dead seas
14-21 September 2008, Dead sea-Israel**

Background

The idea of this activity arose during the TCP officers meeting in Bonn in October 2007.



Why to cooperate?

- Baltic region is Christian; the Christianity originated in the Middle East;
- At the collapse of the Soviet Union, many individuals from the Baltic region emigrated to the region, mostly to Israel because of their Jewish origin;
- English language is the most common second language in both regions;
- All countries involved in the Seminar have been under the control, influence and administrations of other political powers, countries, nations;
- All six partners are small in their territories as well as the amount of inhabitants

Needs analysis

Baltic National Agencies

- to support youth organization in finding good, trusty partners from the Mediterranean region;
- to foster the exchange of information about the Youth in Action Programme and EuroMed Youth Programme, been the last the one allowing to participate in projects hosted in Meda countries;
- to offer the best environment to the Baltic organization, youth workers to understand and learn the reality of the Meda region, their youth policy and youth work;
- to encourage the good cooperation, to promote the real partnership building between European and Meda organizations.

EuroMed Youth Units

- to support youth organizations in finding good, trusty partners from European Union countries, specially those EU regions that are not in geographical closeness, such as the Baltic region;
- to foster the exchange of information and already existing experience about the Youth in Action Programme and the EuroMed Youth Programme, as the tools for implementing international youth activities;
- to give a chance to Meda organization to learn the reality of the youth work and youth policy in the Baltic countries;
- to encourage cooperation promoting real partnership building between Baltic and Meda organizations.
- There is a need for both regions to get to know the different history, customs, and current reality from all the other actors.

Youth organizations

- contacts with other organizations;
- knowledge on different programmes supporting youth activities;
- understanding about the reality in other regions;
- planning for cooperation with international partners in long term, establishing the mechanism to keep the partnership by distant communication in the long run;



Aim/ Objectives

To promote effective cooperation between youth organizations coming from Baltic and Meda regions in order to give intercultural learning opportunities to more youngsters through different youth projects in the framework of the programmes Youth In Action and EuroMed Youth III.

The following objectives have been set in order to reach the aims as described above:

- to increase the motivation of youth workers from Baltic and Meda regions to cooperate between regions not linked geographically;
- to find and recognize in this cooperation learning opportunities for youngsters of both regions;
- to contribute to the creation of better understanding of national and regional specificities in youth work, youth policy and needs of young people;

- to develop cooperation skills, to acknowledge difficulties and challenges of the international cooperation and to further the long term partnership strategy creation in order to foster continuous EuroMed cooperation in youth field;
- to explore opportunities and challenges of the programmes Youth in Action and EuroMed Youth as tools for development of international youth activities, projects and cooperation between partners.

Program Elements

- Getting to know - interpersonal, organizational, national youth work, regional specificities (cultural and social);
- Youth Programmes - Youth in Action and EuroMed Youth, as tools for development of the cooperation between partners and learning opportunities for youngsters.
- The reality of youth work – the different kind of structures, who are the actors, traditions coming from soviet times that still influences youth work, the initiatives by organizations and their links with European organizations, all funds available for youth activities, the difficulties of sustainability of youth NGOs, etc.;
- Partnership and cooperation, long term cooperation; Projects development;
- Activities : EuroMed tools - EuroMed Game; Visits to local NGOs and meeting with youth; Visit Baltic NGOs and their youth (based on previous homework done by participants); Meetings with Baltic immigrant youth; Visit to Jerusalem.

Profile of participants

- youth workers and youth leaders with at least three years in international youth work;
- having authorization for developing projects on behalf of their NGOs;
- having a serious interest and motivation to cooperate in EuroMed context;
- having a basic knowledge about EuroMed cooperation;
- able to communicate and work in English.

Participants expected: 4 participants per country, accompanied by NA/ EMYU representative.

Final Number of participants

21 participants: 9 men / 12 women
10 from Meda countries
11 from EU countries



Team

EuroMed Youth Unit Israel: Tzipi Weinberg (Head of Unit), Shoshana Shreiber (Project manager), David Krausz (senior advisor of the EMYU), Varda Gil

National Agencies: Giedre Tumosaite (Lithuania), Kaja Ainsalu (Estonia), Zita Krastina (Latvia)

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed team: Claudio Kogon (Coordinator of the TC), Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of Salto EM RC).

Results

2 projects submitted and approved by Lithuanian NA on 5th Call for proposal in November 2008.

3 projects submitted on 1st call for proposals in February 2009 (waiting for approval).



Training seminar

**MOZAIC Training Seminar for Trainers: Gender Equality in Training for Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work
2-7 December 2008, Antalya- Turkey**

Background

Training Seminar organised by the Youth Partnership (CoE and European Commission) in cooperation with Salto-Youth EuroMed on the EUROMED T-Kit with a focus on, Gender Equality and Participation of Women.

Programme elements

Presentation of **MOSAIC - Training Kit on Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work**

MOZAIC



T-KIT ON EURO-MEDITERRANEAN YOUTH WORK

Profile of participants

Seminar dedicated to EuroMed trainers focusing on Gender Equality in Training for Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work.

Final Number of Salto-Youth EuroMed participants

13 participants: 4 men /9 women
7 from Meda countries
6 from EU countries

Team

Youth partnership: Rui Gomes

Coordinator of the training seminar: Asuman Goksel

Turkish National Agency and University of Antalya

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed team: Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of Salto EM RC).



Follow-up

Trainings of and for trainers in EuroMed in cooperation with the Youth partnership.



3. Contact Making Seminar

CMS

EVS Odyssey in EuroMed 8 – 13 April 2008, Vetre- Norway

Background

The Euromed cooperation has been developing and enriching constantly since its beginning. EU and Meda countries have been bridging both sides of the Mediterranean sea, youth organisations have been contributing to create links and to make out of this cooperation between countries a reality of common youth projects.

The new generation of programmes "Youth in Action" and "Euromed Youth III" has offered to young people the opportunity of enriching their own individual educational pathway by Euromed Voluntary Service and to youth organisations the chance to turn these individual wills into an exciting local hosting project, which could give them the opportunity to develop new projects, new ways of working.

This is the meaning of European Voluntary Service in Euromed: To create links, between individual projects of young people, and strategies of Euromed cooperation between youth organisations from Nordic countries and countries from the Southern bank of the Mediterranean Sea.

Who proposed the journey?

SALTO Euromed Resource Centre can propose actions but such "journeys" require a strong political motivation and a solid cooperation: Therefore, the National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme from Norway proposed to host and organise this seminar, in cooperation with the Greek and Bulgarian National Agencies.

Actually, the Odyssey already started for some courageous travellers from different "harbours": Greece (2006) and Denmark (2007).

On the 8th of April 2008, a new crew and new travellers embarked for this journey in Vetre, Norway. Next stop: 13th April 2008!

Aim and objectives

The objectives of this seminar were

- To create a space of Euromed cooperation in the field of European Voluntary Service.
- To support the creation and development of new innovative and quality EVS projects in Euromed.
- To facilitate the contact making between Norwegian, Bulgarian, Greek youth organisations active in EVS (or willing to become so) and the Mediterranean partners countries.
- To get acquainted with the new programmes "Youth in Action" and "Euromed Youth III" and its developments.
- To get a common understanding of the voluntary work and of the various educational perspectives in regards to cultural diversity.

Profile of Participants

Full time and/or volunteer youth workers, representing of youth organisations (or similar).

With capacity in making decision on the behalf of their NGOs or with a clear mandate, that might help them to commit into partnerships and projects.

With practical experience in the Euromed Youth Programme III (all actions) or with experience in the European Youth Programme and knowledge of the Euromed Youth Programme (all actions).

With experience of EVS in the frame of Euromed Youth Programme and/or European Youth Programme, and/or with a concrete sending or hosting project in EVS.

Committed to attend the whole working programme of the seminar.



Final Number of participants

25 participants : 14 men/ 11 women

15 from Program Countries [Norway (5), Bulgaria (5) and Greece (5)]

10 from Mediterranean partner countries

The Team

Norwegian National Agency: Stine Øfsdahl, Katrine Daviknes,

Greek National Agency: Martha Diamantopoulou, Layia Tzorzi

Bulgarian National Agency: Petar Markov

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed: Bernard Abrignani (Coordinator of Salto EM RC), Sylvain Abrial (Coordinator of the CMS), Tugba Cansali (Trainer).



AKTIV UNGDOM

EVS Odyssey in EuroMed
25-30 October 2008, Marseille- France

Background

Euromed cooperation has been developing and enriching constantly since its beginning. EU and Meda countries have been bridging both sides of the Mediterranean Sea, youth organisations have been contributing to create links and to make out of this cooperation between states a reality of common projects.

A lot of youth workers are eager to experience this Euromed spirit and looking forward to get an opportunity of enriching their own individual educational pathway by starting with the Odyssey of Euromed cooperation.

A lot of youth organisations are looking forward to turn these individual wills into an exciting local hosting project, which could give them the opportunity to develop new projects, new ways of working.

This is the meaning of Euro-Mediterranean Voluntary Service: Making links, between individual projects of young people, and strategies of Euromed cooperation between youth organisations from European Union and the Mediterranean area.

Aims and Objectives

This partner building seminar aims to be an opportunity to meet European and Mediterranean partners in EVS, to get a common understanding of the meaning of voluntary work, to develop common sending and hosting projects, to be in a "partnership- building-way- of-thinking", and to discover the richness of cultural and educational differences.

The following concrete objectives set in order to reach the aims as described above:

- To create a space of Euromed cooperation in the field of European Voluntary Service.
- To support the creation and development of new innovative and quality EVS projects in Euromed.
- To facilitate the contact making and the partnership building between youth organisations active in EVS (or willing to become so) from both sides of the Mediterranean sea.
- To get acquainted with the Youth in Action programme and its development in the frame of Euromed.
- To develop a common understanding of voluntary work and the various educational perspectives in regards to cultural diversity.

Programme elements

Contact-making oriented

- Stands and organisation market
- Exchange of practices: in Euromed, in EVS
- Partner matching
- Project and partnership time: Work on sending and hosting projects

Quality and knowledge-oriented

- Voluntary work in Euromed: Inputs and workshops
- Educational perspectives (Educational systems and visions of non formal education in the different Euromed countries): Input and workshops
- Information on the future of the Euromed Youth Programme and the future infrastructures for Meda countries (Input) subject to new information on Euromed Youth IV
- Reflection on EVS and Euromed in a wider cultural and geopolitical framework: administrative and political barriers, cultural habits and local customs...

"Euromed spirit" oriented

- Cultures and traditions evenings
- Debates on preconceived ideas and representations
- Group life moment

Profile of the participants

- Full time and/or volunteer youth workers, representing of youth organisations (or similar).
- Able to make a decision in the name of their NGO or with a clear mandate, that might help them to involve themselves into partnerships and projects.
- With practical experience in the Euromed Youth Programme (all actions) or with experience in the Youth in Action Programme and/or knowledge of both (all actions).
- Experienced in EVS in the frame of Euromed Youth Programme and/or Youth in Action Programme, and/or with a concrete sending or hosting project in EVS.
- Committed to attend the whole working programme of the seminar.
- Committed and available to attend the conference "networking in EVS: Odyssey continues which is the evaluation of the whole Euromed odysseys (Greece 2006 - Denmark 2007- Norway 2008- France 2008) that will take place from 25 to 30 of November 2008 in Greece (each participant of the above mentioned EVS odysseys in Euromed must take part to this evaluation).

30 participants were expected.

Final Number of participants

22 participants: 10 men /12 women

11 from Meda countries

11 from EU countries

Team

French National Agency: Salima Boudhouka (EVS project officer)

Regional correspondent: Geroges Sylvestre

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed team: Sylvain Abrial (Coordinator of the TC), Ann Daniels (trainer).

Results

16 projects/partnerships were given birth and all of them were of good quality.



4. Long Term Training Course

Evaluation

Dialogue among Civilizations 8-14 December 2008 – Larnaca, Cyprus

Background

This was the 3rd and last phase of the long-term Training Course, thematic “dialogue among civilizations”, but also strongly oriented towards action and strategy of cooperation, through the Action 4.3, sub-action "Networking projects".



Remind the 3 main phases:

- **1st step:** Training-Course "Common roots for a common ground"
- **2nd step:** Practical experience of networking projects "Networks for dialogue". Deadline of 1st of February.
- **3rd step:** Training-Course and ongoing evaluation of networking projects "Common ground for a common future"

Aim and Objectives

The aim of Long-Term Training Course (LTTC) on the theme ‘*Dialogue among Civilizations*’, co-organised by the SALTO EuroMed Resource Centre together with the National Agencies in Greece and Cyprus, and held in **three phases** (November 2007 to December 2008), was to strengthen and expand the network of EVS projects, as well as to improve the quality of such projects, within the framework of the Euromed Youth III Programme. It was the result of the long-term strategy agreed between SALTO and the two NAs on previous events with the same objectives, such as the *EVS Odyssey in EuroMed* Contact Making Seminars.

The objectives of the LTTC were to develop, organize, run and evaluate networking projects reinforcing dialogue among civilisations as well as to gain competences and skills in network management and cooperation strategies.

Profile of participants

- experienced in Youth (in Action) Programme and/or Euromed Youth Programme (possibly in several actions),
- experienced in the Youth field and familiar with EVS projects,
- able to work in English or French,
- Willing to create a long-term strategy of cooperation, within the networking projects, with specific interest in the topic of the TC.

Final number of participants

16 participants: 7 males/ 9 females

6 from Mediterranean partner countries

10 from Programme countries

Report from the coordinator

Phase I of the training course, hosted in **Greece in November 2007**, explored the concept of civilisation and focused on the challenges of dialogue among civilisations within the context of Euro-Med. During this initial phase, three thematic partnership groups were established among the participants, who also discussed and planned 14 projects, based on Youth Exchanges, EVS and Study Visits.

‘It was very interesting to find these similarities among our civilisations...’

During Phase II - a period of 10 working months - the three partnership teams planned, applied for and organised their projects. During the whole period of preparation and organization they were **coached** by the LTTC’s training team. The last phase of the training course, hosted in **Cyprus in December 2008**, focused on evaluating, reflecting and sharing of experiences within multicultural teams.

The LTTC participants and project organisers came from **9 Mediterranean partner countries** and **7 EU Member States**, involving a total of **22 participants** over the 3 phases. Out of the 14 proposals discussed during Phase I, **10 projects** were planned (**2 Training Courses; 2 Youth Exchanges; 3 EVS; 2 Seminars; 1 Study Visit**). All the YiA projects were approved by the relevant NAs and out of the 4 projects submitted to the Euromed Youth Units, one was rejected. The approved projects involved new partners and were hosted in the EU (6 projects) and Mediterranean region (3 projects). One of the projects also involved participation from 3 EECA countries. **The grants awarded to these projects totalled 87,231 euro.**

'During the part II I gained important experiences....responsibility was more effective knowing that we will meet to evaluate...

During the last session new projects, with a focus on intercultural learning and communication, were discussed and planned by the partnerships for the 2009-2010 period. Taking into consideration that the next phase of the Euromed Youth Programme is unlikely to be launched till early 2010, it is hoped that some of the planned projects will be realized within the framework of the Youth in Action Programme.

Team

Cypriot National Agency: Maria Christodoulou and Yiannis Yiannakis

Salto-Youth EuroMed Team: Federica Demicheli (coordinator of the LTTC), Leo Kaserer, Taoufik Louzari (trainers), Gisèle Kirby (reporter), Bernard Abrignani (coordinator of Salto-Youth EuroMed).



POOL OF TRAINERS

This year Salto Euromed resource centre launched a call for trainers to recruit its coordinators, facilitators and trainers.

Some of the trainers were contracted as “junior trainer”. Most of them participated as trainees in one of our activities. This way of doing offer them the opportunity to develop their skills and to become a trainer and to enlarge the number of potential trainers.

The majority of the selected people were trained in TATEM and TOTEM long term training courses. Definition of COORDINATOR, TRAINER, FACILITATOR (from the Handbook for the organization of SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Activities – Edition 2008)

1. Coordinator

The coordinator of the EuroMed Activity is an experienced trainer selected and appointed by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed RC. In all points of view, he/she is the referent on behalf of Bernard Abrignani, Coordinator of the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre.

Appointed by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre, the coordinator has to develop and prepwre remotely the program of the Activity and ensure an equitable division of tasks between team members. The coordinator will ensure a regular and transpwerent communication process between team members.

The coordinator needs to shwre with the team members the responsibility for the preparatory remote work requested from the participants and for any educational communication with participants before the start of the Activity. SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre will make information it has about participants available to the team right after the selection of the candidates is closed.

After the Activity, the coordinator has to ensure his/her own participation to its evaluation and follow-up process. The coordinator obligations are:

- to analyse and synthesise participants' evaluation forms
- to evaluate his/her own contribution
- to contribute to the final report (methodology and exercises)
- to fill in all new activities developed in the toolbox on <http://www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/toolbox>
- to write afterwards a five pages maximum personal report/analyse/evaluation on the Activity.

2. Trainer

Under the impulse of the coordinator of the Activity, appointed by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre, the trainer has to develop and prepwre remotely the program in close cooperation with the team members. The trainer will be available for all requests which come from the coordinator.

The trainer has to shwre with the team members the responsibility for the preparatory remote work requested from the participants and for any educational communication with participants before the start of the Activity. The trainer has to run working sessions during the activity and to be as much pedagogical as possible. He will give inputs as the same level than the coordinator.

After the Activity, the trainer has to ensure his/her own participation to its evaluation and follow-up process. The trainer obligations are:

- to analyse and synthesise participants' evaluation forms
- to evaluate his/her own contribution
- to contribute to the final report (methodology and exercises)
- to fill in all new activities developed in the toolbox on <http://www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/toolbox>
- to write afterwards a five pages maximum personal report/analyse/evaluation on the Activity.

3. Facilitator

The specific tasks of the facilitator are:

- to facilitate the progress of the program
- to ease the communication between the participants.
- to contribute to the general atmosphere of the event by creating a smooth way of interpersonal relations

After the Activity, the facilitator has to ensure his/her own participation to its evaluation and follow-up process.

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed in 2008	Coordinators	Trainers
CMS EVS in Odyssey - Norway, 8-13 April	Sylvain Abrial	Tugba Cansali
TC Democracy within the Euromed context: illusion or reality?" - Italy, 20-27 April	Federica Demicheli	Adva Leibovitch
		Kristian Brakel
TC EDUCATION AND CIVILISATION - Malta, 3-11 May	Leo Kaserer	Ahmed Fouad
		Federica Demicheli
Partner Building Seminar "Let's Work with Our Neighbours" - Slovenia, 2-6 June	Davide Tonon	Jenny Bouzboka
		Heba Al Taibi
TC «Inter-religious Dialogue within the Euromed context » - Jordan, 23-30 June	Roy Abou Habib	+2 trainers from EECA and SEE
		Christin Voigt
TC Environment - Greece, 3-13 July	Giuseppe Marletta	Marta Piszceck
		Evi Gr
TC Intercultural Dialogue - Turkey, 21-28 July	Tugce Ciftcibasi	Haythem Kamel
TC MEDA-BALTIC DEAD SEAS, Israel, 14-21 Sept	Claudio Kogon	Tamara Cuprian Report
CMS EVS in Odyssey - France	Sylvain Abrial	Anastasia Kyriadikou
Conf. TOOL FAIR 3	Andres Abad	Ann Daniëls
Conf. Youth Participation in Euromed - France, 19-23 Nov	Markus Albrecht	Miguel angel Garcia
Conf. Youth Participation in Euromed - France, 19-23 Nov	Markus Albrecht	1 trainer Salto participation
CMS NetWorking in EVS - Greece, 25-30 Nov	Davide Tonon	Sylvain Abrial
LTTC Evaluation - Cyprus, 8-14 Dec	Federica Demicheli	Leo Kaserer
		Taoufik Louzari
EM GAME	Lucia Barbieri	Diano & Andrea
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NETWORKING SUPPORT

In order to support the network of National Agencies and Multipliers of the Youth in Action programme the Salto-Youth EuroMed RC proposes:

- Dissemination of specific information on Euromed related issues via our website www.salto-youth.net/euromed, an electronic newsletter “EuroMed Info” and a Magazine “Meet’in EuroMed”. Both were distributed to all our institutional and non-governmental partners.
- Dissemination of educational Good practices in youth work,
- Availability NAs requests and other partners requests for intervention and/or support;
- Opportunities for Job Shadowing.

More specifically, for this launching year of the Youth in Action programme, we provided:



EuroMed info

5 Newsletters on EuroMed cooperation

⇒ 5 201 page views in English and 2 062 page views in French

4 Newsletters on the daily news of Salto-Youth EuroMed and EuroMed department in INJEP,

⇒ 1 966 page views in English and 1 503 page views in French



What's new Salto-Youth EuroMed

Year 2008

2 issues of the **magazine “Meet’in EuroMed”** (350 copies each)



June 2008

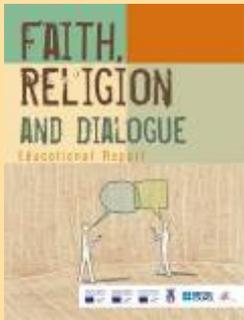


December 2008

⇒ 1246 page views (Salto EuroMed and Issuu)

Creation of the common **Educational report “Faith, religion and dialogue”** with Salto Cultural Diversity and EECA

⇒ 1138 page views



FAITH, RELIGION AND DIALOGUE

Educational Report

5 Educational reports for the collection “Bringing both sides”

Train EuroMed Multipliers

March 2008



986 page views

TOTEM: Training of Trainers in EuroMed

July 2008



1559 page views

Women in EuroMed

September 2008



1309 page views

Let's meet the three cultures

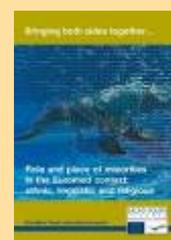
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2498 page views

Role and place of Minorities in Euromed

February 2009



846 page views

The management of **2 websites**, in French and English.

- www.salto-youth.net/euromed
- <http://www.injep.fr/-Centre-de-ressources-Salto-Youth-.html>

GOOD EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES

The Salto-Youth EuroMed RC has two sectors of intervention, the better known being the Euromed area and the lesser one the field of the educational practices.

For this reason, we collect teaching aids related on the “Youth in Action” programme in particular and non formal education in general; their distribution through a Newsletter (no issue this year) and by the management of the “Tool box” on the Salto RCs’ website <http://www.salto-youth.net/toolbox/>.

TOOL BOX

Presentation of the toolbox

The Toolbox for Training is like an on-line bookshelf, from which people working on the youth-field (especially trainers) can pull different training tools according to their needs. This facilitates access to available training material and avoids reinventing the wheel. The [search function](#) allows people to look for individual training methods, reference texts or manuals or presentations, without needing to know in which course report they were used. They simply need to type a keyword or select which type of tool they were looking for about which topic.

Moreover, it is possible to add training methods or background texts to this increasing collection of training material (by creating a username and login). Moreover, people can add trainer comments at the bottom of each listed training tool (e.g. if they have used one of the training tools in a different way etc) to increase the body of knowledge dynamically. To ensure quality and coherence, your additions will be checked by the administrator before going online.

The training tools in this Toolbox for Training have been pooled from various sources. SALTO does not claim it being its property. Most of these training methods have been around for many years and have been used in numerous courses in a large variety of formats. Therefore it is difficult to refer to the original source of the tool. Should people know the original or whether copyright is pending on a tool, they can inform toolbox@salto-youth.net and the team will adapt the tool accordingly.

In total, 916 tools (715 in 2007) have been entered since the creation of the toolbox, with **867 available on-line** after the check of the administrator.

There are **13 types of tools** listed in the toolbox, for each we have the number of tools.

Background Text	163
Cd Rom	2
Energiser	64
Exercise	400
Group Building Activity	141
Group Division	17
Ice-Breaker	59
Manual	72
Name Game/Get To Know Each Other	79
Presentation	86
Report	86
Simulation Exercise	90
Video	7

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Moreover, tools are classified under **23 topics** which cover all the issues of the YiA programme:

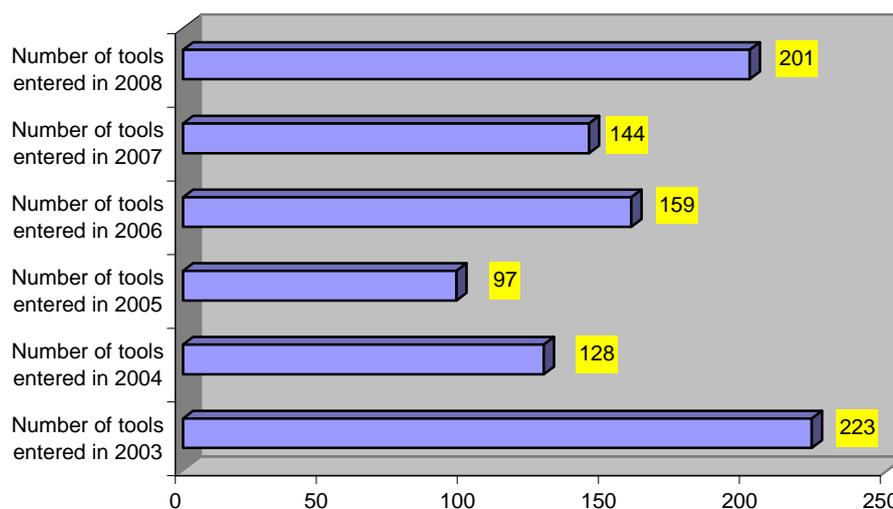
Anti Racism	132
Conflict Management	86
Disability	44
EECA	22
Euromed	50
European Citizenship	97
Evaluation	12
Gender Issues	18
Group Dynamics	255
Intercultural Learning	197
Networking & Follow-Up	56
Organisational Management	88
Peer Education	46
Personal Development	121
Project Management	210
Social Inclusion	219
SEE	11
Voluntary Service	58
Youth Democracy projects	10
Youth Initiatives	50
Youth in Action Programme	124
Youth participation	40

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Evolution of the tool box

Since 2003, the number of tools available never stopped increasing. The addition of new tools varies a lot year to year.

Number of tools (included not activated ones)

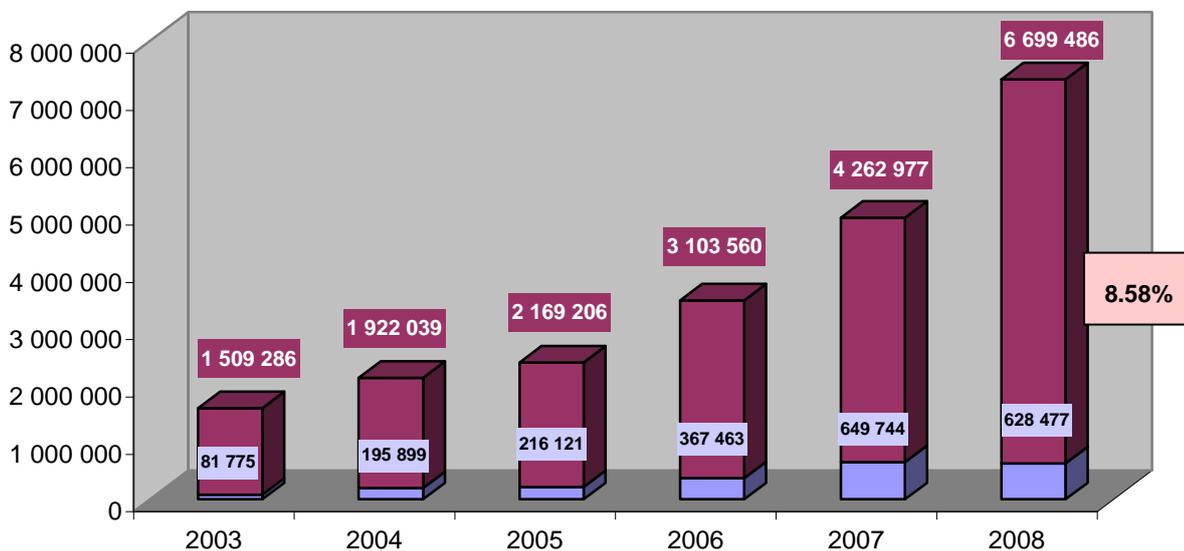


The proportion of tools that are not validated remains very little (**49** out of **916** in total). The reasons why a few of them:

- don't have a clear and precise description of the tool
- are a commercial promotion of a product
- are already put in the toolbox (even with another name)
- remain bad quality tools that were poor or tools that reach results that were at the opposite of the objectives of the YOUTH in ACTION programme.

ToolBox is predominantly a shop-window of the tools prepared and practiced during different SALTO events. Therefore out of **867** tools - 30 % comes from SALTO 8 officers, 37% from the 36 trainers, who worked for SALTO Resource Centres and due to their contracts are obliged to upload the tools and at last, around 30% from youth workers.

Part of the Toolbox in Salto Website (nb page views)



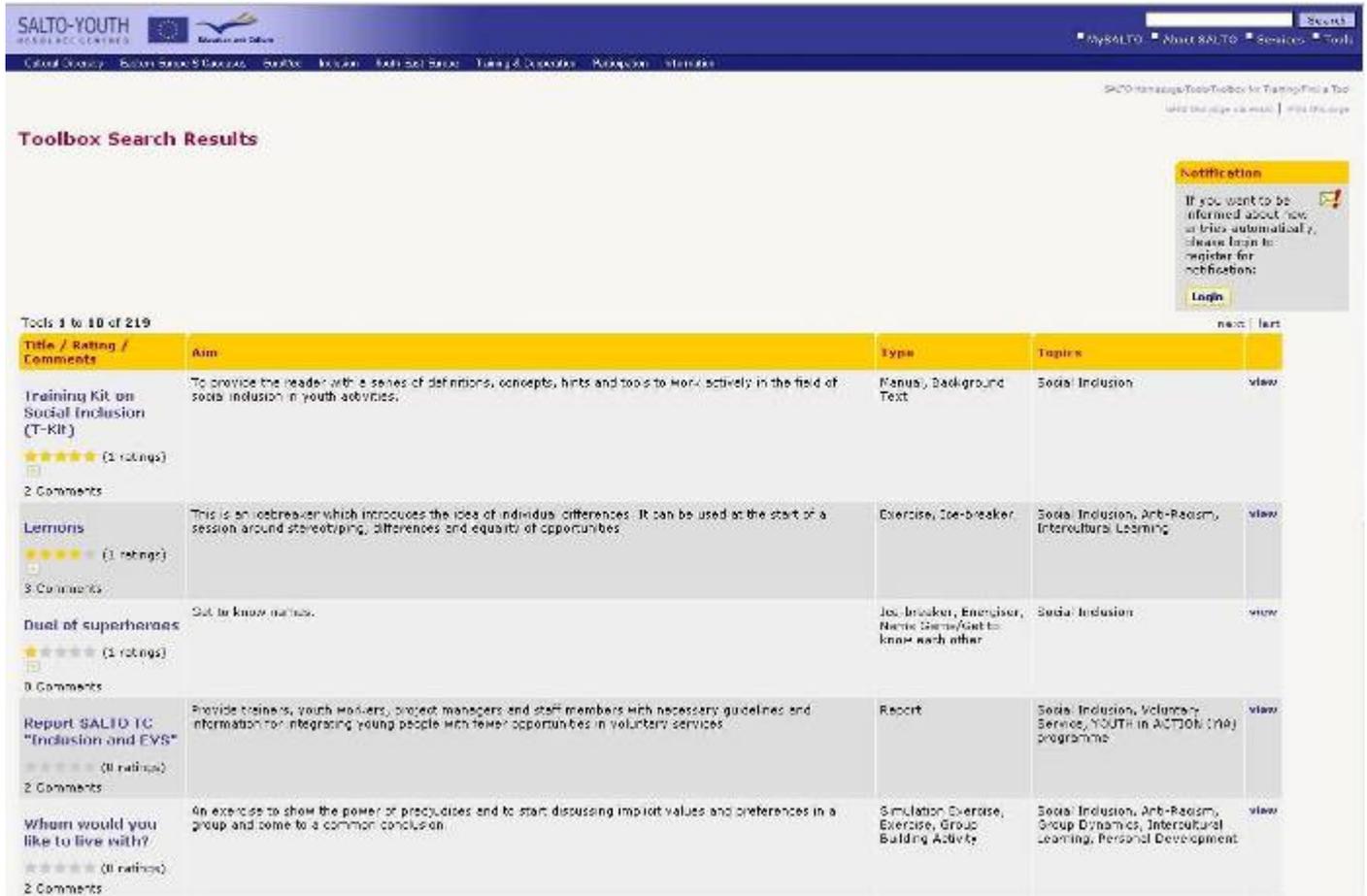
* have been added the number of connections on the "/find-a-tool" and the "/toolbox" parts of the SALTO-YOUTH webpage.

In 2008, a **total of 7 327 963 page views** had been registered on the entire Salto website (+49% comparatively with 2007) and **Tool box** registered **628 477 page views** that means the Toolbox represents **8.58%** of the total page views. Comparatively with 2007, there is a decrease of frequenting of 4.65%.

Development opportunities of the toolbox

In order to enhance the Toolbox research, with Salto Training and cooperation (in charge of the improvement techniques on Salto Website), we managed some design changes in the Toolbox. Thus, till now, users can add comments and rate a tool. By this way, the most efficient training tools will be highlighted.

Example:



Toolbox Search Results

Tools 1 to 10 of 219

Title / Rating / Comments	Aim	Type	Topics	view
Training Kit on Social Inclusion (T-KIT) ★★★★★ (2 ratings) 2 Comments	To provide the reader with a series of definitions, concepts, hints and tools to work actively in the field of social inclusion in youth activities.	Manual, Background Text	Social Inclusion	view
Lemons ★★★★★ (1 ratings) 8 Comments	This is an icebreaker which introduces the idea of individual differences. It can be used at the start of a session around stereotyping, differences and equality of opportunities.	Exercise, Ice-breaker	Social Inclusion, Anti-Racism, Intercultural Learning	view
Duel of superheroes ★★★★★ (1 ratings) 0 Comments	Get to know names.	Ice-breaker, Energiser, Name Game/Get to know each other	Social Inclusion	view
Report SALTO TC: "Inclusion and EYS" ★★★★★ (0 ratings) 2 Comments	Provide trainers, youth workers, project managers and staff members with necessary guidelines and information for integrating young people with fewer opportunities in voluntary services.	Report	Social Inclusion, Voluntary Services, YOUTH in ACTION (IAG) programme	view
Whom would you like to live with? ★★★★★ (0 ratings) 2 Comments	An exercise to show the power of prejudices and to start discussing implicit values and preferences in a group and come to a common conclusion.	Simulation Exercise, Exercise, Group Building Activity	Social Inclusion, Anti-Racism, Group Dynamics, Intercultural Learning, Personal Development	view

TOOL FAIR



The Tools collected through the Tool Box can be shown during the Tool Fair: the unique event which gives the opportunity to the partners, the youth trainers and the youth organizations to present their tools, to exchange their educational good practices and to think about the best means to hand them down.

SURVEY

Concerned by the quality and the usefulness of trainings that we produced, Salto-Youth EuroMed managed a survey on the impact of our trainings on the professional life of our participants.

A first survey was done in 2003 (period 2000-2003), thus it seemed useful to manage a new survey for the period 2003-2007, that means **59 trainings** and **1 396 participants**.

The main results:

- A strong participation to the survey with **30%** feedbacks
- A balance between European and Mediterranean participants
- A little bit more men than women (**54%** men and **46%** women)
- **42%** of questioned persons got a job with high responsibilities
- **67%** work in NGOs.

Lastly, we notice a strong partnership following up these trainings with 166 projects which implied 6000 persons.

Today, we note that SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed trainings are a guarantee of quality and new opportunities for the participants. Recognized as an expert, we are more and more requested by the National Agencies to develop thematics more according to its competences than to the region (EuroMed).

OTHER FIELDS OF INTERVENTION

Calendar of other working meetings in 2008

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
Launching of the South of Europe Cooperation Network	Marseille (France)	14-15 January 2008	Organised by the French National Agency, this first meeting brought together 9 National Agencies of the « Youth in Action » programme: Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus and Malta. The aim is to facilitate the working relationships and to develop the cooperation between the National agencies involved. Bernard Abrignani, Head of the « pôle Euromed », presented the activity report 2007 of Salto-Youth EuroMed and objectives for 2008 as well as an overview on the Euromed Youth III programme.
Coordinators meeting SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Injep (France)	30 January- 1st February 2008	30 and 31 January – The coordinators of the TCs organised by Salto-Youth EuroMed RC had been selected following up a Call for trainers. They gathered in order to select their own team of trainers and to work on the activities planned for the year 2008. 1st February – For the first time, National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme involved in the activities organised by Salto-Youth EuroMed Resource Centre in 2008 joined the coordinators of TCs in order to prepare all together their activities, to agree on the concept to be developed, on the logistical and financial aspects. Were present, the National Agencies from Malta, Italy, Turkey, Jordan, France, Greece and Cyprus (represented by Greece). Excused: Israel, Spain and Norway.
« Jobshadowing »	Injep (France)	28 January- 10 February 2008	The Salto-Youth EuroMed RC hosted Petra Kalocova, from the Czech Republic, for a 15-day jobshadowing. This journey gave her the opportunity to observe the working methods of Salto-Youth EuroMed RC, to work on the database and the photo gallery.
Meeting with the « EuroMed Youth Platform »	Injep (France)	5 February 2008	The Salto-Youth EuroMed Resource Centre hosted the new coordinator of the EuroMed Youth Platform, Amanda Zammit. Following up her request, Bernard Abrignani presented an overview on Salto-Youth EuroMed activity and the « Euromed Youth III » programme. Together, they analyzed the information on EuroMed region and they studied some ways to cooperate. Thus, the EuroMed Youth Platform will take part in the Steering committee for the Conference on Youth Participation which will take place at Injep in November 2008. Moreover, potential tracks will be defined for 2009.

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
Steering committee – Salto website	Brussels (Belgium)	12 February 2008	Following up the annual meeting of SALTO-YOUTH RC, the steering committee was created in order to improve the Salto Website in terms of functionality, visibility and attraction. Members involved are Tony Gueudens (Salto Inclusion), Sandrine Suel (Salto Participation) and Caroline Mayaudon (Salto EuroMed), they met in order to work on this points, to quantify and to suggest to the other Salto RC some solutions. For 2008, the focus will be on the functionality. Visibility and attraction should be discussed with other RC and will be integrated in the work plan 2009 for all RC.
Meeting of EVS Trainers	Rennes (France)	6 March 2008	This meeting brought together the trainers in charge of European Voluntary Service (EVS), in sending and hosting volunteers. Following up the request of the French National Agency for the Youth in Action programme, Bernard Abrignani gave a lecture on the intercultural pedagogy and managed a workshop.
Editorial Committee Coyote	Paris (France)	17-19 March 2008	This magazine, intended to youth workers and youth leaders, is realised in the framework of the “Youth partnership” between the European Commission and the Council of Europe. This editorial committee gathered in order to prepare the issue N°14 to be diffused in December 2008. This issue will deal with the Youth participation and Bernard Abrignani takes part to the Editorial committee.
Working meetings	Injep (France)	19-20 March 2008	<p>20 March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With M. Patrick Bacry, Head of the Injep Unit, UDIP, in order to view cooperation to update the publication « Avoir 20 ans dans 20 ans en Méditerranée¹ » (only in French). ▪ With M. Bernard Roudet, Project officer in Studies and Research in the Injep Unit, UREF, in order to request his contribution to write an article on « the Youth Participation » for the Coyote magazine and his expertise for the Conference on the Youth Participation which will stand in Injep in November 2008.

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
2nd preparatory meeting «Culture seminar »	Ministry of the Culture, Paris (France)	27 March 2008	Bernard Abrignani (pôle Euromed), Jean-Claude Richez (UREF) brought together for the second time in the Ministry of the Culture in order to prepare the 3 days of the seminar on Culture entitled « Culture, cultures: to face the challenge of otherness – Which education(s) of the Intercultural? » which will stand in INJEP from 29 September to 1st October 2008, in terms of programme, content and stakeholders.
Launching seminar of the Euromed Youth Plateforme	Valetta, (Malta)	4-8 June 2008	Following up the seminar which stood in December 2007, in Cairo (Egypt), the Euromed Youth Platform organised a re-launching seminar in Malta, from 4 to 8 June 2008 in cooperation with the Maltese National Agency. 26 participants from 16 countries (7 programme countries and 9 Meda countries) met in order to specify their needs and their expectations from the role of the Euromed Youth Platform. Caroline Mayaudon, SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed RC Communication Project officer, intervened to present the SALTO-YOUTH Network and, more precisely the role and the mission of SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed and the Euromed Youth III programme.
Working Meeting SALTO EuroMed	Brussels (Belgium)	17 June 2008	Bernard Abrignani (SALTO EuroMed coordinator), Caroline Mayaudon (Communication project officer) and Marzia Conte, Directorate General Education and Culture (European Commission) in charge of Action 3 of the Youth in Action programme, met, in a first step to prepare the next Euromed Meeting which stand in Amman from 9 to 11 October 2008. Euromed Meeting brings together the National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme, the Euromed Youth Units for the Euromed Youth programme in order to foster their cooperation. And, in a second step, to present to the DGEAC the perspectives and strategies of the SALTO EuroMed RC in 2009.
Working meeting with the «Youth Partnership»	Budapest (Hungary)	9-11 September 2008	In cooperation with the « Youth partnership » (partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe), Salto-Youth EuroMed organised in Turkey a training course on the <i>Gender equality and the Participation of women</i> . The working meeting in Budapest allowed to plan the objectives, the programme and to prepare the selection of participants.

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
<p>Meeting Euromed</p>	<p>Amman (Jordan)</p>	<p>9 - 11 October 2008</p>	<p>In the framework of its workplan, RCBS unit organised the 8th Meeting EuroMed in Amman from 10 to 11 October. This event brought together around 40 participants, including the representatives of 6 EuroMed Youth Units, 15 National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme, the Salto-Youth EuroMed resource centre, the EuroMed Youth Platform and the European Commission.</p> <p>The main objectives were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To provide an update on the external evaluation ▪ To present an update on the last 2 years (both by EMYUs and the NAs on Euromed youth cooperation projects) ▪ To present the outcomes of supported projects and examples of good practices ▪ To share perspectives for future cooperation ▪ To present the outcomes of the youth policy studies
<p>Working Meeting on the Publication on EuroMed Youth Projects</p>	<p>Brussels (Belgium)</p>	<p>23 October 2008</p>	<p>The meeting brought together Caroline Mayaudon, Communication project officer of the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre and the two representatives of the European Commission: Marzia Conte, Youth Unit of the DGEAC and Claire Kupper, Euromed Youth III programme of the DG AIDCO. The aim of the meeting was about the design and the content of the publication which will compile all the EuroMed youth projects funded by the two programmes EuroMed Youth III and Youth in Action in 2007-2008.</p> <p>Agenda :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sum up on the collect OF THE eUROmED Youth projects through the two European programmes EuroMed Youth III and Youth in Action, and especially on the last round of the year 2008 ▪ Information on the low qualité of the project descriptions sent by National Agencies and EuroMed Youth Units and the numerous problems to extract details from youthlink ▪ Discussion about the partnership with the Anna Lindh Foundation ▪ Design presentation of the publications and corrections to be taking into account ▪ Calendar of tasks to do till the dissemination in April 2008

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
TCP Meeting	Bonn (Germany)	29-31 October 2008	Annual meeting organised in Bonn by the SALTO-YOUTH Training and Cooperation Resource Centre which brought together the TCP project officers of National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme and the 8 Salto-Youth Resource Centres. The aim is to prepare the future cooperation between Salto and National Agencies and Work plans. This year, for the second time, the EuroMed Youth Units were invited to join the meeting in order to prepare the transition phase between the end of the EuroMed Youth III programme and the EuroMed Youth IV.
SALTO Meeting	Bastia (Corse, France)	18-21 November 2008	Organised by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre (Logistic) and SALTO-YOUTH SEE Resource Centre (Agenda), in cooperation with Jonathan Bowyer (facilitator), the meeting with the 8 Resource Centres stood in Bastia, Northern Corsica. In the move of « SALTO Spirit » inspired in 2007, as a network, the Resource Centres took stock on their common cooperation: Activity report 2007, new functionalities of the website, activity evaluations and relationship with trainers. Once again this year, some transversal tasks were listed to continue the strong cooperation Salto-Youth Resource centres on common activities.

PARTNERSHIPS

As a member of the of the follow-up group on Euromed, Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue, Salto-Youth EuroMed continues its strong partnership with the partners involved in this committee: DG EAC and AIDCO of the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the EuroMed Platform, the Anna Lindh Foundation, the European Youth Forum and a selection of researchers and experts. This group meets twice a year.

- Salto-Youth EuroMed is still an active member of the Editorial Committee of the “Coyote Magazine” for Trainers.
- TCP Meeting: as the other Resource Centres, Salto-Youth EuroMed participates each year in the Training and Cooperation Plan Meeting in Bonn, to meet the National Agencies and to prepare the Workplan for the next year according to the specific needs of NAs.
- SALTO Meeting: each year all the Salto RCs meet in order to discuss on calendars, common activities and procedures, visibility of the programme. This year, Salto-Youth EuroMed was in charge of preparing the content of the agenda and the co-organization with Salto-Youth Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

In 2008, the Salto-Youth EuroMed showed its involvement in a common work with the other Salto RCs through the following transversal tasks:

- the common event “Let’s work with our Neighbours”, with regional Salto RCs (EECA and SEE),
- the educational report “Faith, Religion and Dialogue” following up the idea to join the two activities “Faith and Dialogue” done by Salto Cultural Diversity and “Inter-religious Dialogue” done by Salto EuroMed and Salto EECA,
- the Salto Activity Report 2007,
- the organisation of the TOOL FAIR,
- the management of the Tool box,
- the active participation to the website group.

In 2009, Salto-Youth EuroMed will continue its strong cooperation with the other Salto RCs through common actions and activities.

ACTIVITIES 2008 IN NUMBERS

2008 was the second year of the YiA programme (2007-2013) and the highest since 2000 in terms of participants (456) and activities (15): we answered to the expressed needs from our partners mainly National Agencies but also EMYUs, the Euromed Youth Platform and the Youth Partnership, we developed more thematic training courses and more events to answer to the thematic of the year 2008, the Intercultural Dialogue and to the permanent priorities of the YiA programme.

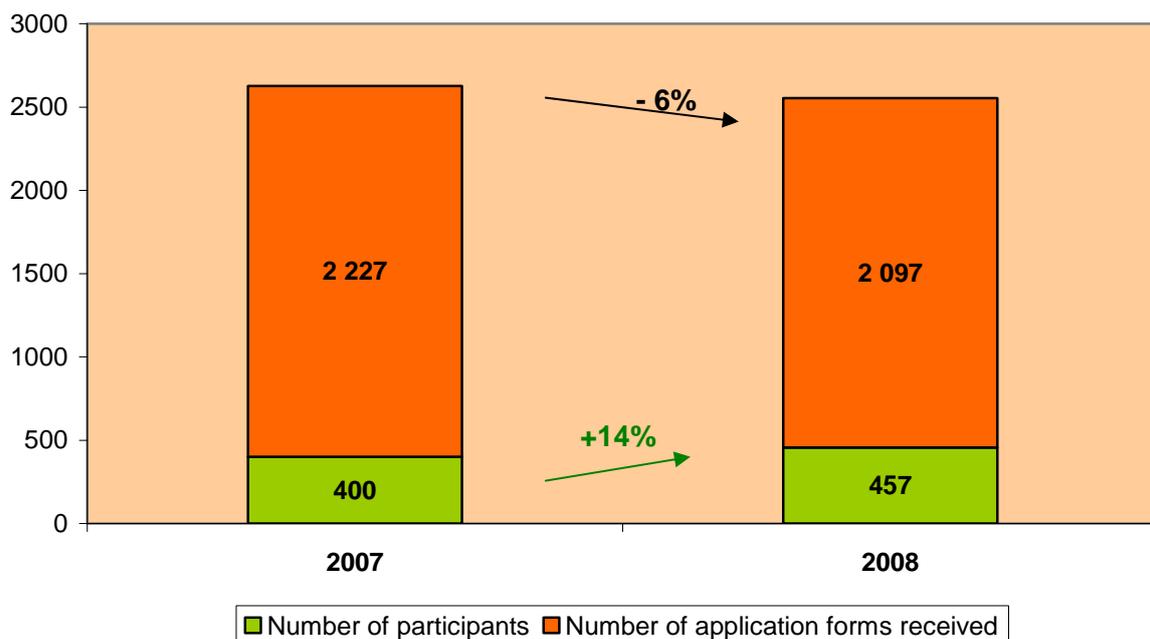
EuroMed Youth Units were really involved in the cooperation with National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme, through Salto-Youth EuroMed Resource Centre: 2 activities were hosted in Mediterranean partner countries, participants from Mediterranean partner countries in Salto-Youth EuroMed activities were selected and their travel costs covered by EMYUs.

That means that this year, the cooperation between European programme countries and Mediterranean partner countries has found the same level as in 2004 before the suspension.

Overview

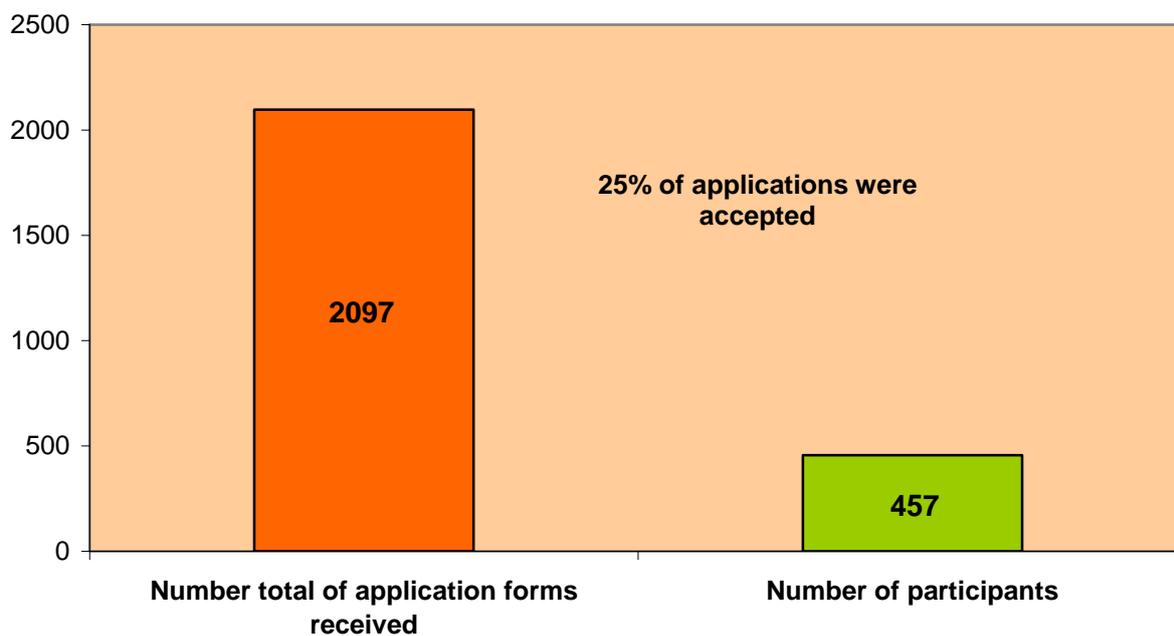
Activities in 2008	Hosting country	Participants	Applications received
EVS Odyssey in Euromed	Norway	25	63
Democracy within the Euromed context: illusion or reality?	Italy	26	329
Education and Civilisation	Malta	20	219
Let's Work with our Neighbours	Slovenia	52	218
Good Practices, Training Essentials	Turkey	0	161
Inter-religious Dialogue	Jordan	24	168
Protecting the Mediterranean environment: Youth can make the difference!	Greece	30	74
Inter-Euromed-cultural Dialogue	Turkey	25	57
Lets Meet between regions	Israel	21	21
EVS Odyssey in Euromed	France	22	122
Tool Fair - 3rd edition	Canary Islands, Spain	75	307
Youth Participation in Euromed	France	62	263
Networking in EVS : Odyssey continues	Greece	46	58
Evaluation of the Long Term Training course« Dialogue among civilisations»	Cyprus	16	22
Gender Equality in training for EM youth work	Turkey	13	15
Total		457	2097

Comparison 2007/2008



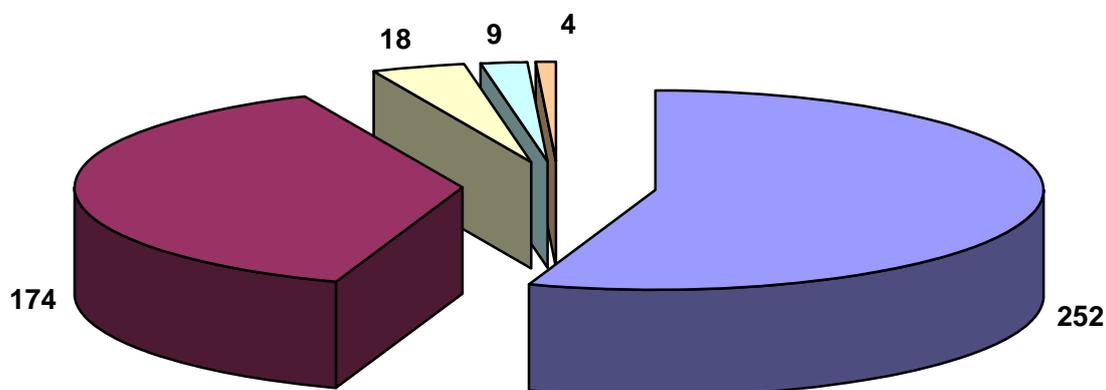
We notice a little decrease (- 6%) of applications received because we improve the profile description in the description activity to get more quality in the training.

Applications/ participants in 2008



Because of the improvement of the description of the profile require for each activity, the ratio between the number of application accepted and the number of application received is better than in 2007 (18%). It is a good way to satisfy the most of applicants and improve the quality of the trainings.

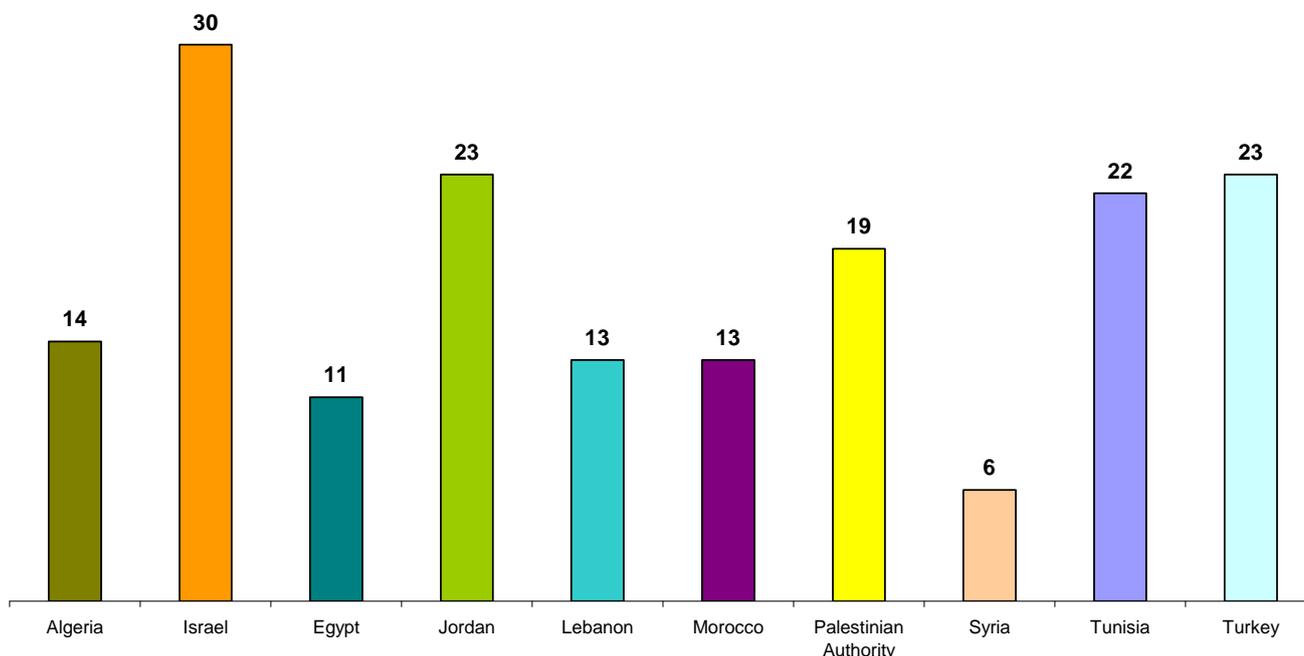
Participants per region 2008



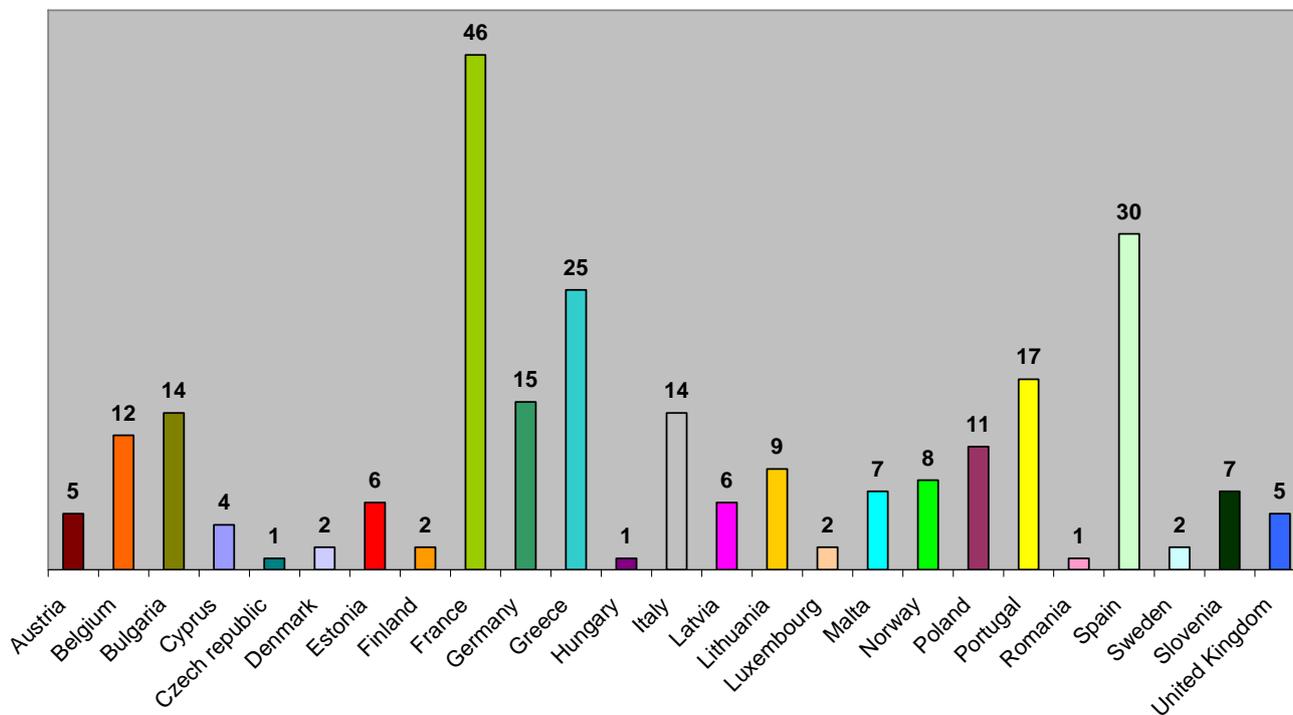
EU programme countries	Mediterranean partner Countries
EECA partner countries	SEE partner countries
Other	

As last year we can see the cooperation between the Neighbouring partner countries and the programme countries in the field of Salto EuroMed activities.

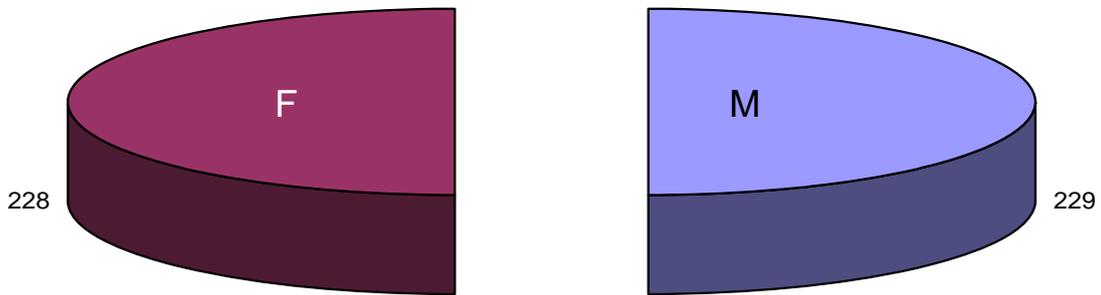
Geographical distribution of Meda participants in 2008



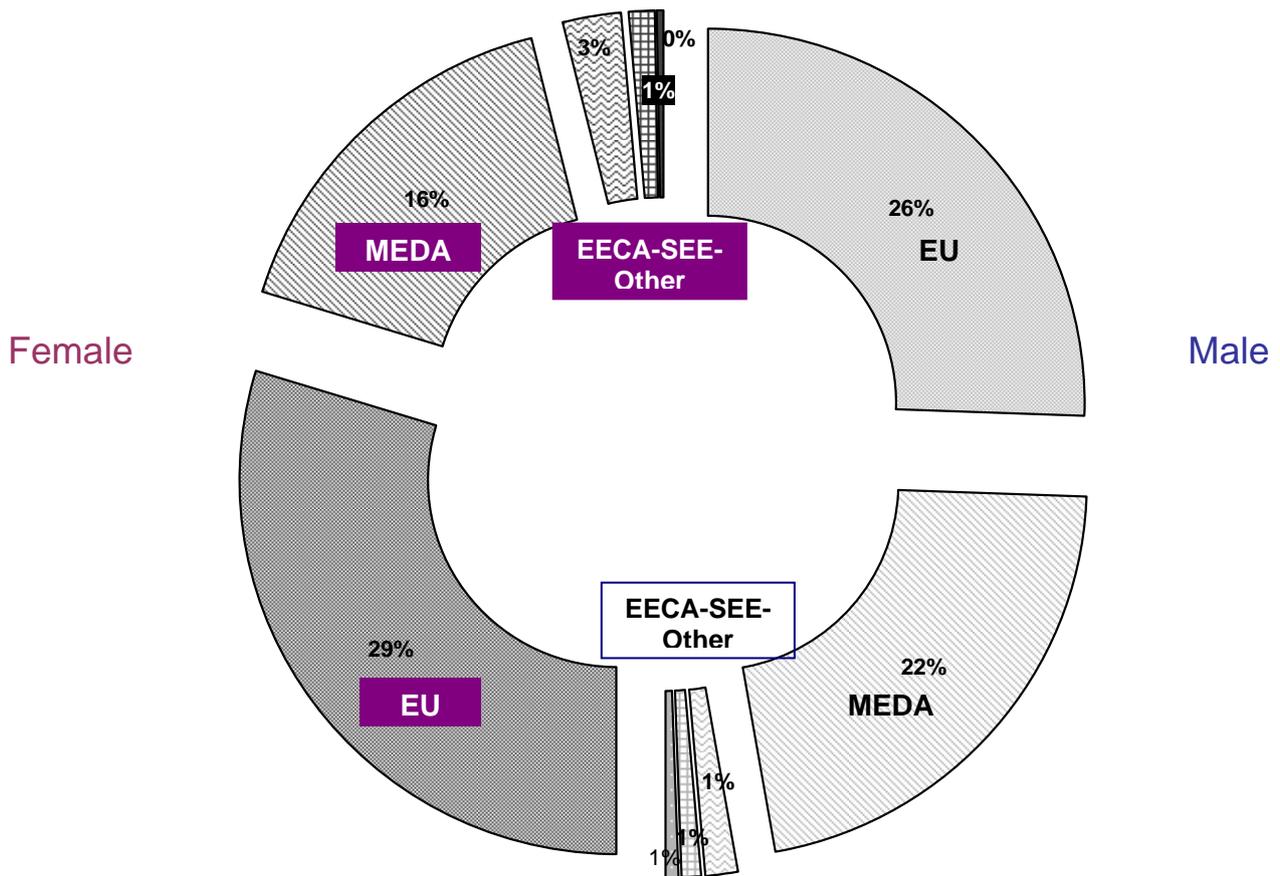
Geographical distribution of EU participants in 2008



Balance gender in activities 2008

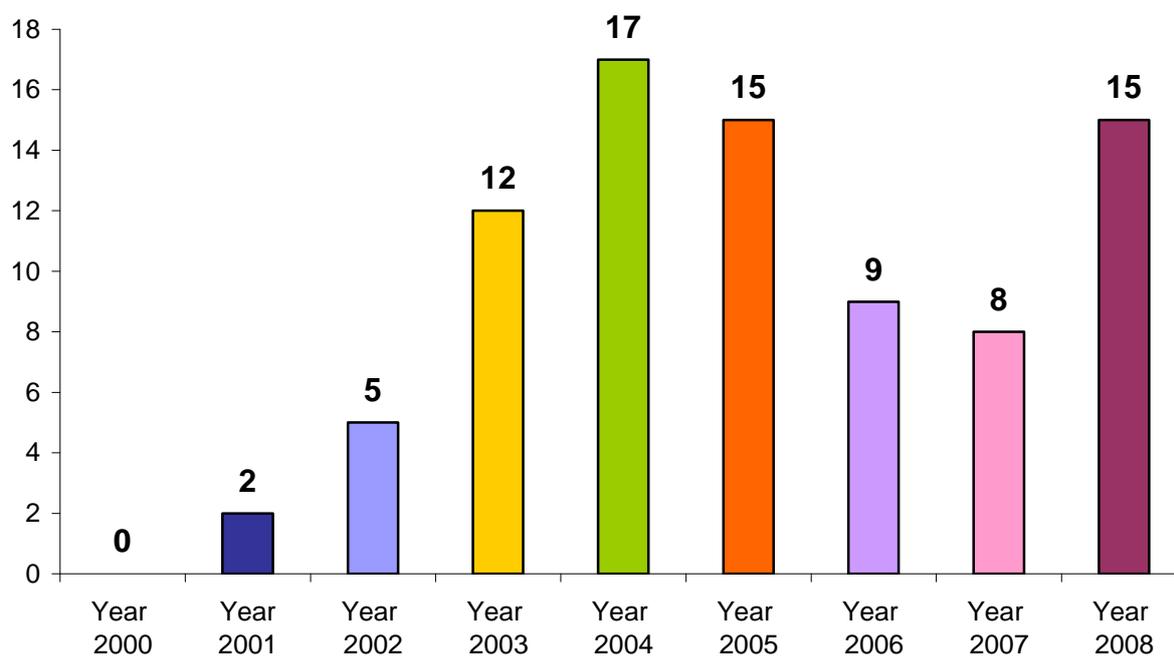


Balance gender per region

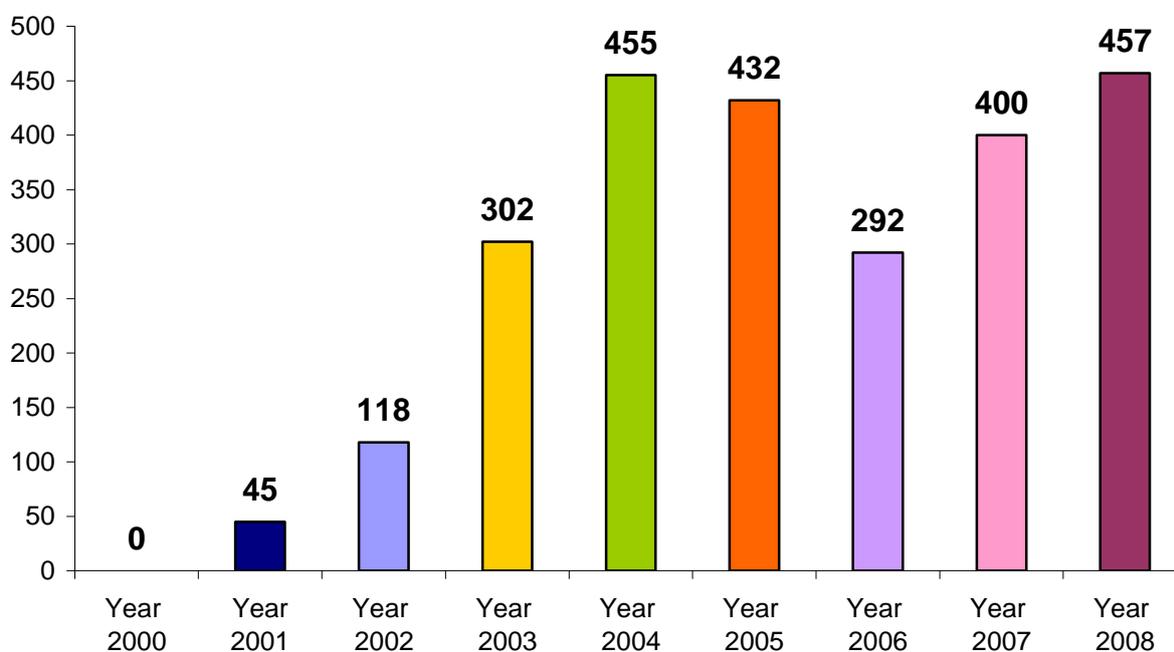


Even if Mediterranean partner countries there are still more men than women, we notice that the difference between genders is less important than previous years (ex. 2007 16% of women for 28% of men). On the contrary, in EU programme and EECA/SEE partner countries women seem more active than men.

Number of activities since 2000



Number of participants since 2000



Both graphs show the growth of number of activities and participants since 2004. They illustrate the fact that the cooperation between European programme countries and Mediterranean partner countries has found the same level as in 2004 before the suspension.

CONCLUSION

A strong year for the euro-mediterranean youth cooperation

2008 was the second year of the Youth in Action programme (2007-2013) and the highest since 2004 in terms of participants (457) and activities (15): we answered to the expressed needs from National Agencies and EuroMed Youth Units, which showed their strong willingness to cooperate, but also the Mediterranean partners, the Euromed Youth Platform and the Youth Partnership.

More thematic training courses and more events were developed to answer to the thematic of the year 2008, the Intercultural Dialogue and to the permanent priorities of the Youth in Action programme.

EuroMed Youth Units were really involved in the cooperation with National Agencies for the Youth in Action programme, through our activities: 2 of them were hosted in Mediterranean partner countries, participants were selected and their travel costs were covered by EuroMed Youth Units.

Moreover, this year is the effective year for the implementation of the 3rd phase of the Euromed Youth Programme with 3 calls for proposal in 2007, 91 projects were approved and implemented in 2008. For the same period, that means 10 calls for proposal through the Youth in Action programme, 227 projects were approved.

That means that this year, the cooperation between European programme countries and Mediterranean partner countries has found the same level as in 2004 before the suspension.

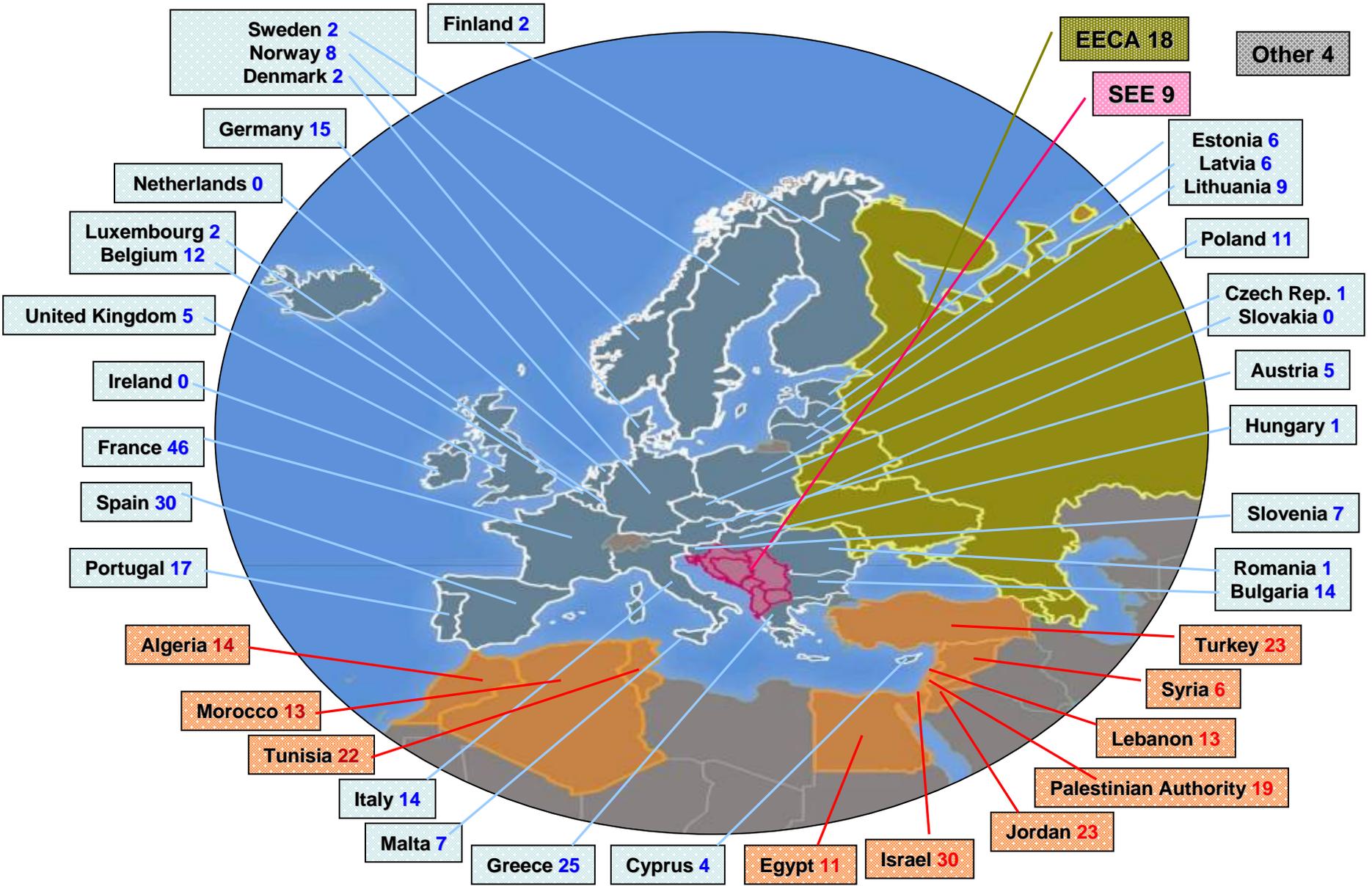
A rich year in terms of resources and training tools

As a resource centre, in 2008, we produced tools for training as the 6 educational reports and the video game EuroMed Game. To be sure about the quality and usefulness of our activities, we managed a survey from 2003 to 2007 on the impact of our trainings on the professional life of previous participants. The results show that Salto EuroMed is a guarantee of quality.

Furthermore, we continued to enhance the “Dissemination and exploitation of result projects” through its periodical publications, the management of the Toolbox and the organisation of the Tool Fair and we sustained to foster our commitment in the network of the 8 Resource Centres.

However, December 2008 marked the end of the third phase of the EuroMed Youth programme and the worry about this new suspension period in 2009 in waiting the fourth phase.

Salto-Youth EuroMed activities 2008 – Participants per country (EU-Meda)



Salto-Youth EuroMed activities 2008 – Application forms received per country (EU-Meda)

