

Valorisation and Strategy Building Seminar

Sarajevo, 12 – 16 May 2004

Report: Results and Follow-up

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1. Introduction to this report

The Valorisation and Strategy Building Seminar for the YOUTH programme in South East Europe was organised by the SALTO SEE Resource Centre on behalf of the European Commission. It represented the starting point for a process towards building a strategy for a more effective implementation of the YOUTH programme in South East Europe, which should be based on a closer and more co-ordinated involvement of the main actors in the youth field from the different countries of the region.

Held at a moment which was marked by the accession of ten new member countries to the European Union, the seminar was also a sign of the European Commission's interest in consolidating and strengthening the co-operation in the field of youth with its neighbours in this region of Europe.

During the first part of the seminar, the major initiatives promoting the YOUTH programme in the region were presented and participants were invited to share information and to look into possibilities for co-operation between these existing initiatives (see point 2.).

During the second and major part of the seminar, the 40 participants collected ideas on how implement the YOUTH programme more effectively in their countries and the whole region of the Western Balkans. They also made proposals for making the SALTO SEE Resource Centre more accessible in the region, for instance through the support of national and local information points, co-operation in organising training activities and the translation of selected materials / information into the languages of the region.

As a major outcome of the seminar, the participants prepared plans for two-day national / regional meetings which they are planning to organise in their countries in September and October 2004. Those meetings aim to enlarge the circle of actors in the youth field involved in developing a strategy for the future implementation of the Programme in the region. Major elements will be assessing needs and defining proposals related to the YOUTH programme for each country, which could then be implemented as of 2005.

The present report documents the framework of the seminar and its main programme elements, but focuses on the outcomes and the expected follow up process.

Both the lists of all the participants originally invited and of all those attending the seminar are annexed to this report to encourage further networking and co-operation within process that was started in Sarajevo (see point 4. for more information on participants).

Actors in the youth field that are interested in joining the process initiated at this seminar are invited to contact the SALTO SEE Resource Centre for more information or to take up contact with any of the participants involved in the seminar.

2. Framework of the seminar

Besides the SALTO SEE Resource Centre, the European Commission has been supporting several large scale projects aiming to promote the implementation of the YOUTH programme in South East Europe, in particular:

- **youthNET**, run by the Interkulturelles Zentrum in Vienna, www.iz.or.at/youthNET, contact person: Gerhard Mosshammer (Gerhard.mosshammer@iz.or.at)
- **Balkan Youth Project**, run by the European Youth Forum, Brussels, and Care International, Bosnia and Herzegovina, www.balkanyouthproject.net, contact persons: Mateja Prosek (Matejy.prosek@youthforum.org) and Darko Paranos (dp.carebl@blic.net)
- **ICYE Information project**, Brussels, contact person: Andreas Schwab (icye@icye.org), www.icye.org
- **Between the Lines of South East Europe**, co-ordinated by Community Arts in Berlin, www.communityarts.de, contact person: Scot McElvany (info@communityarts.de)

These projects have successfully implemented their activities by creating each a network of contact persons in different countries of South East Europe that supports the implementation of the project's programme of activities.

The SALTO SEE Resource Centre, which has been working without the assistance of direct contact persons in the region has been searching to link its work more directly to national and regional developments in South East Europe in particular through its traineeship programme for trainees from SEE (2003/2004).

While regular dialogue and co-operation between the large-scale projects and the SALTO SEE Resource Centre has already been going on since 2003, no strategic communication was developed between the regional contact persons of these different projects and initiatives.

Contacts with the **governmental services responsible for youth** were taken up mainly by youthNET, which involves governmental services as partners in their project, and by the SALTO SEE RC in the frame of its traineeship programme.

In view of this situation, the European Commission asked the SALTO SEE RC to initiate and co-ordinate a process that would encourage a more effective use of the existing human resources of these different YOUTH projects for the benefit of the YOUTH programme in South East Europe as a whole.

Within the present framework, the SALTO SEE Resource Centre is organising the following activities in 2004, in co-operation with the above-mentioned projects:

12 – 16 May 2004, Sarajevo:

Valorisation and strategy building seminar. This seminar aimed to bring together the regional partners of the above mentioned projects. It wanted to valorise the achievements of these projects and of the SALTO SEE RC, and initiate the development of joint strategies for the future to ensure sustainable results of the investments done so far.

September / October 2004:

As a follow-up to the seminar, the SALTO SEE RC is coordinating and supporting a process of **joint strategy building at national or regional level**. Teams of regional partners from the same country or region, but from different projects, have the opportunity to organise **YOUTH information and development meetings** in autumn 2004. These meetings were planned during the seminar in May and should bring together some 20 – 30 interested actors in the field of youth from their country or region, to identify and discuss proposals for further activities that would aim to strengthen the implementation of the YOUTH programme in South East Europe in the years 2005 - 2006, such as training of multipliers, dissemination of information etc. The valorisation and strategy building seminar prepared the participants for the organisation of these regional follow up meetings (see points 7.2. and 7.3. for more information about this process).

21 – 24 October 2004:

In a third step, the follow-up process should further encourage synergies between the developments in the different countries / regions. Delegates from the national or regional meetings will be invited to come together for a **regional follow up meeting** to share their proposals for further action to be taken and define possibilities for co-operation between the different countries and regions, all aimed at strengthening the implementation of the YOUTH programme in South East Europe.

The overall **AIMS** of the process have been defined as:

- valorising the achievements of the existing initiatives
- encouraging stronger dialogue between main governmental and non-governmental actors in the youth field about the YOUTH programme as a tool for developing youth work, European youth co-operation and youth mobility - as a basis for the further implementation of the Programme in the countries of this region of Europe
- Supporting further training of and networking among YOUTH programme multipliers
- initiating and developing a more strategic approach for the further implementation of the YOUTH programme in SEE
- giving a clearer sense of purpose to the various local, national and regional actors working for the YOUTH programme in the countries of SEE and
- increasing the accessibility of the SALTO SEE RC in the region, which up to now has been limited in its actions by the lack of direct contact points in the countries.

3. Objectives of the Valorisation and Strategy Building Seminar

The seminar was the starting point for building a strategy for a more effective implementation of the YOUTH programme in South East Europe based on a closer and more coordinated involvement of actors in the youth field from the different countries of the region.

The seminar objectives were:

- To valorise the achievements of the existing initiatives up to now,

- To exchange information among the participants about the different large scale projects supported by the YOUTH programme in and with SEE, their activities and resources developed,
- To increase dialogue and co-operation between these projects at national and regional level,
- To invite and prepare participants to act as multipliers for the YOUTH programme in their country, according to their interests and capacities, in particular in view of the end of the current projects in 2005,
- To stimulate a process of dialogue, joint strategic planning and co-operation around the YOUTH programme, involving NGOs and governmental structures, at national and regional level, in particular by preparing participants for organising a follow-up meeting to the seminar in their own country or region.



Opening of the seminar by
Mr Michael Humphreys,
Head of the Delegation of
the European Union to
Bosnia and Herzegovina

4. Participants

Altogether, around 55 participants were invited to the seminar. The large majority included the regional partners of the different projects, the trainees that worked (or will work) with the SEE Resource Centre during 2003 and 2004 and representatives of the governmental structures responsible for youth from the countries participating in this process (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro (Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo)). In addition, some participants from organisations that organised YOUTH projects in / with SEE in the past but are not involved in any of the large-scale projects were invited to the seminar.

40 youth leaders and governmental representatives attended the seminar. Unfortunately, due to restrictive visa requirements, no participants from Kosovo attended the seminar.

Two lists of participants are annexed to this report: The final list of participants and the list of all the partners that were originally invited to the seminar. The seminar was intended to be the starting point for an open process of networking between multipliers of the YOUTH programme in the Western Balkans. Representatives of NGOs and governmental authorities from the region, in particular those that were interested in participating but unable to join this seminar, are still invited to join future steps of the process initiated in Sarajevo.

5. Organising team

The organising team of the seminar was composed of the project co-ordinators of the different large-scale projects, the SALTO SEE RC, the European Commission and three trainers. The team met in Sarajevo on 14 – 15 March to prepare the framework and draft programme of the seminar. The list of team members is included in the participants' list, which is annexed to this report.



Meeting of the organising team

6. Programme of the Seminar

TOWARDS A STRATEGY FOR YOUTH IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE Valorisation and Strategy Building Seminar, 12 – 16 May

12 May 04

Arrival of participants

Dinner

Welcome evening

Preparation of Fair, getting to know each other / who is who / ice breaking –

13 May 04

Breakfast

9.30 Welcome and official opening of the seminar by:

Aldin Medjedović, Council of Ministers BiH, Office of the Chairman

Michael Humphreys, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to BiH

10.00 Barbara Roubicek, Youth Unit, DG Education and Culture, European Commission:
The YOUTH programme. Aims, relevance and achievements in and with SEE

10.30 Presentation of results of large scale YOUTH projects

11.30 Coffee break

11.00 Presentation of results of large scale YOUTH projects continued

12.00 Opening of the FAIR of all YOUTH projects represented by participants

12.30 - 14.30 – Lunch

14.30 Presentation of the programme of the seminar

15.00 Back to the FAIR – Sharing information around interest areas and discussion tables

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Group building activities

(End of programme at around 18.30)

19.00 Dinner

Dinner and evening out with the group

14 May 04

Breakfast

9.30 Input on perspectives for the further development of the YOUTH programme in SEE

10.00 Being multipliers for YOUTH

*What can this mean (for me)? What are the aims? What are the possibilities?
What do I need to know? What could be my role? What would I like to discuss further?
Etc. etc. etc.*

OPEN SPACE

Discussion groups round 1& reports in plenary:

Which relevant issues can the YOUTH programme help address in the youth field in South East Europe

Lunch

14.30 Being multipliers for YOUTH

OPEN SPACE cont.

Discussion groups rounds 2 and 3 & reports in plenary:

How can I support the further implementation of the YOUTH programme?

Dinner

15 May 04

Breakfast

Development of joint strategies for the future – work in national / regional groups (step 2) -

9.30 Introduction of framework and guidelines

Input on project management

Preparation of national / regional meetings in national / regional groups

Why? What? Where? Who? How? What could be my role?

12.00 Presentation and exchange of ideas and plans for the national / regional meetings in plenary

Lunch

Where to go from here?

14.30 Follow up in national / regional groups (cont. from morning session)

Overall follow-up process of the seminar

16.00 Coffee break

Evaluation of the seminar & Closing

Dinner

15 May evening and 16 May: Departures

7. Main Outcomes of the Seminar

1. During the OPEN SPACE sessions, participants were invited to collect ideas and proposals on how to implement the YOUTH programme more effectively in their countries and the whole region of the Western Balkans, and how to make the SALTO SEE Resource Centre more accessible in the region. The outcomes of the working groups are listed below.

2. During the last day of the seminar, participants were invited to work in teams per country / region and to prepare plans for two-day national / regional workshops about the YOUTH programme in their countries in autumn 2004. Outlines for such workshops were prepared for each country / region participating in the seminar. More details about the workshops are given below.



Networking and ...

7.1. Outcomes of the Open Space session

Working Group1: Development of focal points for the YOUTH programme in SEE

Most of the participants of the seminar participated in this group throughout most of the time designated for the OPEN SPACE unit of the programme.

The group thought that it would be very important to set up »focal points« (contact points) in the countries of SEE, in order to make the YOUTH programme and the SALTO YOUTH Resource Centre for SEE more accessible to potential project organisers.

The possible tasks of focal points would depend on the interest and capacity of the NGOs providing them and would be defined together with the SEE RC and the European Commission. Relevant tasks would include:

- distributing information about the YOUTH programme and SALTO SEE RC to young people and youth leaders / youth workers in the region
- giving advice on how to apply / become a partner in a YOUTH project
- translation of selected materials / information into local language
- helping to organise / host activities (coordinated by the SEE RC) in the region (such as training courses, study visits or EVS on-arrival training sessions for volunteers)

Profile of focal points:

The question was raised, what would be the requirements for an NGO to become a focal point and which criteria those NGOs would have to fulfil. The following aspects were considered relevant criteria by the group:

- outreach to youth organisations and young people in the region (of the country) where the focal point is located
- contact to the governmental authorities in charge of youth
- NGO backup, not only a personal responsibility, in order to guarantee a certain amount of sustainability
- National profile of the NGO could be an advantage, depending on the situation in the country.

It was suggested that rather than limiting the number of such focal points to one per country, the approach should be as wide and inclusive as possible and include interested NGOs into a kind of »focal team«. Clearly, a strategy for proper communication and cooperation between the focal points forming such an focal team would have to be designed.

The focal points would need some support from the SEE RC / COM for their work, in particular:

- some financial coverage / recompensation for the work of focal points
- a budget for organising specific events, such as information days about the YOUTH programme
- information on on-going YOUTH projects with, and in particular in SEE
- hard copies of relevant resources, such as the User's guide and the T-Kits

The SEE RC and focal teams should also co-operate on organising training courses for leaders (of the focal points), and on how to create multipliers, as well as on national training courses.

The SEE RC would rely on the focal points:

- to receive information on important NGOs and other structures relevant for working with the region.

The participants also had a brainstorming about support activities of interest and relevance for SEE. The following activities were considered relevant:

- Study visits for youth workers / leaders. They would be very interesting to learn more about youth work realities in other countries and about non-formal learning styles
- Training possibilities for governmental authorities and cooperation between them and NGOs. Training courses for both governmental and NGO representatives would be a good way to address this (»50/50 courses«).
- Availability of a budget covering the participation of people from SEE in other activities organised within the YOUTH programme (such as other SALTO training courses or National Agency network training events)
- National training courses addressing specific needs per country
- Contact-making activities (including support for the development of applications)

Working Group 2: Partner-finding

No YOUTH project can be developed without partners. Partner-finding remains an essential need for young people and NGOs that want to organise a project within the YOUTH programme. The group looked into relevant instruments for finding partners for YOUTH projects. The participants identified:

- databases as a good instrument that would need to be developed further

- contact-making events as being very relevant. Personal contact would be the easiest and most reliable way of finding partners for future co-operation and could not be replaced by databases alone!
- Study visits would be a good way of finding partners and getting at the same time an impression of the youth work reality in a given country and context
- Possibilities for increasing chances for finding partners during an event could be provided by theme-based or target-group based contact-making activities.

Working Group 3: Capacity building

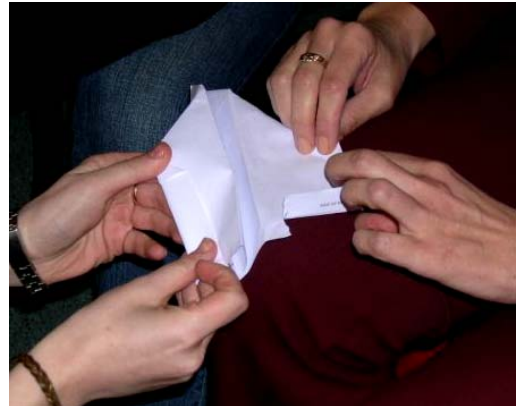
The group discussed possible relevant training formats. A need was identified for:

- training for representatives of governmental authorities
- training on conflict resolution and intercultural issues. The group felt it was important to reflect upon other possible themes for training courses and establish some priorities (such as gender, environment, culture and arts, etc.)
- study visits to increase awareness of different youth and youth work realities

In the general discussion following the working group reports, emphasis was placed on the benefit of collecting examples of best practice and making them available for project organisers.

It was also underlined that further printed materials in local languages were needed in order to reach a wider scope of potential project organisers and young people.

...co-operation for the
future implementation of
the YOUTH programme



7.2. Planned follow-up process: preparation of national / regional workshops

As a major outcome of the seminar, the participants were invited to prepare plans for two-day national / regional meetings which they would organise in their countries at the end of September / beginning of October 2004. Those meetings should be a direct follow up to the seminar. They should aim to enlarge the circle of actors in the youth field involved in developing a strategy for the future implementation of the YOUTH programme in the region. Major elements should be assessing needs and defining proposals related to the YOUTH programme for each country of the Western Balkans, which could then be implemented as of 2005.

National / regional YOUTH information and development workshops

Dates: end September / October 2004 (as planned by the preparation teams of the meetings)

The workshops should bring together main actors in the NGO field and governmental representatives interested in stimulating and planning dialogue and co-operation around the further implementation of the YOUTH programme in their country or region, in order to:

- Identify expectations, needs, priorities and the expected impact of the YOUTH programme on issues such as youth work, youth mobility, youth policy development and non-formal education, at national or regional level (i.e. how can the YOUTH programme help us address some of these issues?)
- Discuss and prepare a strategy for the further implementation of the YOUTH programme at national or regional level (i.e. what is needed to implement the Programme more efficiently in our country / region? What information would need to be disseminated, how and to whom? What is needed in the fields of training or contact-making, and how should these needs be answered? Etc.)
- Collect concrete proposals for activities and tools to promote the implementation of the YOUTH programme in each country (related to areas such as dissemination of information about the Programme, capacity building, partner finding tools etc.)
- Decide on delegates to the regional meeting to present the group's proposals for follow up action.

Expected outcomes:

- A report of each meeting
- A proposal for a plan of activities aiming to strengthen the implementation of the YOUTH programme in your country, which should be put into practice with the support of the YOUTH programme in 2005. This plan should list
 - The identified national needs and priorities
 - Proposals for concrete activities to be developed at local, national, regional or international level
 - Suggestions on how these activities could be implemented and by whom

Venue: one meeting each in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Serbia, Montenegro and, if possible Kosovo (since no participants from Kosovo could attend the seminar, separate contacts will be taken up by the SEE RC to see what process can be initiated there).

Number of days: 2 working days

Number of participants per meeting: Maximum of 30 participants, including the preparation teams

Regional follow-up meeting

Dates: 21 - 24 October 2004

Delegates from every national/regional meeting (to be decided by the participants of these meetings) will be invited to the regional follow-up meeting.

Objectives:

- Present the proposals of the national groups to the other participants
- Discuss on which projects sharing of information and co-operation would be useful and cost-effective
- Discuss the feasibility of proposals and the possibilities of the SALTO SEE RC and other projects to include some of the proposed projects into proposals for their workplans or programmes for 2005

Venue: to be defined

Number of days: 2 working days plus arrival and departure

Number of participants: 2 participants per country + project co-ordinators and European Commission

7.3. Follow-up to the seminar – Preparation of national / regional workshops: Progress reports of national / regional teams received by the SALTO SEE RC by end July 2004


The following national / regional workshops have been scheduled:

Albania	24 – 26.9.	Tirana
Macedonia	2 – 5.9.	Struga
Montenegro	24 – 26.9.	Kolasin
Serbia	6 – 9.10.	Vrnjačka Banja
The Croatian team has informed the SEE RC of its commitment to organise the meeting. A progress report from Croatia with more information has not yet been sent.		

The following reports have been prepared by the national or regional teams. They should be regarded as process reports on the preparation work done rather than final documents.



ALBANIA

	
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TITLE: **National workshop on YOUTH Program in Albania.**

NEEDS:

- Lack of information about YOUTH Programme in Albania (especially of actions 1, 2, 5).
- Local organisations do not have proper information and contacts to implement YOUTH Programme
- There is no strategy on implementing YOUTH programme.
- Missing visibility

AIMS:

- Promotion of YOUTH Programme.
- Defining a strategy to implement YOUTH Programme in Albania.

OBJECTIVES:

- To promote YOUTH Programme
- Identify expectations, needs, priorities and the expected impact of the YOUTH programme on issues such as youth work, youth mobility, youth policy development and non-formal education, at national level
- Discuss and prepare a strategy for the implementation of the YOUTH programme at national level
- Collect concrete proposals for activities and tools to promote the implementation of the YOUTH programme
- Proposals for follow up actions

TARGET GROUPS:

- Youth NGOs

- Youth activists
- Representatives of governmental bodies
- Media representatives

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

When: 24-26 September 2004

Where: Tirana, Albania

Number of participants: 30 (including team members)

Draft Programme:

<i>Day</i>	<i>Activities</i>	<i>Person in charge</i>
FIRST DAY		
Afternoon	Arrival of participants Welcoming, introduction and icebreaking games	All Team
SECOND DAY		
Morning	Opening of the seminar : the objectives Introduction of participants and respective organizations / institutions	All Team
Afternoon	Introduction of YOUTH Program in general (Actions 1, 2 and 5). Sharing of good practices	All Team
THIRD DAY		
Morning	Recommendations and collecting ideas on defining a strategy.	All Team
Afternoon	Working groups; defining priorities; presentations of results	All Team
FORTH DAY		
Morning	Conclusions	All Team
Afternoon	DEPARTURE !!!!!!!	



PARTICULAR RESOURCES NEEDED:

SALTO's promo material
 User's guide (30 copies)
 Some video material of the Actions in live...
 Leaflets in Albanian language on Youth Program
 Training packets (files, pens...)

ORGANISING TEAM:

The team: Violeta Çarku, Xheni Sinakoli, Enkelejd Pina, Iris Sengla.
 Contact person: Xheni Sinakoli.

FYRO MACEDONIA

	Reaching out towards YOUTH	
<p>National Meeting for defining the future activities regarding the YOUTH Programme in Republic of Macedonia. Thursday 2nd – Sunday 5th September 2004, Struga, Macedonia</p>		

Needs:

- Increasing the visibility of the YOUTH Programme
- Bringing the organisations that already have experience with the YOUTH Programme in one place.
- Formulating specific recommendations for further coordinated steps for use of the YOUTH Programme.

Aims:

- Encouraging the use of the YOUTH Programme through promotion of its possibilities
- Connecting the organisations that already have experience with YOUTH Programme projects

Objectives and target group:

The main objective is to bring together relevant actors in the NGO field (once whose main target group is youth), as well as governmental representatives and representatives of foreign foundations in Macedonia. They will meet in order to assess the current situation of the youth in Macedonia and present the possible further use of the YOUTH Programme in the country, by making a concrete strategy for this.

Also at this meeting representatives of the organisations that already have experience in working with the YOUTH Programme will share positive experience with the others.

One of the objectives that need to be more specifically emphasized is the attempt for combining this with the on-going project for defining the National Strategy for youth in Macedonia (lead by the Agency for youth and sport of Macedonia). These two events are by all means connected and compatible. We will coordinate the correspondence between the two events in terms of exchanging the outcomes of both.

The target group will be consisted of organisations that already have experience in the YOUTH Programme, which will be the non-formal leaders of the process, organisations that are working with young people and have no experience with the YOUTH Programme but are aware of its existence and structure and the Agency for Youth and Sport of Macedonia as the leader for the creation of the National Strategy for Youth (should be defined in November 2004 so the outcomes of this national meeting will also be taken under consideration).

An important part of the target group will be the media through which we will promote the event itself but more importantly the YOUTH Programme as an important but underused tool for youth work.

Description of activities:

Venue: Struga, Macedonia

2nd – 5th September 2004

30 participants plus 4 team members

Timetable:

Time	Activity	Explanation
Thursday 2 nd September		
	Arrival of Participants (till 17:30 at the latest)	
	Ice breaking	
	Introduction	
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner	
Friday 3 rd September		
08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast	
	Opening speech by the organisers	The organisers will present them selves and then explain the need for this meeting and the results and conclusions of the Sarajevo Meeting.
	Brief presentation of the YOUTH Programme	The YOUTH Programme will be presented, with emphasis on the 3 Actions that are open for SEE. Also examples will be given by organisations that have already implemented YOUTH projects.
	Coffee break	
	Defining the current situations	Defining the obstacles that put the YOUTH Programme, or the knowledge for it, at the low level that it is at the moment.
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	Positive experience	Presentation of models how these obstacles can be overcome (where and trough whom organisations and individuals can find resources and partners) trough positive practice.
	Coffee break	
	Forming of groups	There will already be several suggestions from the team on the topics of the groups but also participants will be able to give other suggestions them selves.
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner	
	Free evening	
Saturday 4 th September		
08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast	
	Work in groups	Participants will be divided in several groups where trough this they will be able to select the group that suits them most
	Coffee break	
	Work in groups	Continuing of the previous groups
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	Results of the group work	The working groups that remained consistent throughout the entire sessions will present their results.
	Coffee break	
	Presentation of the defined needs	The presenters will report on the defined needs of the organisations that will in future work on coordinated efforts to promote and implement the YOUTH Programme
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner out	
	Free evening	
Sunday 5 th September		
08:30 – 09:30	Breakfast	
	Draft final document	Defining of the draft final document for future steps regarding the YOUTH programme and the inclusion of NGOs from Macedonia in it.
	Departure of participants	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
	Departure of participants	

MONTENEGRO

Members of the national / regional team:

Saska, Ajsa, Fadila, Milovan

Dates and venue:

Dates of the meeting: 24, 25 and 26 September

Venue: Kolasin, hotel Bjelasica

Programme of the workshop

Time	Subjects	Working methods
Day 1		
	Introduction	Plenary
	More information about Youth Programme Examples of best practices	Plenary
	Coffee	
	Presentation of research about youth needs (Proni, Unicef, Ministry of education)	Plenary
	Defining priorities and presentations of results	Small groups
	Lunch	
	"How we can respond to those needs?"	Small groups
	Coffee	
	How Youth Programme responds to those needs?	Plenary
Day 2		
	Obstacles for our full participation in Youth Programme	Small groups
	How to use/develop tools that we need	Small groups
	Coffee	
	Plan of action	Small groups
	Lunch	
	Plan of action	Small groups
	Coffee	
	Selection of representatives for regional meeting	Plenary
	Evaluation	Plenary

Participants identified (how do you plan to recruit them?)

We already had a meeting with representatives of Youth NGOs and we presented them idea of the National meeting. Next step will be contacting government officials and after preparatory meeting we will define recruiting strategy.

What materials will you need from us (from what you expect now)

SALTO folders for participants, SALTO information leaflets and posters, SALTO materials for distribution, i.e. leaflets about the YOUTH Programme and SEE RC and the magazine SEE Youth!

Would you like someone from the SEE RC or possibly another expert to give an input at your workshop? If yes, what kind of input do you expect of that person? (Introduction to the YOUTH programme...?)

We would appreciate if someone from either SEE RC or EU delegation could give introduction to the Youth Programme with reflection on possibilities of expansion of this program to new program countries.

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SERBIA

TITLE:

"For further steps..."

IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH PROGRAMME IN SERBIA - NATIONAL MEETING

ORGANIZED BY:

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NEEDS:

- ⇒ Sharing of good practice of YOUTH Programme with participants in Serbia (the YNGO that had worked in this framework and youth that had participated in the Activities)
- ⇒ To make YOUTH Programme more visible and accessible in Serbia

AIMS:

- ⇒ Explore the needs and identifying the obstacles of all the key youth "stakeholders" in Serbia, regarding the implementation of YOUTH Programme
- ⇒ To enhance YOUTH Programme as "user friendly" and usable on the "field"
- ⇒ To increase the dialog among the organizations working in the YOUTH Programme
- ⇒ Promotion of YOUTH Programme

OBJECTIVES:

- ⇒ To explore and share the examples of good practice from the experience in participating in YOUTH Programme
- ⇒ Identify the areas of possible actions for improvement of the YOUTH Programme to avoid overlapping between the organizations working in the frame of the YOUTH Programme
- ⇒ Make concrete recommendations for further implementation of YOUTH Programme
- ⇒ To inform the governmental representatives on possibilities of YOUTH Programme as a good example for improving qualities of life of young people (mobility, intercultural learning, and understanding).

TARGET GROUP:

- ☐ NGOs who have already implemented the YOUTH Programme
- ☐ The NGOs who haven't implemented the YOUTH Programme, but they show interest in it (and have capacities for)
- ☐ Governmental representatives
- ☐ Young people, direct beneficiaries of the YOUTH Program who took part in some of the YOUTH Program's Actions
- ☐ Media, especially the ones who are targeting youth issues

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES:

When: 6th - 9th October 2004.

Where: Vrnjačka Banja

Number of participants: 30 (including organizational team)

Draft Programme:

First day	Second day	Third day	
Arrival of participants	Exchange of good practice	Selection of areas for developing implementation of Youth program Working groups-giving recommendations	Departure
Coffee break			
	EC umbrella	Working groups-giving recommendations continue	
Lunch			
Introduction	Difficulties and obstacles-implementation of the Youth Program (different target groups)	Presentations of results of each group and making general suggestions on priorities	
Coffee break			
Icebreaking	Presentations of results of the groups and discussions from different perspectives	Selection of delegates for regional meeting Evaluation	

PARTICULAR RESOURCES NEEDED:

EC supporting letter for local organizers (for governmental representatives and guests from local EC office)

Lots of SALTO promo material, possibly more on Serbian language

Some video material of the Actions in live

IMMEDIATE STEPS AFTER THE SEMINAR IN SARAJEVO

Second preparation meeting in "Let's..." took place on May 18th, 2004 in Belgrade. Four group members from Sarajevo participated in it, while the fifth one did send his comments before the meeting. We have to clarify the roles and responsibilities for further actions and agreed to meet again in the middle of June '04.

PREPARATION, IMPLEMENTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

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Aim: completing a draft version of project, preparing logistic framework, delegate concrete responsibilities, activity report.

During the seminar, all groups prepared first plans for the workshops according to guidelines provided by the organising team. Following are these first plans from the groups from Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

GUIDELINES PREPARATION NATIONAL / REGIONAL MEETINGS

Country / Region: CROATIA

Group: Mirela, Ornela, Danijela, Lydia, Kata, Domagoj, Ivan Peko, Antonija/Nada, MEI (I. Grgić)

NEEDS

(Which specific issues would you like to address in this meeting regarding the YOUTH programme and your country / region?)

- Clarifying different aspects of voluntarism (local, national, international levels)
- Increasing awareness among youth that the National Program of Action is a tool for the empowerment of young people in every respect
- for making the YOUTH programme closer to youth using best practice examples
- for increasing awareness among governmental officials about the existence and benefits that the YOUTH programme can offer (active involvement)

MAIN OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTATIONS

(What are the main objectives for this meeting? What would you like to achieve with it?)

- to promote values of voluntary work and discuss the current situation
- to encourage support and promote the National Programme of Action for youth
- to promote different aspects of the YOUTH programme
- more active involvement of governmental representatives in a strategy for YOUTH in Croatia
- to propose short term activities that will support the implementation of the YOUTH programme

TARGET GROUP

(Who will participate in the meeting? To whom is it addressed?)

- YNGOs with experience in youth policy development and in the YOUTH programme and in voluntarism
- Representatives of the Ministries of foreign affairs, education, family and intergenerational solidarity, European integration, culture,...

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

*(Try to outline a draft programme. Please include **where** and **when**.)*

Where: Zagreb or surroundings

When: Mid-October (Friday – Saturday, if possible)

Day 1

EC and governmental representatives

Info about YOUTH programme, steps of implementation and roles of different actors

Fair: best practice examples (presentation of YOUTH programme projects)

Voluntarism – YOUTH programme, national level, local level

(law on voluntarism and examples of best practice – VCZ, RI-centre, MI (Split))

Day 2

National Programme of Action for Youth – current situation

Working groups:

1. next steps in YOUTH programme implementation (active focal team, short term activities, ...)
2. improvement of voluntarism among young people
3. improvement of communication between YNGOs, local and regional authorities

PARTICULAR RESOURCES NEEDED

(Which resources will you need in order to organise this seminar? Any particular need? Any external help?)

Barbara – facilitation with EC

Materials about YOUTH programme, National Plan of Action and voluntarism

Support from Ministry of education, science and sport

PREPARATION AND ROLES

(Who will be involved in the preparation? Which roles will each of you play – who will do what?)

Logistics – VCZ + Ivan Peko

Materials about current situation on vol. – Danijela and Mirela

National Plan of Action for Youth – Mirela

YOUTH programme – Ornela and Lidija

Coordination of the next meeting in July - VCZ

IMMEDIATE STEPS AFTER THIS SEMINAR

(What will be the immediate steps for preparation of the national/regional meeting after this seminar?)

Information letter to all interested actors and target groups by end of May

Meeting with Ministry of science, education and sport by end of May

Communication with Barbara about facilitation with EC

Country / Region: **Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Group: Aldin, Andrija, Rebecca, Renato, Renabella

NEEDS

(Which specific issues would you like to address in this meeting regarding the YOUTH programme and your country / region?)

- strategy for lobbying government to participate in YOUTH programme
- national focal points for YOUTH programme
- state action plan for youth

MAIN OBJECTIVES AND EXPECTATIONS

(What are the main objectives for this meeting? What would you like to achieve with it?)

- Creation of National Agency
- State coordination body
- Stimulate cooperation and coordination between youth organisations
- YOUTH programme promotion

TARGET GROUP

(Who will participate in the meeting? To whom is it addressed?)

- RS secretariat for youth and sport; Federation, Centre for youth
- Ministry for Civil Affairs; European Integration Department
- Parliamentary representatives for youth
- Interested NGOs and agencies
- Media
- EU delegation to BiH

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES

*(Try to outline a draft programme. Please include **where** and **when**.)*

Where: possible locations: Banja Luka, Sarajevo, Livno, Mostar

When: October (second half)

Programme to be developed.

PARTICULAR RESOURCES NEEDED

(Which resources will you need in order to organise this seminar? Any particular need? Any external help?)

Materials in local language, budget

PREPARATION AND ROLES

(Who will be involved in the preparation? Which roles will each of you play – who will do what?)

Council of Ministers, Steering Committee RS, Youth Centre FBH, others

IMMEDIATE STEPS AFTER THIS SEMINAR

(What will be the immediate steps for preparation of the national/regional meeting after this seminar?)

Establish contact list of BiH group

8. Final List of Participants

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