



**TOOL FAIR - VII edition
TOOLS FOR CHANGES**

19-23.11.2012

We have the pleasure to announce that in 2012 the Tool Fair will take place in Poland.

The 7th edition of the Tool Fair continues with a well-known and highly recognised concept, giving you an exciting possibility to experience a unique combination of “laboratory” and “market” and to discover tools for learning¹ developed under the European Union Youth in Action programme. A space to share, to experiment, to discuss and further develop such tools used within different activities in the youth field (youth exchanges and initiatives, EVS projects, seminars, trainings, etc).

The Tool Fair VII will put a special stress on the education paradigm between **formal and non-formal education** and also on the **future EU programme** for young people. Thus, you will have an exceptional possibility to take part in an event combining the atmosphere of a 16th century renaissance castle hosting the Tool Fair VII with the tools that will help shape the EU youth policy of tomorrow.

Participating in the Tool Fair VII will offer the chance to shape **your own educational and experiential pathway**, to **run a workshop** to share your tools with colleagues from international level as well as to participate in workshops run by others. However, beyond merely experiencing a wide variety of tools, the Tool Fair aims to provide a space to **reflect on them**, give and receive **feedback** and pave the way for their transferability and further development. The Tool Fair VII will put a special stress on **tools for learning as drivers of change**: on the one hand they facilitate youth work, on the other however, they boost the process of learning and contribute to the improvement of learning outcomes achieved over the course of the non-formal education process.

This way, the Tool Fair VII aims to contribute not only to the learning outcomes of each individual participant but also to the quality of tools and learning processes at European level, complementing the SALTO-YOUTH Toolbox for Training and Youth Work (<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toolbox>) and various publications, in coherence with the European Training Strategy.

¹ What do we mean here? Over the last two years, we have been developing nine criteria for what we call “tools for learning”. For example: it is a tool to transfer educational objectives into practice; it engages participants in the learning process and provides a possibility for participants to identify their own learning. You can find out more on the web site ! And in any case, a tool is only as good as the skills of the craftsman/-woman using it, so Tool Fair VII is also focusing on developing competences related to certain tools.

The Tool Fair VII will be **hosted in Pułtusk**, a picturesque town located 60 kilometers from the Polish capital - Warsaw, famous for its renaissance castle, the longest town market in Europe various monuments and highly recognised private Pułtusk Academy of Humanities. The castle restaurant is known for its traditional cuisine, so food for thought will be provided at all times.

Organisers and partners:

Tool Fair VII is organised by the **Polish National Agency of the Youth in Action programme** with the support of Youth in Action NA's network, in cooperation with SALTO EuroMed on behalf of SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres network.

The Tool Fair VII will happen thanks to specific support from the NA's of Greece, France, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Romania and Turkey as well as by the “Tools for Learning” Working Group which supports SALTO-YOUTH RC's network in development and co-ordination of horizontal strategy on educational tools.

Target group:

Educational practitioners in European youth field: trainers, youth workers and youth leaders, youth project managers, NA representatives, youth policy makers etc active in the youth field in general and more specifically within the Youth in Action Programme. We welcome participants who have **created a tool for learning** and/or are **willing to share** and further **develop** their tools -together with colleagues- during the Tool Fair.

This year we also invite those who realize projects in the frame of the Lifelong Learning Programme using methods of non-formal education. Such a **trans-sectoral approach** will result in exciting mutual learning effects and will for sure constitute a source of great inspiration for all participants involved. Please feel welcome and share with others your tools!

Tool Fair 2012 welcomes approx 120 participants from YIA Programme countries and MEDA, SEE, EECA Neighbouring Partner Countries.

Working language:

The working language of the Tool Fair will be **English**.

Dates and venue:

Tool Fair will be held on 19-23 November 2012 in Poland, **Pułtusk Castle**, 60 km from the capital of Poland - Warsaw.

Participants are expected to arrive on the 19th in the evening; departures are planned on the 23rd after breakfast.

Financial conditions

- Board and lodging will be provided and paid by the organizers.
- Participants coming from Programme Countries: travel costs can be covered by your National Agency according to their own rules (please check before applying).
- Participants coming from MEDA, EECA and SEE countries: travel and visa costs will be covered by the organizers/respective SALTO.

Any insurance, especially medical, is a private responsibility of each participant.

Application procedure & deadline

Please apply online through SALTO website not later than **10 September 2012**. Your National Agency/SALTO will make a pre-selection.

Application form:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/mysalto/applicationonline/1042/>

NAs/SALTOs are kindly asked to pre-select their applicants before **17 September**.

If your application is accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after 20 September 2012. Please do not book any tickets before you receive confirmation of your participation.

Please visit SALTO Website for the Tool Fair VII invitation:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/about/events/saltotoolfair/2012/>

And here is the link to the European Training Calendar:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/tool-fair-vii-2012-poland.2596/>

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