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**International Seminar**  
**“FROM MULTICULTURAL TO INTERCULTURAL COMMUNITIES”**

*Increasing South - Eastern European Youth Organisations' Capacity to Engage with Issues of Conflict Management\**

**Brasov, Romania**  
**22 – 26 May 2006**

*The systemic changes that have affected the South-Eastern European and the Western Balkans countries in the past decades have often marked a painful transition to democratic societies. Conflicts and conflictual contexts have developed at various levels: local, regional, inter- and intra-national.*

- *What are the role and the status of young people in this context and what should be the framework of cooperation between various stakeholders: NGOs, institutions, public authorities, media, international actors?*
- *Which are the most likely types of conflict to emerge and the groups more likely to be submitted to intolerance, discrimination and violence in the region? Which are the actions to be taken in terms of conflict prevention and conflict resolution?*

*As stated in the Council of Europe's objectives and priorities, youth organisations have to increase their capacity to engage with conflict and violence issues in a peaceful and cooperative manner.*

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**Context:**

The seminar will take place in the framework of the new "All Different – All Equal": European Youth Campaign For Diversity, Human Rights and Participation.of the Council of Europe.

The aim of the **European Campaign for Diversity, Human Rights and Participation** is to encourage and enable young people to participate in building peaceful societies based on diversity and inclusion, in a spirit of respect, tolerance, and mutual understanding.

The following key issues as conflict generators are to be approached: Racism; Anti-Semitism; Romaphobia and Anti-gypsyism; Islamophobia; Homophobia; Xenophobia; Disablism; Globalisation; Terrorism; Nationalism and Fascism.

<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Initiative Group Alpbach Brasov</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>22 – 26 May 2006</b>
<b>Place</b>	<b>Brasov, Romania</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Targeted countries</b>	<b>Albania, Bosnia - Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Moldova, Romania, Serbia - Montenegro, TFYRO Macedonia</b>		

<b>PARTNERS AND COLLABORATORS</b>	<i>“Transilvania” University Brasov, Romania</i>
	<i>“GAUDEAMUS” Association of Students with Disabilities, Moldova</i>
	<i>Asocijacija Graditelji Mira, Bosnia -Herzegovina</i>
	<i>Youth Action for Peace Oradea, Romania</i>
	<i>Initiative Group Alpbach Belgrade, Serbia-Montenegro</i>
	<i>Youth Forum Bitola, Macedonia</i>

**Goal**

- *The main goal is to develop educational resources from different multicultural and intercultural experiences and points of view of youth organizations for the peaceful transformation of conflicts in South Eastern Europe.*

## Objectives

- to identify and to understand conflict management concepts;
- to exchange different experiences regarding conflict situations or contexts from different types of communities;
- to stimulate youth organizations to actively involve in issues of conflict management in their own community;
- to set the basis for a long-term and established co-operation between the participating organisations.

### **Participants:**

- The seminar is addressed to youth organisations and young people coming from post-conflict regions (former Yugoslavia) and from post-communist countries (see the Targeted Countries above); also, Roma representatives and young people with disabilities are encouraged to apply;
- Age: 18 –30; young people over 30 are also welcome;
- Strong interest and / or experience in the topic is required;
- Commitment to participate in the activities of the seminar.

### **Methodology:**

The seminar will use a variety of methods, including: small and large group discussions, plenary sessions, simulation games and role-plays, small group workshops, individual and group presentations, and guest speakers.

The process will focus on non-formal education and intercultural learning.

### Working language:

English

### Practical information:

#### Travel

**Arrival in Brasov:** 21 May 2006

**Departure from Brasov:** 27 May 2006 (*If, due to your flight schedule, one more night of accommodation is required, please notify the organisers in time, to make free-of-charge arrangements for you.*)

Participants are expected to make the cheapest travel arrangements and to check the travel costs with the organisers, before purchasing the tickets.

#### Accommodation and Meals:

Free accommodation and meals will be provided during the seminar.

### Venue of the meeting:

The Seminar will take place in **Brasov**, considered to be the main tourist area in Romania.

Located in the heart of **Transylvania**, Brasov is world famous for its medieval and baroque sites, as well as for its splendid natural attractions: the **Carpathian mountains** with many mountain resorts, at 15 to 60 minutes away from the City Centre. Impressive castles and fortresses surround the city.

Probably the main tourist attraction is the **Dracula's Castle**, only 20 minutes from the City Centre of Brasov!

<b>Financial arrangements:</b>		
<b><u>70% of the travel costs (including visa costs) will be reimbursed</u></b> , on the basis of the original plane/train/bus tickets	Participants are responsible for making their own health insurance arrangements.	Travel and visa costs will be reimbursed during the seminar.

**PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND AT LEAST 80% OF THE SEMINAR TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT.**

<b>Participation Fee:</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>10 EURO</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The fee will help the organisers to provide you with effective and in-time services (e.g. local travel for participants with disabilities). Thank you!</i></p>

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**DEADLINE FOR SENDING THE APPLICATION FORM IS 15.03.2006**

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