



Pilot Project Proposal

YUGONOSTALGIA

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APPLICANT AND COORDINATOR ORGANISATION

"United Societies of Balkans" is a Non Governmental Organization, founded in Thessaloniki in 2008 by a team of active young people, socially sensitized, and with rich experience around voluntary programs. Their vision was the promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement in volunteering and their further sensitizing around social issues.

Balkans and Eastern Europe are geographical regions with many cultural features which offer a broad spectrum of actions and youth involvement initiatives. The organization was created as a respond to the pressure of constant changes in the Balkan and Eastern European region and under the need for the creation of a better social environment. Key areas of the organization's activities concern the defense of human rights, the organization of youth exchanges and training courses, which will bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, the organization of local educational seminars and multimedia production. U.S.B. has created until now several documentaries and media productions. More information you can find to www.usbngo.gr

Goals

Main goals of the organization:

- To promote the values of non formal learning, volunteering, active citizenship and democracy for the creation of a better future for European youth.
- To promote human rights, solidarity and respect for diversity
- To involve with minorities and immigrants
- To build healthy cooperation bridges between countries of the Balkan area and that of Eastern Europe with the rest of Europe.
- To locate and multiply the special cultural attributes of our societies
- The breakdown of prejudices and stereotypes between Balkan countries

DESCRIPTION:

Aim

"Yugonostalgia" project has the aim to understand and analyze the phenomenon of nostalgia through the different generations and nationalities of the former Yugoslavian countries. What kind of nostalgia there is and why that nostalgia for the past still exists. Through our project we want to discover why this happens and if there are any differences on that aspects among generations. It is necessary to take into account that these two factors (generation and nationality) are crucial, because they are basic elements in this activity. In addition, the project is research based on the cooperation of Balkan countries with the participation of youth.



Furthermore, “Yugonostalgia” has three basic objectives:

-First of all, this project wants to bring different Balkan generations together. Three different generations will have the opportunity to cooperate together. The intergeneration dialogue will give the opportunity to understand if there is a transmission of “Yugonostalgia” from generation to generation. (youth, middle-age, elderly).

-Secondly, the project will promote dialogue and inter-cultural cooperation about common past and future in the Balkan and European region. That is necessary, especially for the countries which just some years ago were into a civil war and their relationships were disrupted. Moreover, the project is a good occasion for establishment of better relationships between Balkan countries and unifying factor for future common activities and policies. Actually, that is necessary element in order to have good relationship as future European countries.

-Thirdly, that research will be present by the very effective way; such is a documentary film, a production of the resource photo diary and a short paper with all the specificities concerning the expression of the phenomenon “Yugonostalgia” in each country. Furthermore, all those resources could be used as a comparative data between Balkan countries and further data for the European Union.

MAIN ACITIVITES OF THE PROJECT :

Furthermore, the project “Yugonostalgia” is composed by several main activities which will take part in the duration of seven months. Particularly, youth participants from eight NGOs of the Balkans (Greece, F.Y.R.O.M., Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Montenegro and Kosovo) will follow the next steps in order to ensure the successful implementation of the project. The main content of these activities are based on the principles of the communication, planning, cooperation, creation and finally the dissemination of the team work.

- The starting phase is the meeting of all participants on the neutral ground in January 2014. U.S.B. will organize a four days meeting in Thessaloniki, where all youth representatives of Balkans’ NGOs will have the opportunity to know each other better and exchange their views on the main topic and also basic sessions to be introduced in the programme. Particularly, gathering all together will be the first step of the project analysis and the development of methodology for the future research and the follow up activities in every country separately. Furthermore, the kick-off meeting will provide some basic knowledge about the academic approach of the meaning of “Yugonostalgia”.
- The second step of the project will take place in each of seven countries during February and March. Each partner will start to implement the research. Actually, the research will be done by

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youth representatives and the documentation of the procedure and results by U.S.B. The research contains quantitative (questionnaires) and qualitative (interviews) data.

- During the research, the youngsters will meet with the challenge to explore the signs of the memories of the “Yugonostalgia” in their homelands. Youth have to document how nowadays different generations, nations and cultures of each country consider, present and handle with the meaning of “nostalgic Yugoslavians”. Also, they have to find out which of the practices of that period were unforgettable and why nowadays they are nostalgic for.
- The third part will take place during the April and May. Actually, that period will be done the documentation of the research, the short papers and the photo diary for each country. U.S.B. will sent 3 experienced volunteers to shot videos to each country and they will coordinate that activity with the meaningful support and cooperation of all other partner youth organizations. However, the NGOs will play active role in this process and they will be more than consultants in order to have successful progress on the project “Yugonostalgia”.
- The last activity will be between June and July. That activity consist the preparation and presentation of the 40 minutes documentary film and all materials which are related to the topic. Finally at the end of July will be organized a two days final-meeting with all partners for the promotion and evaluation of the results. Also, the project is going to have an extra promotion in the framework of “Thessaloniki-the European Youth Capital for 2014” where U.S.B. is going to organize several activities of the official programme.

THE RESEARCH :

- Firstly, the seven representatives of former Yugoslavian countries will explore and document the existence of the objects that can be observed in daily life (such as buildings, street names etc) in each country.
- Secondly, the research will be done through the dissemination of the questionnaires. Particularly, each of the partners has to collect 100 questionnaires. The analysis of the questionnaire will be done by U.S.B researcher.
- Thirdly, the research will focus on interviews with citizens of each country which could be categorized by groups of three generation (youth, middle-aged and elderly).



- Finally, the youth have to collect all good practices that nations are nostalgic for and they consider that they are beneficiaries in order to be used as examples for the creation of new one which will be innovative activities that could be used in the context of the European Union.

RESPONCIBILITIES OF PARTNERS :

- Participation in kick-off meeting in Greece
- Implementation of the research:
 1. Dissemination and collection of the questionnaires
 2. Realization of the interviews
 3. Participation in documentary film
 4. Preparation of the short paper with the most important characteristics of the phenomenon "Yugonostalgia"
 5. Preparation of photo diary
- Participation in the last meeting (presentation of the material, evaluation, comparison)

PARTNERS :

We are searching for very active organizations from FYROM, Slovenia, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo to be partners to our proposal.

LANGUAGE

The working language of the course will be **English**. Participants do not need to be proficient in it, but a good command of the language is necessary. Although in the Greek team will be participants who are able to communicate in Serbian and Albanian.

FUNDS

The project will be applied to European Youth Foundation which will cover the majority of the expenses of the project. The rest of the expenses will be covered by private donorships.

NESSASARY DOCUMENTS

If you are interest to involve to our project by becoming partner fill the two documents that you will find in the following links ("organization data" and "partnership agreement") and sent them back to our email. The "partnership agreement it has to be sign and stump by the person who will be resposable by your

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organization and sent it to us by fax (0030 2310 215629) or as scan to our email. Also sent the CV of the person who will be responsible from your organisation

The deadline is 10th of September.

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