

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIPS - AN ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP!

4.6 project
in the **BLACK** and **WHITE SHOT**



The project lasted 2 years and it was implemented in the following countries: Poland, Turkey, Greece, Italy, France, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Spain, Portugal, Bulgaria and Iceland.

The project was created to give young people the possibility to:

- raise their awareness;
- develop the quality of support systems for youth activities, non-formal education and the capabilities of civil society organizations in the youth fields and promoters;
- develop sustainable networks;
- exchange the best practices as well as recognise the non-formal education.

The project was created as a result of the long-term effort between European partners acting in a field of non-formal education and youth.

The PARTNERSHIP-BUILDING SEMINAR

was the first activity in a frame of the project which had a place in Dlugopole Dolne / Poland in dates: 15-18.06.2012.

A good partnership and support between institutions and organizations involved in the project was one of the most important aspects in the preparation phase of the project “European partnerships - an active citizenship!”

and the first step towards reaching our goals. For this, it was so important to allow enough time from the project to getting to know our partners and establishing a good communication system.

The main aims of the seminar were:

- ensuring the quality of the project “European partnerships - an active citizenship!”;
- promotion all project’s activities;
- discussion about the preparation and implementation of the project;
- establishing common goals and methodology;
- discussion about the general work plan for the years 2012-2014;
- sharing experiences between the participants;
- building trust and strong partnership.

The working language during the Partnership-building seminar was English.

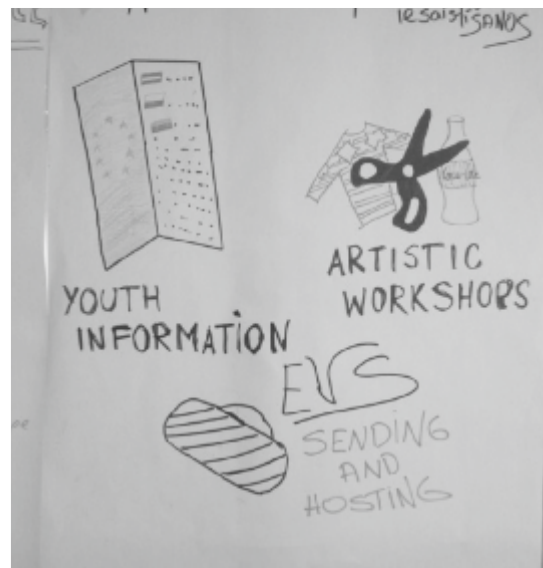


The INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

was the next project's activity which had a place in Bystrzyca Kłodzka/ Poland in dates: 7-12.11.2012.

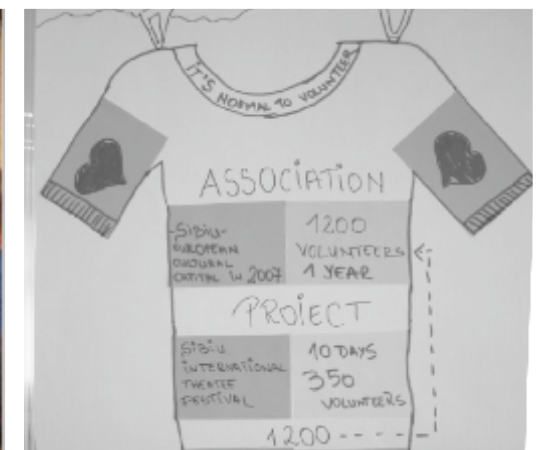
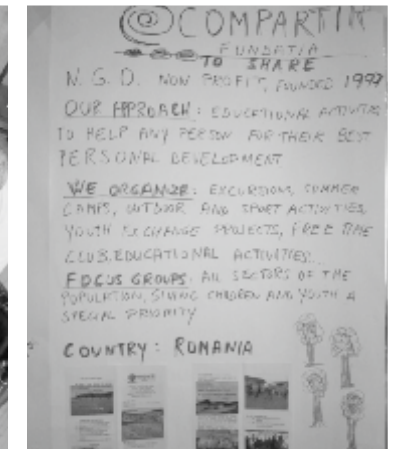
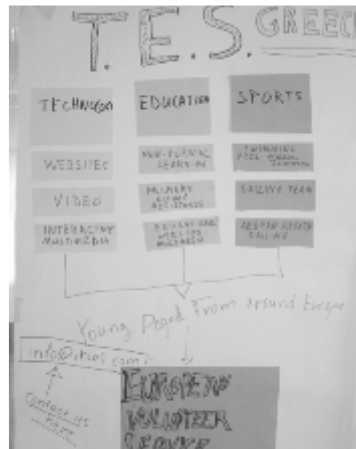
The seminar provided the communication platform with the possibility to exchange experiences and to develop new ideas for the participants from different European countries and to create a productive environment for the exchange of good practices concentrating on a specific topic – how to improve the quality of EVS projects, especially short-term activities. During the seminar the participants joined in various activities like workshops, exchanging ideas and good practices, case studies and group work. During the 5 days seminar the participants has been involved in facilitated dialogue concentrating around the topic of quality in voluntary projects.

The working methods used during the International Seminar were: brain storm, open space debates, discussion, exchange of good practices, working in group, presentation, study visit. The working language during the International Seminar was English.



During the seminar the youth workers participated in the following theme activities:

- 1) Getting to know each other, fears, hopes and expectations of the participants;
- 2) Presentation of the partner organizations, “clash of cultures”;
- 3) Visiting hosting projects in Kłodzko, Poland – schools and museum;
- 4) Workshops with youngsters;
- 5) Discussion about the projects visited with the mentors of the volunteers;
- 6) Discussion about the problems encountered during implementation of the project which included youngsters with fewer opportunities (host and sending organizations);
- 7) Preparation of projects for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds (the relevant aspects of the project);
- 8) Future cooperation – project market;
- 9) Crises (causes of conflict, conflict resolutions);
- 10) Evaluation – the learning process of the volunteers with fewer opportunities. The methods used in the process of non-formal learning of volunteers. The role of the mentor and coordinator in the learning process of the volunteers;
- 11) The financial evaluation of projects, looking for sponsors, co-financing sharing grants. Dissemination of the project;
- 12) Evaluation of the seminar.



NATIONAL YOUTH INITIATIVES

One of the EFM main goal was to develop the region of Bystrzyca Kłodzka in particular, but moreover to spread our influence on a national level. To do that, we organized local initiatives in all parts of Poland, by caring for the environment and by supporting and including youngsters with fewer opportunities in activities of different institutions and organizations.

In a frame of this activity EFM implemented two national initiatives:

- 1) the National Youth Initiative under the title “Volunteers in Action” implemented between April 2012 and March 2013 which aims were to raise awareness about the need of Voluntary Service on a national level and to motivate youngsters to be active in the field by involving them in competitions on the topic youth for voluntary activities.
- 2) the second National Youth Initiative under the title “Year of Leadership” took place between April 2013 and March 2014 which aims were to raise the awareness about the importance of gain the leadership skills in the present time on a national level and to motivate youngsters to be active in the field of leadership.



The TRAINING COURSE

as a next project's activity took place in Dlugopole / Poland in dates: 25.06.2013 – 01.07.2013.

The main goal of the training course was to create leaders who will undertake initiatives on the local, regional, national and international level in the future, to train young people in domain of leaders, to estimate youngsters and youth workers Action 1, Action 2 and Action 4.3 of the “Youth in Action” Programme. Moreover, the participants had the opportunity to get in contact with the volunteers hosted by EFM organization, exchange good practices as well as talk about future cooperation.

The methodology of the training course were:

- talk with elements of speech and exchange of experiences;
- exchange of ideas: looking for ideas for projects involving young people from disadvantaged background;
- brainstorming, work in international groups – development projects;
- visiting and working on EFM projects involving young people with disadvantaged backgrounds – outdoor activities and case studies;
- audio-visual methods and discussion.

The working language during the training course was English.



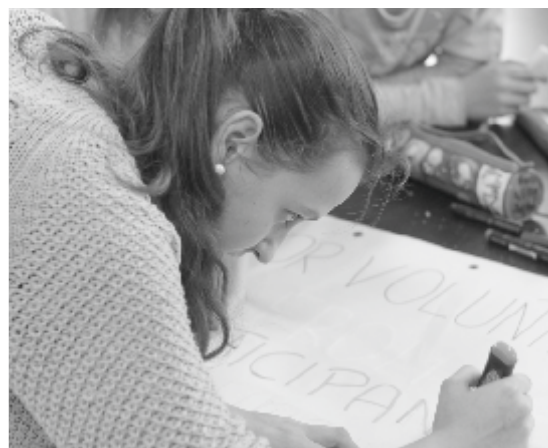
The JOB SHADOWING

activities had involved workers from the partner organizations who had observed and worked with the staff of the partner organization and transfer the good practices to the own organization. The trainees during the stay in different countries had the opportunity to learn teamwork and specificity of international work in another country and culture.

The trainees participated in the following activities:

- supporting of activities related to the hosting of EVS volunteers;
- participating in activities related to the preparation of youth to participate in European Voluntary Service projects;
- writing projects on raising funds of the “Youth in Action” Programme;
- conducting trainings for youngsters.

The working language during the training course was English.



The EVS activities

had a place in Bystrzyca Kłodzka and Długopole / Poland.

EFM hosted 16 volunteers for a duration of 2 months, mainly with fewer opportunities. The volunteers had the opportunity to gain new skills and knowledge especially in a frame of non-formal education. The volunteers' work increased the development and gave the youngsters new motivation to find a work as well as to realize own ideas and visions.

The role and tasks of the volunteers:

- leading free language conversation and discussion on actual themes with local people;
- visiting local schools as guests to loosen up traditional language lessons, participating in European School Clubs, attending in various annual celebrations in the local schools;
- participating in the "EuroWeek" camps for young people from all over Poland (leading presentations on various topics);
- organizing workshops on different subjects in the schools from the region;
- preparing and organizing different activities for children in local kindergartens and the Orphanage;
- playing bingo and other games with people hosted in the local houses for old people; helping in the EFM office.



We had also organized

the **MULTILATERAL YOUTH EXCHANGE**

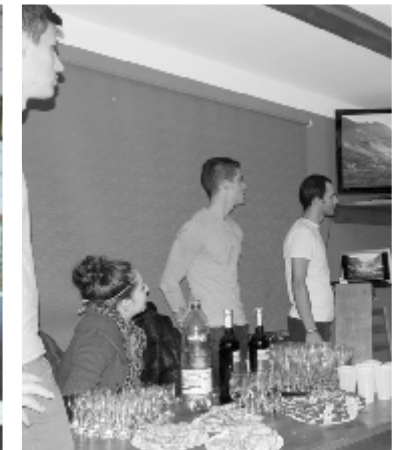
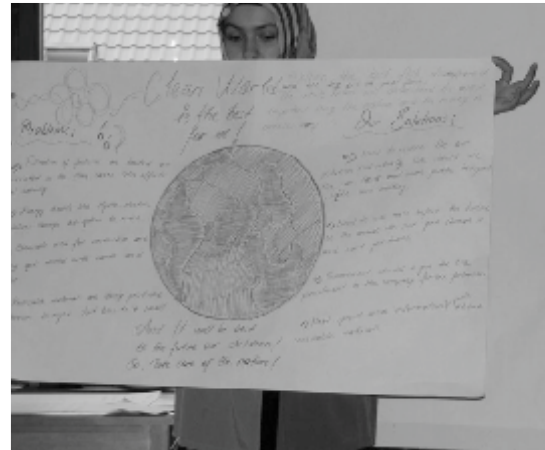
which had a place in Dlugopole Dolne / Poland
in dates: 15-23.09.2013.

The main objective of the youth exchange was to contribute to the acknowledgment and awareness of the importance of inclusion, art and environment protection in the youth education. All the methods in this activity has been used to stimulate and support the non-formal learning process of the participants. Each workshop brought new ideas and visions into the group of the participants.

The young people from Poland had the opportunity to get in contact with other 3 groups of youngsters from different parts of Europe – Lithuania, Romania and Turkey and in total the Youth Exchange counted 24 participants: 7 youngsters at the age between 15-25 each nationality + 1 leader from each country.

The working methods used were workshops, exchange of working practices, outdoor activities, ice-breaking games, energizers, creative thinking, discussions, using new media.

The working language during the Multilateral Youth Exchange was English.



The EVALUATION MEETING

was the last project's activity which had a place in Bystrzyca Kłodzka and Długopole / Poland in dates: 21-24.02.2014.

To ensure the quality of the project “European partnerships – an active citizenship!” we invited the youth workers from the partner organizations to meet and discuss with all the partners about the results and follow up as well as to evaluate the impact of the project, share the experience, fill in the final report form and anonymous questionnaires. Moreover, the participants could discuss about future cooperation related to the new Programme Erasmus +.



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