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Bringing additional value to our EVS projects

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INTRODUCTION

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) is an opportunity for young people between 18 and 30 years old to be a volunteer in one country of the world, in a non-profit organization.

During voluntary service, young people learn at different levels (communication, autonomy, citizenship, culture ...). At the end of their voluntary service, they receive a certificate called "Youth Pass". This certificate confirms the volunteer's participation in EVS, and learning that he had during his European Voluntary Service.

Although the administrative process of implementation of volunteer in a project seems the same, the routes followed by partner organizations (sending organization, host organization, coordinating organization) from the phase of preparation of the volunteer until the final evaluation of the project are different in terms of methods and quality.

In order to improve the quality of volunteering projects, get more impact, and give more value to intercultural learning and the certificate awarded to the volunteer, we organized a training course involving 26 youth workers, ex-volunteers, mentors and youth leaders, from 13 European organizations (Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Spain, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey) active in European voluntary service for eight days in Lefkas in Greece.

During this seminar we shared together our experiences, improved our skills on EVS projects man-

agement and developed common methodologies in order to facilitate and improve the quality of preparation of the volunteer, the implementation of its EVS project, including the achievement of tasks and self-learning and evaluation of the volunteer and to develop his conscience on the evolution of his project.

The methods that we developed will permit more effective monitoring and support for volunteers and will improve the outcomes of their EVS projects.

During our training course, we created an educational tool called "volunteer's logbook". This tool will be used by the volunteer from the beginning till the end of the service. It contains all stages of the project, methods of support, evaluations and learning experiences.

During the project, participants created this magazine in order to bring the light to the fallout of this training and to the feedback of participants.

The team of Solidarity Tracks thanks all our friends, participants in this training for their contribution and active role. Congratulation for the results achieved thanks to your effort.

The road of creativity and initiatives on the non-formal education and on volunteering remains long and exciting...

Mohamed Chaabouni
Solidarity Tracks

This training course is a really interesting experience for me, as there are many factors that are not happening in a regular or usual way, the way I'm used to. For example, the fact that Greek people have a long break during the day and are working till late night was a little disturbing at the beginning, but then, you note getting used to the new rhythm.. The composition of the group of the training is also not very usual, as the people are coming from completely different environments with very various experiences, expectations and interests. To build the programme the way that it would answer the hopes and expectations of everyone was also very challenging.

At the same time, I really appreciated all these "unusual" things, as they helped me to come to many self-reflections and analysis and to come to interesting conclusions. I believe that this is actually the best way to learn.

I like the training outcomes that start to come of out of the blur right now, and I deeply believe that the EVS tool that the group creates is rather innovative, and would be useful for many NGOs all over Europe. I feel proud of this concrete outcome that we managed to do all together.

Anna Roganova
The trainer

Daily conclusions of the seminar

The impact of EVS projects

EVS projects have impact on very different kind of aspects. First of all the volunteers are affected by the work in their host-organization and on their projects. For the volunteers EVS is a new experience in many different ways. Not only that the volunteers have learning experiences in a non-formal context, where they acquire different kinds of skills and competences. The volunteers are also faced with the challenge of getting used to a whole new cultural and social context different from their home countries. Besides the volunteer, the host-organization is affected by the volunteers project. While working on the project, the volunteers bring their experiences, skills, knowledge, motivations and inspirations into their host-organization and affect the host-organizations work. Furthermore the volunteers project has an impact on the local community it's embedded in. In order to raise awareness of the projects objectives the involvement of the local community is an important aspect of the

projects impact and success. By offering their services to the local community and organizing events and actions, the volunteers project ideas, values and objectives are realized and multiplied in the community.

How to plan and prepare my EVS project

Planning and preparing an EVS project is a demanding and comprehensive task. Both are crucial for the success and impact of an EVS project. Therefore it is even more important, to make sure that in the process of planning and preparing a future project, as much aspects as possible are considered. Before departure to the host-organization and EVS project, the volunteers sending organization or the national agency of the volunteers home country organizes a departure seminar in order to prepare the volunteer for his stay. When the volunteer arrives at his new town and host organization, the first weeks of his project are spent in order to prepare and implement the volunteer's project. Next

to the welcome of the volunteers by the host-organization (icebreaking informal meetings, inclusion in the organization/community, personal and emotional support) the national agency of the host-country organizes an arrival seminar for all volunteers in the host-country.

For planning and preparing the volunteers own project, project coordinator and volunteer have to work really close together in order to define the project's objectives, methods, target group and beneficiaries. Furthermore getting in contact with the local community, target group and other people involved can help to volunteer in the process of project planning. Creating and using a timetable for planning, preparation and realization of the project is a helpful tool for the volunteer. By this way the evolution of the project can be followed and the different activities concerning the project's objectives planned and prepared.



The difficulties encountered/measures taken

An EVS project is for the volunteer, its host-organization and for the local community as well challenging. From the beginning to the end it can be connected with different kinds of obstacles and difficulties. In order to find solutions of the difficulties encountered,

in the first place measures for these problems have to be taken. Some examples for problems and difficulties encountered by volunteer and host-organization could be the following: the integration of the volunteer in the local community and host-organization; homesickness; difficulties because of the new cultural context; lack

of support by the local community; difficulties because of conditions regarding living, working, social context, etc.; volunteers motivation. All the problems and difficulties mentioned are caused by different reasons and require therefore different solutions.

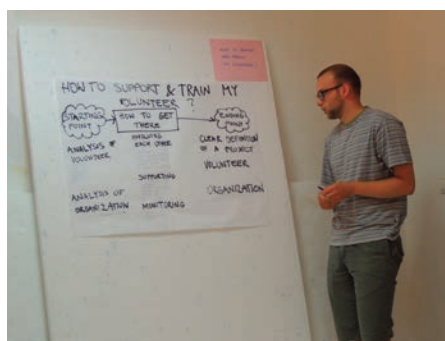
How to ensure the quality of tasks of my volunteer

The quality of tasks of the volunteer in an EVS project is an important aspect to make sure, that the volunteer fulfills tasks which to fit to the volunteers skills, knowledge and experience. Ensuring the quality of tasks means also to adapt the volunteer's tasks to his developing skills and experiences during the whole EVS period. In order to do this, giving feedback and evaluating the volunteer's work is very important.

How to support and train my volunteer

To enable the volunteer of an EVS project by support and train is another important aspect to ensure a good impact and success of the project. Supporting and training the volunteer means to take measures that enable the volunteer to be as successful as possible with his project. In order to support the volunteer, analyzing the volunteer's skills, interest, objectives, motivation and needs can help to give the volunteer support and training according to his personality. Supporting and training the volunteer in accordance to his personality and the project objectives can therefore be of different kind. Besides explaining the work of the organization to the volunteer, the volunteer's involvement in the organization and its team is important in order to feel the volunteer welcome and supported in his project. When it comes to the volunteers project, supporting can mean to offer the volunteer a language course, to involve the volunteer in the local community, to take care of his technical and personal needs as well. The evaluation of the volunteer's project and his personal objectives on a regular basis is necessary to adjust the volunteer's support and training in order to a project with good impact und success. Another condition to support and train the volunteer in an effective way is to have a clear definition and vision of the volunteers project. By this way the project coordinator can help the volunteer to plan the different activities in order to achieve the project's objectives.

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How to involve my volunteer to our project

The involvement of the volunteer in the EVS project and the host-organization is a crucial aspect for a good impact and success of the EVS project. First of all it is important, because without the feeling of being welcome and integrated in the host-organization and its team, the volunteer will not be motivated to work in the host-organization and on his own project. Involving the volunteer in the host-organization can start with a warm welcome of the volunteer in the first days and weeks. Explaining the organization to the volunteer, showing the volunteer the city, inviting the volunteer to local events and meeting the volun-

teer in informal contexts are only some possibilities to involve the volunteer. The involvement of the volunteer in the daily work of the host-organization is as well an important aspect to include the volunteer, for example by giving the volunteer tasks, responsibility according to his skills and personal objectives. For the involvement of the volunteer also his personal and emotional situation should be considered by either project manager, mentor or other members of the team.

How to engage volunteers to valorize and illustrate the evolution of the project

The engagement of volunteers in the process of valorization and illustration of the evolution of the EVS project is regarding many aspects important for the success of the project. Valorization as a part of the evaluation, monitoring and feedback process is important for the volunteer in order to ensure or improve the quality of his project and to follow how the project's objectives were achieved. The illustration of the project can show the volunteer the evolution, impact, success, target group and beneficiaries of his project. Furthermore it makes the volunteer aware about the difficulties and problems he encountered as well as the success and outstanding moments of his project. Explaining why it's worth to valorize and illustrate the evolution of the project to the volunteer is necessary task to be done by the host-organization. Only if the volunteer understands the sense of valorizing and illustrating his own project, the volunteer will be motivated to do both.



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How to ensure a good impact for our EVS Projects

The main objective of an EVS project is a good impact on the volunteer, the host-organization and the local community the project is imbedded. To ensure a good impact, different aspects have to be considered.

How to make my project more visible + multiplier effect

To make the EVS project visible is for the success, impact and the sustaina-

bility of the project in the future of high importance. Visibility means, that the evolution and the actions of the project can not only be seen by the participants of the project and the volunteers host organization. In order to make aware of the project and its objectives in the local community, a wide range of possibilities can be used. By this way, the EVS, the host-organization and the volunteers project can be multiplied in society by using different channels.

How to evaluate my EVS project

In order to ensure and improve the quality, success and impact of EVS projects, project evaluation by the volunteer, the host-organization and the volunteer's mentor regarding different aspects is a helpful tool. Besides the project, the volunteers objectives.



Interviews with participants in seminar



Chris Fark

What was for you the most outstanding experience of the training course?

course?

My most outstanding experience were the roleplays about solving problems of the volunteers. I really enjoyed playing and watching.

Which organization do you represent? Where are you from?

I represent the Youth Centre of Beelen, Germany. In German it is called "Jugendtreff Beelen". It is your home of sports, culture, leisure time, informal education and multicultural learning.

Did you miss anything?

Before I say what is missing, I really

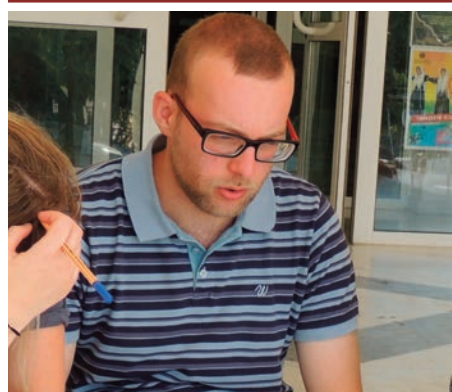
want to say thank you to the organizer. I think it's a really good accommodation and they care about of all our problems and wishes.

How effective was the course for you and what will you take back home?

For me the TC was very successful. I learned a lot about the EVS Programms and I got many friendly new people to know. Honestly I don't know right now, what I will take. I got a lot of new impressions and ideas. Probably I will need some time to print them out.



Urban Erzen



Benjamin Gröbe

What was for you the most outstanding experience of the training course?

In the training course was no outstanding experience for me. But I really liked to see how we were making progress on our project, although we had sometimes problems to work effective and concentrated. That's why I am re-

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The expectations of the final product of the group. I like to observe the process of making it. The contribution part of each of us and to see the results which represents the time we were working together.

Which organization do you represent? Where are you from?

Local youth organization of city Med-

vode, Slovenia.

Did you miss anything?

No, thank you all.

How effective was the course for you and what will you take back home?

It is difficult to tell before we see the final product. But while making it, we went through all important matters of EVS project. The course did explore most of EVS subjects. I am interested in efficient EVS tool to use it with our volunteers.

ally satisfied with the outcomes of our seminar - the EVS tool.

Which organization do you represent? Where are you from?

I represent the organization called "Europäisches Integrationszentrum Rostock e.V." (EIZ Rostock). The EIZ Rostock is an organization for general and political education located at the Baltic Sea in Germany.

Did you miss anything?

Before saying what I missed in the seminar, I like to start with the positive things which should be mentioned. First I like to thank the organizers, our trainers and of course all the participants of the training course that we managed to work on a common project and that we reached our objectives. For the next training course I would wish that some participants would take the training course and its

objectives more serious and that team spirit would be stronger.

How effective was the course for you and what will you take back home?

In the seminar I gained a lot of experience from the practice of EVS host- and sending organizations. As an EVS-coordinating organization I hope to use and share this knowledge in the future with my organization and other organizations in my hometown Rostock. Especially the intercultural aspects of the EVS which I got to know in our seminar are very interesting for me. Additionally to the experiences and knowledge about the EVS, I learned in the seminar a lot about different methods to work, reflect and to evaluate while using them in the seminar. I hope to use these also in my future projects.

EVS experiencies in Lefkada



Name: Sandra Niedermayer

Age: 20

Country: Austria

How long is your staying here? : 1 year, 1st September 2011 - 31st August 2012

What is your project about?

Recycling project: we have workshops with local children in order to teach them what the hell to do with all this garbage and also other events to promote recycling and protecting the environment.

How long was the process to apply? for all EVS 3 months, for Solidarity Tracks 2 months

Some funny experience in Greece or EVS: hmmm mmm maybe their motto: TNT - Tomorrow not today

Name: Sonia Huerta

Age: 25

Country: Spain

How long is your staying here?: I'm here since 5th of December 2011. My project is for 1 year so I will have 5 month more for enjoy.

What is your project a about? My project is about environment and sustainable development.

How long was rhe process to apply?: I was thinking about EVS during my last year in the University (2010). In April 2011, my friend told me about one project in Lefkada related with environment and recycle education. I started to make the application in September. Then my project was approved and I started in December.

Some funny experience in Greece or EVS:

I'm here for 7 months and I had a lot of funny experiences. It is difficult to choose one but I remember once that we went to Meganisi Island and we lost the ferry to come back to Lefkada. We had no place where to stay and we were thinking that we would have to sleep in the beach. Finally we asked to some sailor and he accepted to bring us back to our Island.



Name: Silvia López Talens

Age: 24

Country: Spain

How long you stay? : My EVS was for 10 month (feb. 2011 – dec. 2011) but I prolonged my staying here and now I'm still involved in organization.

What is your project about? : My project was in Orange Radionet project. It is the radio in Internet that Solidarity Tracks has to promote their activities and to communicate with young people. Also, I helped in the organization of seminars, training course and youth exchanges. As well, I was and am helping giving technical support to other volunteers. I am responsible of promotional actions like creation of posters, brochures, stickers...

How long was the process to apply? : When I was in my last year of University I heard about EVS project. I started to search for project in May 2010. After some refused answers, I contacted Solidarity Tracks and his coordinator chose me for the radio project. We started to make the application. The Greek national agency refused my application two times, and finally at the third tried, It was approved in December 2010. So I started my project in February 2011.

Some funny experience in Greece or EVS: my first week here when I have to go to supermarket and buy vegetables. I had no idea of Greek language. So I was trying to explain to the woman what I wanted because she didn't understand English. It was very funny moment because she didn't understand me at all and she gave me garlic instead of onions. I was so tired about the situation that I didn't say nothing. It took me 40 min to buy something that I didn't want and didn't need.



Name: Varis

Age: 25

Country: Latvia

How long is your staying here? : 12 months

What is your project about? It is about sustainable development.

what are you doing here? I engage myself in positive activities.

How long was the process to apply? : Around half year

Some funny experience in Greece or EVS: Everything is new, many people, new emotions, great impressions, beautiful place, every day happens something unexperienced and fun.



Working Results

The participants of the Training Course “Bringing additional value for our EVS projects” were all people involved in EVS programs. They were youth workers, EVS coordinators, volunteers (current or future), etc. For this reason, the main objective of our training was to create an useful tool for both, volunteers and coordinators. But that wasn't the only project for training. As well, during the week together, we wanted to prepare magazine, a radio emission and a video what would summarize all our activity in Lefkas. But, it is more difficult to work in a big group, so we decided that the best would be to divide participants in the four following groups.

it, if they want, to follow and help their EVS. But, also they can change and personalize this tool to a hosting or sending organization.



MAGAZINE TOOL

Another group preferred written job instead of radio. No problem, they were the “**magazine team**”, responsible to create the content and the idea of this magazine which shows what the work in the Training was. They did interviews and collected information from participants and seminar in order to have this last result..



RADIO TEAM



VIDEO TEAM

Always it's nice to have an audio-visual result which represent in images how we worked. This was the objective of the “**Video team**”. Their first idea was to present all participants through a stop motion. After, they wanted to show our working activities but also the fun time that we spend together.



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EVS TOOL	MAGAZINE	MAKING OF	RADIO
SURMA	BENJAMIN	REKA	EMU
ALINA	MERIKE	DIMU	CHRIS
ADIVA	GERLSEI	EOLJ	
ATHINA	LAURA	SAMI	

TOOL TEAM:

Although the content of the tool was done by the entire group during the different workshop, we had a “**tool team**” who was responsible to put all the ideas in order and to decide about design. The main aim of creating the tool was to help volunteer to follow, to evaluate and to keep track of his/her project.. All the participant organizations will receive the tool in order to use



A group of five participants had an interesting task: they were the “**radio team**”. During the seminar, they did interviews to participants, EVS in Lefkada and random people to know more about Youth in action program and experiences of participants. The emission done was published in Orange Radionet, the radio online of Solidarity Tracks and it is available in this link::

http://www.spreaker.com/user/orangeradionet/bringing_additional_value_to_evs_project.

Lefkada memories

During the Training Course, we had the chance to know better Lefkada and some volunteering actions developed in the Island.

Solidarity Tracks office: the group went to visit the office of Solidarity Tracks. There, they met the European volunteers that this organization has. The EVS explained their projects which are related with different topics like environment, sustainable development, youth and media. With this visit, the participants not only could see how some EVS experiences in Lefkas are. Also, they were informed about other actions of Solidarity Tracks in Youth in Actions program. That meeting was good for create a connection between volunteers and participants by sharing, as well, a funny evening.

Another visit that the group did was to **the Eco home** based in

Nydri. It was the last Euromed project of Solidarity Tracks and it took place last June. There, more than twenty participants from different Mediterranean area worked together to built an Eco house.

In the visit, the participants learnt how the experience of that project was.

But, the participants also met local activities. In this sense, they went to visit **the Summer Camp for children** in the schools of Lefkas. Monitors and teachers were spending time with lefkadian children, doing sports, day trips, going to beach or activities in the school. Also, Solidarity Tracks was participating in Summer camp with them and some EVS were having workshop about environment and sustainable development. Participants of training met the director of Summer camp in Lefkas to

know all the details about this activity.

After some days of hard work, everyone needs a break. For this reason, we thought that we deserved a **boat trip** around different Island of Ionian Sea. During the day off, we charged our batteries with the energy of the sun, beach, friends and fun. After that, we were able to continue working for our objectives in the Training Course.

We thought that the best way to promote volunteer activities is doing also by yourself. We wanted to do something for Lefkada community. As beaches are very important for the Island, we decided to make a **cleaning activity in the beach**. In cooperation with municipality, the group spent one morning taking the garbage out from beaches.



Presentations of the organizations

Together is an international network of youth organisations, and up to nowadays it includes 7 registered youth associations from the EU countries with the same name (LUX, FR, CZ, GR, EE, IT and UK), 2 from the South-East European countries (MK and MNE) as well as in Guatemala.

Our association is based on the philosophy that can be expressed in 4 words: "participation", "citizenship", "mobility" and "volunteering". The regular activities of "TOGETHER" network aimed at supporting our philosophy and to promote European values. The activities include various youth meetings, exchanges, trainings, seminars, debates, exhibitions, concerts, fair stands, sport activities and so on. Many of these activities have the financial support from "Youth in Action" Programme

www.network-together.eu

Europa aquí is the International Mobility Youth Office of Avilés, a service offered by the Municipality of Aviles in cooperation with the NGO Asociación Cultural EN CONSTRUCCIÓN.

The principle objective is to bring the local youth of Aviles closer to the different opportunities that Europe has in her disposition through the philosophy of non formal learning, and more specifically through the YiA program of the European Commission.

In EUROPA AQUÍ we support the participation of different groups of youngsters and associations in youth exchanges, the EVS project, european training courses etc

We also organise different local activities including presentations of the youth exchanges and workshops related to this content, intercultural parties, informational workshops on EVS, language workshops and an online radio so as to ensure the influence of the european projects in our city.

<http://europaaqui.wordpress.com/>

Work In Progress -WIP- is a no profit organization created by a group of young people who decided to promote active participation among young people through local and european activities.

WIP promotes youth mobility, active participation through youth exchange programs for young people and between young people from different European Countries.

Active participations, International Youth Mobility, Volunteering, Active Citizenship and Fight Against Discrimination are our main Keywords with which we wish to build, day by day, a better Europe!

www.workinprogress-wip.eu

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Kárpát-Ifjúsági Egyesület (KIE) - Carpathian Youth Association

The aim of the Association is to represent and support Hungarians civil sphere in the most wide sense.

Our main profile consists of:

1. Voluntary work with people with fewer opportunities (orphanages, disabled people etc)
2. Raising European and Civil awareness (by youth exchanges, workshops, youth initiatives)
3. Raising cultural awareness (summer universities, excursions etc)

We are especially active in the Carpathian Basin and would like to raise European and Hungarian awareness in the youth hence making them conscious and active citizens.

Throughout history, people tended to expect support from externals. It is high time to realise that even as civilians, we can achieve a lot. We are convinced that a strong civil sphere is the sign of a healthy, well working and balanced society.

We wish to contribute to the intellectual and mental rise of the society. For this reason, we deliver and organise voluntary work and support all freetime and professional activities thanks to which Hungarians worldwide, but mostly those living in Central Europe can establish useful relationships. □ People tend to refer to teenagers and young adults as the hope of the future. On the basis of our age, we belong to this age level as well hence we see this and the generation following us as our primary target. However we most warmly welcome even those with more life experiences.

Uchilishtno Nastoialstvo PGTO "Docho Mhailov

For now we host just two EVS volunteers. We are based in Tervel, Bulgaria.

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Europäisches Integrationszentrum Rostock e.V.

“Europäisches Integrationszentrum Rostock e.V.” (EIZ Rostock) is a non-party, non-confessional, independent and state-approved association for political and general education in Rostock and the federal state Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. The EIZ Rostock is partner in the pan-european EUROPE DIRECT Information network to provide information about the European Union and the European integration process. Furthermore it is partner in the eurodesk-network to provide information and guide about the “Youth in Action Program” of the European Union and other possibilities for the youth to go abroad. The EIZ Rostock offers education, information and events about the European Union and other political issues to the wide general public in order to make aware about the European integration process. The EIZ Rostock takes part in different cross-boarder projects with partners from different countries of the EU, for example the EU Program for Life-Long Learning “GRUNDTVIG”. Besides the EIZ Rostock is a sending- and coordinating organisation for the European Voluntary Service (EVS).

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Youth Activity Foundation - Alternative was established in little town Łobez in West Pomeranian Voivodeship. In the year 2002 we began our activity to encourage youth to be more active. In our city many organizations operated on a local level. That is why we decided to broaden our activity and we started looking for international partners to cooperate with.

As a result of the development of our activity and cooperation with many partners - organizations from almost all of Europe, it became clear that our various ideas, goals and endeavors would be more efficiently realized within the framework of an independent organization in Łobez that would set its own priorities in accordance with the needs and expectations of the local Łobez community.

We are well-known among many partner organizations from all Europe as a reliable and credible partner. Many of these organizations want to cooperate with us and place this cooperation on the same level as large, well-known Polish organizations and active NGO's centers such as: Cracow, Wroclaw, Lublin and Gdansk.

The mission of our organization is to create conditions for development of youth allowing them active participation in social life, supporting local youth initiatives and through this facilitate for the youth an easier start in life.

Solidarity Tracks is a non-profit and non governmental organization, promoting youth exchanges, mobility and intercultural learning on European and worldwide scale. Solidarity Tracks disseminate the value of the human rights and pursue the initiative of responsible and sustainable development. The actions of Solidarity Tracks support individuals' personal development in relation to local sustainable development.

The ultimate goal of our organization is to understand the links which unite people, inspire us, and supports the spirit for an equal and mutual development.

www.tamonopatia.org

Jaunatne par iesaistisanos The main goal of our organization is to involve young socially marginalized people such as orphans, youngsters with behaviour and drug addiction problems, representatives from national minorities, inhabitants of the rural areas, physically or mentally challenged young persons into society and to provide necessary training to improve social skills and the level of education.

Now we are working actively on youth information campaign in cooperation with State Employment Agency, State Probation Service and the main shopping center of our city “Globuss”.

We are engaged in the activities of the program youth we have participated in the numerous youth exchanges and seminars. We have sent and hosted more than 300 EVS volunteers.

www.jaunatnepar.blogspot.com; www.jaunatneies.blogspot.com

YOUTH CENTRE MEDVODE

It is the local youth organization of the city of Medvode, 10 km out of Ljubljana. The main goal is to support local youth projects and initiatives in a user friendly and healthy way.

There are several regular projects always going on, because we have developed a good infrastructure. We are proud on our audio studio, multimedia room and youth club Jedro for concerts, performances, art exhibitions, workshops...

There is also one or two EVS volunteer working around and some interesting international projects. A youth exchange project EKO ART was voted for the best Slovenia youth project of the year 2011 and we were given a special award from the president of Slovenia dr. Danilo Turk.

www.mcmmedvode.si

ŠKUC is one of the leading non-governmental organisations promoting non-profit cultural and artistic activity in Slovenia. It holds the status of a association working in the public interest in the cultural field. Its beginnings date back to Ljubljana's radical student movement of 1968, while it was formally established on 31 January 1972. In the late 1970s and in the 1980s ŠKUC was one of the key supporters and promoters of alternative culture. Today, ŠKUC's main goals are to support young and promising artists by including them in the cultural sphere and to organise creative spare-time activities for young people.

In the past few years the activities of ŠKUC have expanded to areas such as providing information and counselling for young people, education, a library, archives, social affairs, prevention, sociology, humanism as well as research activities. It has also acquired the status of a association working in the public interest in the area of health care.

Sauga ANK is based in Parnu, Estonia. We have several projects in Estonia and abroad. Our center is for young people to spend their free time. For the future, we are planning to do cooperation as well with EVS volunteers.

[www. Sauga.ee/noorsootdede](http://www.Sauga.ee/noorsootdede)

Associazione Interculturale NUR is a non profit association active in the field of intercultural integration promoting and realizing cultural events, training experiences and informative seminars for the youth in Sardinia.

The association has been created by people motivated by a growing interest for culture and cultural differences.

Aware of the fact that tolerance and respect for cultural differences, interculturality and knowledge of one's own heritage are the key factors for an harmonious multiethnic society, our goal is that of promoting the diffusion among the youth of those very same values against the ideas of diffidence, racism, nationalism but also against the syllogism globalization = equality that only leads to the uniformity of the different cultures to the model of the richest countries.

Our main fields of activity are the promotion of the exchanges between cultures; the fight against all forms of racism and xenophobia; the diffusion of new medias (CD Rom, Internet, distance learning...) as intercultural tools; youth international mobility and the recognition of the competencies built through experiences of non formal education.

We also work at language training and social inclusion projects for immigrants.

Association for youth and students in partium (PIHE) was founded in 2006 in Oradea, with the aim to keep a constant level of organization and representation of interests in the youth organizations in the city and its surroundings.

The association focuses on voluntarism, training of youth leaders, cultural and leisure events of young people, social activities mainly in

orphanages and Youth in Action programs.

