

Youth Exchange Cultural Framework of Europe





Multicultural youth exchange "Cultural framework of Europe"

Main objective

The main aim of this project was to promote and strengthen intercultural dialogue and explore and celebrate diversity. Also this exchange aimed to involve participants into process of non-formal learning through art as a methodology and medium. The event provided multicultural environment, where youngsters could explore diversity, share cultures, traditions and way of living and upgrade their personality.

Specific objectives

The project also aimed to: present culture and art from each of the countries involved aiming to create art catalogue as final result; to assist the personal development of the young participants into responsible and active social citizens; to present to the local municipality of Prilep the idea of intercultural dialogue and cultural diversity, through one public art exhibition; to produce art catalogue that will contain resume of each sculpture along with info on the organizations and countries included and presentation of the Youth in Action Programme; to promote the Youth in Action Programme among a large number of young people in any manner connected to the project and its results.

When

25 August – 03 September 2009

Venue

"Orde Copela" - Prilep, Republic of Macedonia

Summary of the project

The main issue of this exchange was promoting and strengthening intercultural dialogue through art and culture.

Young participants from 5 countries were involved in a process of intercultural and non-formal learning using art as a media and methodology. Art as a connecting point has brought youngsters from different cultures together to live and work in multicultural environment, develop personality and explore and share culture, tradition and way of living.

During ten working days, 26 young participants from Spain, Serbia, Sweden, Italy and Macedonia promoted non-formal learning through different methodologies and techniques and worked together to explore culture and diversity of the countries involved and express that on modeling clay sculptures.



They also worked on creating public exhibition and creation of an art catalogue as a final result of the project. The art catalogue is produced in a large number of copies, which will be distributed to young people from community involved and to the participant organizations. Thus, the project will introduce intercultural dialogue and diversity to young people. The exchange was realized in Prilep, Macedonia in the period of 25.09.2009 - 03.10.2009.

Follow up and future

The follow-up phase included preparation of media products that will present the event and it aimed to the surroundings where partner organizations are coming from. Upon the positive experience gained during the event participants shared the idea to create follow-up of the project and as a result of this initiative new project (Europeconnected) was created and submitted to Youth in Action Programme.





OMLADINSKI SAVET OPŠTINE KOVAČICA

Youth Council of district Kovacica is nongovernment organization from multi-ethnic district of Kovacica. Youth Council was founded in December 1990 and registered in March 1991. Is non-government organisation, which contain more organizations working with youth such as musician youth, scouts, different youth clubs and unions for children and so on. Each of membership organizations has their own location and tasks which are adequate to their mission. Target group on which are our workers oriented are children and youth from 7 to 27 years. All of ours workers are voluntaries. Organization in many ways works with non-formal education of youth, works at organization of workshops with following areas: culture and art, ecology, human rights, sport, nonformal education of health.







Youth Council of district Kovacica organize demonstration or have organized: Sport games for youth on level district Kovacica, Art and literary competition, since 2008 as international organization different cultural actions at the opportunity of important dates and jubilees for example the cooperation whit UNITED, fight against racism, International Refuges Day, fight against fascism and anti-Semitism, Cooperation whit Civil Net in promotion national strategy for youth, Cooperation whit another organisations to realize their activity, Workshops from different areas, culture and art, sport, ecology, human rights, non-formal health education, Ethno-cult project 2008 Web: www.rhiz.eu/institution-30714-en.html







SERBIA

Hand symbolizing the Serbian way to show the country.

The first finger is a trumpet and it symbolize music culture of Serbia and Serbian music.

The second finger is a cross symbolizing Serbian religion and thrust in God. There are many crosses around Serbia.

The third finger is old tower that symbolize Serbian history and legends.

We hope you will like our sculpture.



Gantalcalá

Mission

Gantalcalá is a non-profit organization of European dimension whose mission is to be a link between different sectors of society in order to contribute to young people personal fulfilment, social inclusion, active citizenship and employability.



Our vision is to encourage a more active and inclusive society, which can be achieved thanks to the participation and commitment of the private, public and social

(non-profit) sectors.

Web: http://gantalcalayouthassociation.wordpress.com/









SPAIN

This sculpture represents Spain, the country of colors, sun, music and dance. We wanted to illustrate Spain using the symbol of the guitar and the flamengo dance, showing the spirit of Spain.



XENA

XENA is a non-profit, cultural association for social promotion which was set up in the autumn of 1994. Its name derives from ancient Greek meaning "foreign things". Its main objective is to increase and improve the level of contact and interaction amongst different cultures. It promotes projects mainly within the frame of European Programmes such as "Youth in Action" (i.e. "Youth for Europe", "European Voluntary Service", "Group Initiative", "Support Measures"), "Lifelong Learning" (i.e. "Leonardo da Vinci" and "Grundtvig") and others with the following principal aims: to offer young people the possibility to join mobility programs in educational, professional and cultural spheres and to promote awareness of different cultures and systems; to promote opportunities for meetings between different cultures and to encourage greater knowledge of foreign languages also in the







local sphere; to promote intercultural learning dynamics, and to prevent and combat racism and prejudices; and to encourage the active and responsible participation of youth in society.

Xena is a training board accredited by the Veneto Region in the guidance sphere

Active member of the Eurodesk network, managing the local info Center IT049. (www.eurodesk.org)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Intercultural learning, youth mobility, youth and adult education, non-formal education, information to youth, participation, transnational vocational training, racism and exclusion prevention, communication between youth, animation, care of the environment, protection and promotion of artistic and cultural heritage, integration of immigrants, citizenship.



Web: www.xena.it





ITALY

Represents the carnival in Venice. The carnival is one of the world most famous. It attracts thousands of tourists during the 2 carnival weeks.

The sculpture represents a gondola, with a mask of the carnival. Gondola is trademark of Venice.

Fire inside the mask represents the passion of Italian people.

We invite you to Come to Venice!



NBV

The Educational Association of the sobriety movement, a study circle association working with non-formal adult education, welcomes everyone regardless of their religion and political belief. NBV informs lectures and arranges study circles.

The goal is to help people to learn and to grow as individuals. We believe that change is crucial for a society's wellbeing. NBV has taken a stand, we want to be a force of change in the society. We offer dynamic perspectives. Our activity is broad, with study circles about everything from the internet to







Member organizations

NBV consists of 16 member organization, all working for sobriety but each of them with a different perspective and different methods. Some of the organizations focus on youth, other in different professions and some is open for everyone who wishes to join.

web: www.nbv.se







SWEDEN

This sculpture represents the Globen, very important place of Sundsvall where all important things happen. The Dragon that is on the Globen is the symbol of Sundsvall, city in south-eats of Sweden.



"Youth Council" - Prilep

Civil Society Organization "Youth Council" -Prilep act from June 1999 in the field of youth and civil society.

Main motive for establishing of the organization is to help in creating conditionals for common action of young individuals and associations in direction of identification and resolving problems and needs of youngsters.

Background

During the time, starting with ANTI AIDS CAMPAIGN which continues with new activities every year, "Youth council" -Prilep is realizing numbers of projects. Through the projects "Youngsters for youngsters", "Youth for democracy", "Health education on Roma's young population", "Political Youth Wings and their activities", "Cleaner = Nicely town", pass hundreds







youngsters from different ethnic communities, doctors, psychologists, pedagogues, sociologists.... And all of them still have their place in "Youth council" -Prilep.

Through the projects "Discus about Peace", "Building the confidence and developing of the collaboration between the citizens, NGOs and Local Government", "Development of the Organizational skills", "Youth council" -Prilep contributed in the development of civil society. Since 2003 year "Youth council" -Prilep work actively at the field in development of Youth policy with the projects "Youth National Action Plan", "Creating Youth policy" and "Dialog with youngsters" and "SEE Youth Policy Conference".



Mission

"Youth Council" -Prilep is association of citizens which work on youth involvement in the processes of democracy and in implementation of youth policy through lobbing, advocating and non formal education in Macedonia.

ACTIVITIES:

- •Advocating and lobbing for the youth issues;
- Organizing educations;
- •Involving of youngsters in decision making process;
- •Strengthen the capacities of youth NGOs here and in the region;
- •Membership in international youth networks and associations;
- •Cooperation and partnership with international and regional organizations

Membership in networks

"Youth Council" - Prilep is involved in several networks and coalition of NGOs, like "CA

- MOST", "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH", "RYCID", "WBYSD", Coalition of youth NGOs "SECA" and "Youth Together Network"

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web: www.ycp.org.mk







MACEDONIA

Sculpture represents natural and cultural beauties of Macedonia.

Cross on the top of Markos fortress is symbol of Macedonian strong faith in the God, along with the Ohrid Lake,

Macedonian national Sharplaninec dog and of course the flag. Enjoy the country!





EUROPE

Europe, the old lady, continent with so many differences, cultures, nationalities, people. Continent with breathtaking natural beauties from icy Sweden to hot Spain, from Russian tundras to Macedonian mountains and lakes. Numerous monuments, legends, myths represents Europe its wisdom and rich history.

So different people living in Europe share many common things beside their differences, they share culture, understanding, dialogue and respect.

We are all united and live under one European sky!!!







YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

On 15 November 2006, the European Parliament and the Council adopted <u>Decision No 1719/2006 /EC</u>, which establish the Youth in Action programme for the period 2007 to 2013. This document is the legal basis of the Programme for its entire duration. Youth in Action is the EU Programme for young people aged 15-28 (in some cases 13-30). It aims to inspire a sense of active citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future.

Youth in Action is a programme for all! It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU borders, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, regardless of their educational, social and cultural background.

Youth in Action is the successor of the <u>YOUTH Programme</u> (2000-2006). Building on the experience of the previous programmes for youth, Youth in Action is the result of a large consultation with the different stakeholders in the youth field and aims to respond to the evolutions and needs of young people at European level.

With a total budget of 885 million euros for seven years (2007-2013), the Programme supports a large variety of activities for young people and youth workers through five <u>Actions.</u>



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