

- ❖ EVS project "Horse Riding for Disable", YOUTH IN ACTION Programme, 12.2008 – 07.2009

Coordinator – SCI Hellas (Greece)

- ❖ "Creativity and Innovation for Youth Empowerment", YOUTH IN ACTION Programme, Starting date 12.2009

Coordinator – CESIE (Italy)

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Implemented and current projects in the Youth field

ProgettOrient@ - an innovative orientation action, aimed at establishing a network of high schools and sharing best practices for youth guidance and support, funded by the Lazio Region.

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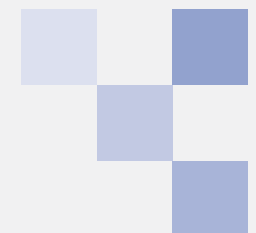


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The "International Cooperation in the Youth Field for Building a Europe of Solidarity, Creativity and Tolerance" project is funded under Action 4.3: Training and Networking of those active in youth work and youth organizations of the Youth in Action Programme. The project aims at facilitating the process of building sustainable partnerships at European level and planning joint projects on themes of common interest in the sphere of social inclusion and cultural activity, as well as exchange of experience, expertise and good practices.



Partners

- ❖ Europrojects Foundation (EUPF), Bulgaria
- ❖ Multidisciplinary European Research Institute Graz (MERIG), Austria
- ❖ Università degli Studi "Guglielmo Marconi", Italy
- ❖ Association Positive Mind, Latvia

Objectives

- ❖ To identify ideas for Youth in Action future projects;
- ❖ To increase the capacity of participating organizations to adequately meet the needs of socially excluded youths through exchange of experience and good practices and suggestion of new approaches in the work with disadvantaged youths;
- ❖ To contribute to building sustainable partnerships and partnership networks;
- ❖ To identify various local initiatives to the benefit of young people;
- ❖ To promote the Youth in Action Programme.

The target groups of the project are young people with fewer opportunities due to one or more of the following obstacles:

Social, economic or geographical obstacles, disabilities, educational difficulties, lower qualification, cultural differences, health problems.

Activities

During the contact seminar the participating organizations exchanged expertise and experience in both formal and informal atmosphere and were acquainted in detail with the objectives, priorities, actions and funding mechanisms of the Youth in Action Programme. Various interactive methods were used such as presentations, brainstorming, joint discussions and working groups. During the social and cultural activities organized by the project initiator the participants were acquainted with Bulgarian art, culture and traditions.

Project results

As a result of collaborative discussions among designated working groups project ideas for the following actions of the Youth in Action Programme were generated: 1.1. Youth exchanges, Action 2 European voluntary service Action 4 – Youth support systems. The participants planned the scope, content and time frame of the joint projects.

Partnership Network

Europrojects Foundation (EUPF)

EUPF is a Bulgarian non-profit organization active in the field of European cooperation in education and training, including vocational training; youth issues; lifelong learning and intercultural communication. A priority of the organization is to put forward and implement project initiatives on local, national and EU level aiming at influencing the process of personal and vocational development, self awareness and active citizenship of young people, especially young people with fewer opportunities. The activities of the organization are particularly targeted at youths encountering educational, economic and geographical obstacles.

Multidisciplinary European Research Institute Graz (MERIG)

MERIG is a private non-profit research organisation which bands researchers from different scientific disciplines and experts together. Core fields of expertise are:

- ❖ Cultural, economic and social issues dealing with EU policies and market opportunities (e.g. market studies);
- ❖ Employment policies (specifically education and employment of young people);
- ❖ Vocational training, e-learning and VET in SMEs;
- ❖ Management and support of national and international projects;
- ❖ Evaluations and assessments, both thematic and financial, of national and EU-funded projects.

Association Positive Mind

„Positive Mind“ is non-profit organization established in March, 2007. The aim of organization is to promote mutual understanding and tolerance of individuals and society groups with different cultural, religion, national, race, social and economical background and health condition.

„Positive Mind“ realizes and participates in different local and international projects. The core activities are tended to new experience and possibilities. „Positive Mind“ stands for positive changes and equal opportunities.



Implemented and current projects in the Youth field

- ❖ "Learning for Europe through experience – EFEU", YOUTH Programme, 2006-2008
Coordinator – Internationaler Bund (Germany)
- ❖ EVS project "Health and Human Rights", YOUTH IN ACTION Programme, 05.2008 – 05.2009
Coordinator – Sezione Laziale UILDM Onlus (Italy)