

1. Eurocamp – výměna mládeže, Německo

Dear friends,

We are looking for partner organisations in the following countries for our yearly youth exchange project Eurocamp for the year 2009:

Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Sweden, **Czech Republic** and United Kingdom

Since 1996 AGSA e.V. has been organizing the project Eurocamp, a intercultural youth exchange, in Saxony-Anhalt/Germany. Started by our government in Saxony-Anhalt in 1992, Eurocamp has every year invited 2-3 youths from different regions in Europe, to live and work together, to learn to know each other, to learn more about the way of living in the countries of origin and about how to live together in tolerance and acceptance during three weeks. Today over 1200 youth from about 38 countries have taken part in Eurocamp.

This year we organize the 18th Eurocamp together with the village of Peseckendorf in the county of Magdeburg and in cooperation with State Chancellery of Saxony-Anhalt. From the 26th of July to the 16th of August 2009 about 80 young people from more than 30 European countries will be invited to Peseckendorf, a small village close to the city of Magdeburg.

This year, based on the background of 20 year of opening and change in Europe, we want to examine the changes in Europe and the Europeans together with the youths. The main focus in the program lies on an art performance with theater, dance, music, light, video and photos, in which we express our perceptions on future prospects of young people in Europe. The presentation is performed in public in form of a art festival during a summer celebration in the castle garden. Many other activities offer the youths themselves the chance to be creative. The participants are given the possibility to present their own country and culture in different ways, in the lander café in the beginning, in the cultural night with music, dancing and theatre and in the European buffet, a large cooking party in the end, where tastes from all over Europe are cooked and tasted. We would appreciate if the participants would enrich these activities through their self-engagement. All ideas for the program and for any action during the leisure time are welcomed.

Another side of Eurocamp is the common work. Daily we will work for five hours on different cultural and ecological work projects and contribute to the embellishment of the village of Peseckendorf and its surroundings.

The Partner Organisation help us choose 2 participants for Eurocamp from the country in question.

Requirements for participants:

- The age of participants must be between 18 and 25 years
- They should have basic knowledge in the German language
- They should preferably be interested in international youth work

Saxony-Anhalt covers accommodation and food costs for the participants in Eurocamp. The travel expenses will be refunded as a fixed sum, irrespective of the means of transportation. To inform you about the exact refund please contact us directly. Possible additional travel costs are to be paid by the participant and therefore we do not charge an additional participation fee.

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Additional Information:

You can find more information about our project under www.eurocamp-agsa.de. We are eager to develop solid and direct cooperation in different countries over our project Eurocamp. Additionally there exist the possibility for further cooperation - participation in seminars and trainings, respectively on other international youth projects, exchange of group leaders or trainers or exchange from volunteer within the scope of the European Voluntary Service as well as extended exchange of information in the field of international youth work.

When you are interested in a cooperation concerning Eurocamp, please inform us as soon as possible at jugend@agsa.de or call us at +49 (0)391 5371 210 and we will send you more information and the application material.

Best regards,

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2. Partnerská organizace, Řecko

EY ZHN is a Greek non-governmental organization, which focuses on environmental issues with regard the protection of the environment, mainly by using alternative sources of energy.

The purpose of the organization is to constantly provide and inform citizens with reliable and objective information, in order to support the application of effective policies in the environmental sector. It investigates the way with which the role of technology can be applied in the protection of environment and promotes ideas, programs, and action that is related with the research and the technology. It also contributes in the transmission of knowledge and information on the protection of citizens from the abuse of technology.

It has implemented two actions plans which have examined positive and negative repercussions of indirect and direct human intervention in the ecosystem, aiming in the improvement of quality of life. The first Action Plan named "Protection of Environment and Renewable Sources of Energy" has informed the citizens of Municipality Larissa on the renewable sources of energy and their environmental profits. The second Action Plan named 'The Contribution of Solar Energy in the Protection of Environment' has informed the citizens of Municipality Kileler on the environmental profits of the exploitation of solar energy.

The organization wants to participate in the 'Youth in Action' program and wishes to be informed for other non governmental organizations, public bodies, informal groups of young people or a Body active at European level in the youth field (ENGO) that there are in your country and have similar interests. Our e-mail address is opuslar@otenet.gr

We are looking forward to be hearing from you soon

Yours faithfully

Konstantinos Chaldoupis

EY ZHN

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3. Výměna mládeže, Polsko

The group of young people (15-20 years old) is looking for partners for youth exchange.

Subject of the meeting: Cultural differences and similarities between countries, artistry, sports, European awareness

Supposed date of exchange: July, August

Name of the organisation/group: Centrum Kształcenia i wychowania OHP w Gołdapi

Contact person: Ewelina Nierwińska

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Short description:

Education and Training Centre of the Voluntary Labour Corps (the VLC) is a regional care and education centre which executes all tasks of the VLC in respect of employment and counteraction against social marginalisation and exclusion of the youth. Moreover, the centre is engaged in youth education, training and retraining. The aim of the Centre in Goldap is to create equal opportunities concerning social and occupational integration for young people living in poor societies, eliminate obstacles resulting from family, education, and social backgrounds by education, social rehabilitation, preventive measures, and creating conditions necessary for completing education and obtaining qualifications. The priority aims include the equalization of educational shortages, shaping pro-social attitudes, giving psychological support, and the creation of conditions necessary for self-development and self-realisation.

As far as education is concerned, the pedagogical stuff at the Centre in Goldap gives aid to all participants, shapes their characters, their hierarchy of values, and their active social attitude. Substance abuse prevention programmes are carried out during a school year. Thanks to cooperation with institutions working at addiction problems, it is possible to arrange cyclical meetings with representatives of these institutions. Moreover, there are individual activities.

Please find more information in attachment:

http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/Partner_Request_Poland.doc

4. Fotografická soutěž

Dear Colleagues,

On occasion of The European Year of 'Creativity and Innovation', the Europe Direct centres in Tuscany (Firenze, Grosseto, Livorno, Pisa and Siena) are promoting the second edition of the "Imago Europae" Photographic Contest.

The competition encompasses all aspects of Urban Creativity and innovation, recognising creativity as a key factor in the development of personal competences, as well as professional, entrepreneurial and for the working individual. Indeed, it highlights the aperture of diverse cultures, and favours intercultural communication and stimulates artistic links, through creative expression. Serving to reduce cultural breaches and increase change through creative resolutions to problems within the professional and social contexts.

The main objective of the competition is to spread European awareness across its many cities by involving its public directly in discovering their creative and innovative expression through photography. This exchange of urban creativity enables one to see the possibilities and capacity of transformation and innovation throughout the European cities. Each photo having a local identity faces other forms of creativity on a European scale, thus enabling traditions and originality to emerge.

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Anyone is free to participate, if he/she is at least 16 years old and resident in one of the EU member states, including Croatia, Norway, Switzerland or one of the Mediterranean countries (Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey) or one of the Balkans. Participants may send only one work.

The finalists will receive the divided prize sum of € 1.050,00:

1st classification of the Experts Jury € 700,

1st classification of the Popular Jury € 350.

The deadline will fall on the 01.06.09.

You will find enclosed the Regulation:

<http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/RegulationIMAGOEuropae2009.pdf>

and the application form (in English): http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/annex_1_EN.doc

Thanks for disseminating this initiative.

You could find more information in our web site: www.europedirecttoscana.eu

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http://www.europedirecttoscana.eu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=178&Itemid=92

Best Regards,

Natale Seremia

5. Školení "Hitting Violence", Řecko

Dear sir/madame,

The Greek NGO "AENAO" is going to submit on **1st of June** an application in the frame of the Youth in Action Program.

The training course, entitled "Hitting Violence" will be held from 12 to 18 November in Serres, Greece.

Attached you can find all the relevant information

Call for participants:

http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/Call_for_participants_Hitting_Violence.pdf

Application Form:

http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/Application_Form_HV.doc

You are kindly requested to spread the information to the relevant agents of your country.

Thank you in advance,

Tsirogiannidou Evdoxia

(psychologist, member of "AENAO")

Training Course: "Hitting Violence" AENAO Greece, 12.11.2009 - 18.11.2009

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Context and motivation of the project

Peer education on "Hitting Violence" is a 5 days training course in the topic of violence among youngsters. As studies in the field reveal, there is an increasing number of incidents of violence in the European context. It is said that this phenomenon will deteriorate due to the global economic crisis.

The aim and the learning objectives

- Increase knowledge, change attitudes, beliefs and values at the individual level;
- Create / empower personal, social and communicative skills, necessary for violence prevention;
- Ensure better community functioning and effective problem solving;
- Develop and maintain appropriate peer relationships;
- Contribute to the formulation of health policies;
- Train youngsters and professional on learning by experience (participation) methodology, so as to act as multipliers at national and international level;
- Reinforce the positive role that the participants can take on to the preventive policies against violence;
- Reinforce mutual respect among the participants;
- Create the incentive for further cooperation among the partner organizations.

Working methods

The training course will be based on non-formal education, a learning and training process, operating outside the routines of formal educational system. It will be based on the learning by participation methodology, taking into account the participants' needs and interests. Training will be not a neutral, invisible process, but it will be flexible, combining experience and theory. It will encompass involvement, exchange of experience and it will require an opening to giving and receiving support. This methodology provides to the participants the skills and the ability to act, and aims to cultivate empowerment and growth.

The methods employed over the 5 days of the training will be:

- visual presentations
- group work, group discussions and brainstorming
- theatre games and role plays
- study visits"
- case studies
- group debates

Profile of the participants

The participants, that can be young people, youth leaders and youth workers, should fulfil the following criteria:

- they should be 21 years old up to...
- they should be motivated on the topic of violence;
- they should act as multipliers;
- they must be able to use English as a working language;
- they should be ready to fulfil an open and active role in the training course;
- they should be able to attend the full duration of the training course.

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Working language

English

Eligible Countries

The EU Countries, the South-East European Countries and Turkey.

Dates and place

Serres, Greece

12 till 18 November 2009

Financial conditions (food, accommodation, travel)

70% of travel expenses and 100% of visa costs will be reimbursed (upon presentation of the relevant documents) according to the rules of European Youth in action program. Food and accommodation will be covered by the hosting organisation.

AENAO' s Profile

The N.G.O. Aenao was established in 2006 in Thessaloniki, Greece. It occupies a group of scientists - volunteers, and is coordinated by experienced scientists.

AENAO aims to:

- Promote health, creating networks and implementing projects based on non formal education and learning by experience methodology.
- Develop the consciousness of community of health.
- Inform the community on issues regarding science in the broad sense, culture, religion and education.
- Design programs that encourage social cohesion, protect the human rights and respect the environment.
- Undertake national and international collaboration with reliable agents, in order to exchange experience and best practices.
- Empower women to take initiatives and improve their socio-economic status
- Empower young people, enhance and build their personal skills.
- Inform society on innovative programs and activities which are consistent with the organization's aims and disseminate their results through conferences, seminars, meetings, etc.
- Organize campaigns and initiatives that benefit the society.

AENAO's educational material in the field of health promotion has been recognized by the national educational authorities and has been recommended for the school curriculum. AENAO is an active member of the INGO "Healthy network"

Want to know more? Please find more information on the AENAO website: www.aenao.org

Application, procedure and selection of participants

Participants will be selected by the project organizing committee on the basis of:

- the above described profile of participants and the rules of the program youth in action;
- the experience, expectations and training needs of applicants;
- the need to create a balance in the range of participating organizations;
- the need to create a balance in the range of geographical areas represented.

The call for applications will be **closed on 15.05.2009**.

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All applicants will be informed about the selection till 30.05.2009.

The selected participants will receive additional information about the Programme, as well as further travel and logistical arrangements.

Please send your completed application form (by e-mail) and your completed Part III form (scanned by e-mail and per post asap) **before 16 May 2009** to:

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6. Výměna mládeže, Itálie

I am in charge of the European Youth Program at the municipality of Brolo , in Sicily.

Brolo is a little town of about 6 thousand people, situated on the Thyrrenian coast of Sicily, facing the Eolian Islands, which has recently had a huge tourist development.

My municipality is interested (as a hosting organization) in a project of youth exchange in the European program Youth in Action.

So we are looking for partner interested in participating (as sending organisation) in a billateral project Y.I.A. Action 1.1., (**deadline 1 June 2009**) reviewing some of the most important stages of the journey of Goethe in Sicily (Palermo, Cefalu, Monreale, Taormina, Messina, Aeolian Isles, etc.).

If anyone is interested, please let us know!

Best wishes

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7. Seminář, Slovinsko

We are association from Slovenia and we are looking for a partner (2 participants –over 18 from itch country). We will try to sign up the project: seminar- SSV (4.3) at 01.06.2009.

The SSV will be at November 2009 in Ljubljana – Slovenia.

The title of seminar is: Including of the young with disturbance in mental development.

If you are interesting and perhaps you are working with this population, please send me email: hisa.otrok@siol.net and we will send you a part III and of course give you more info.

Best regards

Aida Tiara Žagar

8. Školení "Creative strategies to approach challenging youth", Portugalsko

Dear colleagues

Please find in the attachment an invitation for the training: Creative strategies to approach challenging youth. The training will be hold from 21 till 28 November 2009 in the Azoren Iland, Portugal. And with organising this training we want to give opportunities to local, regional and European organisations to share their experiences and gain knowledge about youth project management, specifically those addressed to young people with fewer opportunities.

Invitation Letter:

http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/invitation_letter-creative_strategies.doc

Application form:

http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/application_form-creative_strategies.doc

Part III: http://www.eurodesk.cz/download/partIII-creative_strategies.doc

How do organization prepare projects aimed to this target group? What's the role of voluntary work (EVS) in this field? How can professionals use artistic approaches and games to better address young people in this situation? How can organizations commit local communities in improving the chances of these youngsters of being true citizens?

During the training we will have a look at the different parts of Europe in order to exchange their views and experiences on the several topics mentioned above.

If you would like to participate in the training than completed the application form and part III. Address and send it **before 11 may 2009** to:

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