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## Editorial

Dear Readers!

Here comes the new issue of the "Zoom East" – the magazine published by the SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre in co-operation with its network of Info Centres for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps. By now, we published three issues, and received positive feedback which motivated us to prepare another issue – the last one in current European youth programmes. Starting from 2021, the European youth work will be developed under the next generation of programmes.

The "Zoom East" presents examples of youth work activities related to European non-formal education programmes for young people in the countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Russia). Every year hundreds of organisations and thousands of young people are involved in various European youth projects in the region. The "Zoom East" showcases only a little, but significant and an inspiring part of it.

The network of Info Centres has been operating for the last three years in each country of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus. It promotes European youth programmes, offers information, consultancy, and trainings.

Each country of the region has its own section in this magazine, with articles published in English, as well as in the local language, presenting unique projects in the field of youth work, adapted for local addressers. The last section of SALTO EECA has its own stories.

We hope "Zoom East" will provide its readers with insights into inspiring and vibrant youth projects in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, implemented thanks to the European youth programmes. It should help to promote the programmes in the region, and build their recognition among all different stakeholders. The magazine will also, hopefully, add to the attractiveness of Eastern Partnership countries and Russia, as well as highlight the quality of youth projects implemented in the East.

Enjoy the read! If you have any comments, do not hesitate to let us know! You will find our contact details at the end of this magazine.

Your SALTO EECA team

For more information about the Info Centres and previous issues of the "Zoom East" magazines, visit: [www.salto-youth.net/InfoCentres](http://www.salto-youth.net/InfoCentres)



## What is the SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres network?

SALTO-YOUTH stands for Support, Advanced Learning and Training Opportunities for Youth. It is a part of the Erasmus+ Youth programme, the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport, as well as the European Solidarity Corps volunteering programme.

SALTO-YOUTH is the network of seven resource centres working on European priority areas within the youth field. As part of the European Commission's Training Strategy, SALTO-YOUTH provides non-formal learning resources for youth workers and youth leaders, organises training and contact-making activities to support organisations and national agencies within the framework of the European Union's Erasmus+ Youth, European Solidarity Corps programmes, and beyond.

Each of the seven resource centres focuses on a specific topic or region. They are all located at a different Erasmus+ national agencies.

The resource centres are:

- SALTO Inclusion & Diversity (Belgium-Flanders);
- SALTO Participation & Information (Estonia);
- SALTO Training and Cooperation (Germany);

- SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus (Poland);
- SALTO EuroMed (France);
- SALTO South-East Europe (Slovenia);
- European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre (Austria).

In addition to their specific priorities, the SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres have a number of joint tasks, such as developing training resources, researching the field of European youth work, and issuing newsletters about European youth work priorities.

The network offers useful tools:

- The European Training Calendar is the platform where you will find trainings and seminars run by SALTO, national agencies and organisations active in the youth field;
- The Toolbox for Training contains hundreds of tools and activity ideas for youth work;
- Otlas Partner Finding puts you in touch with thousands of youth projects, so that you could build strong partnerships for future co-operation;
- Trainers Online for Youth is a directory of over 500 trainers, who can deliver international training activities;
- HOP Online Learning offers great number of online courses targeting different aspects of European youth work.

Find out more at:  
[www.salto-youth.net](http://www.salto-youth.net)





## **SALTO newsletter is the new now!**

It is about time! Finally, we have one, common, and interesting newsletter on European youth work, regularly delivered to over 30 000 e-mails of subscribers by the SALTO network.

We send SALTO News every month, and share exciting events, useful

publications, news from the youth sector, and more! We provide a lot of content in this way, but we do not make "a noise" with different kinds of sources. All stories, calls and information coming from all seven resource centres are in one newsletter!

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The image shows a promotional graphic for the SALTO NEWS newsletter. At the top left, the logo features the word "SALTO" in white on a blue background, with "NEWS" in white on a yellow circle. To the right is a stylized graphic of three white circles with yellow dots above them. Below the logo, the headline reads "All News from SALTO Resource Centres Now from One Newsletter" in blue text. The bottom half of the graphic is a photograph of a person with long brown hair, seen from behind, sitting on a wooden bench and using a laptop. The laptop screen displays the newsletter's content, including the same headline and logo. The background of the photo is a red brick wall with a window.



# European Academy on Youth Work

The European Academy on Youth Work (EAYW) is a new initiative of seven national agencies of the European Union Programme Erasmus+ Youth and SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres, held with the partnership between the European Union and the Council of Europe in the field of youth.

It was set up to:

- support innovation in youth work and youth work policy;
- promote the development of quality youth work;
- contribute to creating a common ground on youth work and a youth work policy.

The EAYW aspires to offer a regular platform for reflection on current European topics with relevance to the youth, and presentation of recent or current developments and future trends. It intends to be a place for exchange and knowledge gathering on creative, transformative, and innovative youth work practices, its tools and instruments. In addition, EAYW serves as a platform for dissemination and exploitation of results of studies and research as well as youth work policies. Furthermore, it is linked to political frameworks and developments with an impact on youth work, and it offers space for discussion and exchange



on related political strategies, decisions, and developments. The EAYW also encourages co-operation among actors in the youth work field to further support innovation in this way.

Its explicit focus on new trends and innovation in youth work, and on their transformation into practice, makes the platform different from all other initiatives.

The EAYW aims to empower its participants to act as trendsetters in youth work, and to develop youth work further. The 2019 edition focuses on all those actors in the field developing youth work or frameworks for youth work, in particular those looking for innovation, or who had new ideas and initiatives to offer.

The text comes from EAYW 2019 report. Its full version as well as other information about the Academy, and its next editions can be found at: [www.eayw.net](http://www.eayw.net)





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# **ARMENIA**

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## More opportunities for YOUTH

During 2019, the Info Centre implemented a number of info days, face-to-face meetings, open doors in different regions of Armenia, and participated in many events. Here are few examples of successful activities.

### Youth Opportunities Fair

In March "Youth Opportunities Fair" took place in Yerevan. It was organised by the NGO "Youth opportunities Club" and a student-civil initiative "Restart". During the event, more than 20 organisations were represented. The Info Centre participated in it as a promoter of learning opportunities of the Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps programmes.

### Info Day during Europe Day in Gyumri

In May, the Info Centre took part in the event organised within the Europe Day. It started with a fair of organisations during which the activities of the Info Centre, as well as the European educational and training opportunities, were presented.

### Info Day in Talin

In May, the Info Centre organised the Info Day in Talin. The meeting was attended by more than 60 young people, representatives of youth institutions, and NGOs from Aragatsotn region of Armenia. During the meeting, the educational and training opportunities of the Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps programmes of EU were presented. The attendees could also listen to live accounts of international volunteers, and get acquainted with their experience.

### Local training course on volunteering mentorship

In June, the NGO "Youth Initiative Centre" together with the Info Centre for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps programmes in Armenia held a one-day introductory training course on international volunteering mentorship in Gyumri. The training course aimed to improve the knowledge of young people engagement in the European Solidarity Corps who are contributing to the development of the potential of host organisations by implementing volunteering projects.

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**European Solidarity Corps  
launched the events and  
the International Youth Day 2019  
in Gyumri**

Within the framework of the International Youth Day, the Info Centre together with “Youth Initiative Centre” and in co-operation with SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre, United Nations Population Fund Armenia, Gyumri Municipality, and Gyumri Technological Centre initiated the implementation of large-scale public events on 12<sup>th</sup> August in Gyumri.

On 11<sup>th</sup> August, a press conference was organised to present the agenda of International Youth Day, and to introduce the opportunities of the international co-operation as well as EU projects available for Armenian youth.

On 12<sup>th</sup> August, took place the first event – the conference “Transforming Education” held in Gyumri Technological Centre. The conference opened with the key note speeches given by local and international experts. In the second part was followed by five simultaneously led workshops dedicated to different topics, and facilitated by well-known experts in the field.

The conference was followed by the Official Launch of European Solidarity Corps programme of EU in Armenia. During the event, the representatives of the Info Centre presented the opportunities provided to the young people, youth organisations, educational institutions, as well as media and state representatives by the programme.









## Promoting recognition, promoting youth work

“Voluntary Youth Work Recognition for Employability” is the name of the Erasmus+ Key Action 2 capacity-building project in the Field of Youth. This long-term project is developed by Armenian NGO “Social and Youth Workers” and its 11 European partners. The project aims to increase the recognition of voluntary youth work in society and among youth field employers, to acknowledge and validate youth volunteering on the local, regional, and national levels, develop volunteers’ competencies, and link them to the labour market through

validation of the skills and knowledge gained as a part of non-formal learning. The main outcome and result of the project are the jointly developed recognition tools targeting social, personal, and formal levels. All these things increase the recognition and visibility of the competencies of young people developed through non-formal education, youth work, and volunteering.

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## Meeting with the EU ambassador

In March 2020, two European Union official representatives, the ambassador Mr. Jankauskas Kestutis and the programme manager Mr. Ginger Victor, visited the office of the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Info Centre in Azerbaijan located at "Common Sense" youth organisation in Sumgayit.

They were introduced to the activities of the Info Centre. During the fruitful meeting with the delegation, future collaboration

opportunities and upcoming projects were discussed. Some young ambassadors of the European Union joined us voluntarily to promote the opportunities of European Youth programmes. We believe in the strength of personal communication, and we will actively involve young ambassadors in our upcoming events. Moreover, we plan to organise Europe Day in Sumgayit jointly with the EU delegation to promote both European Union and European Youth Programmes' opportunities. Young ambassadors will be definitely welcome!



## Annual meeting of ex-volunteers



Fourteen Azerbaijani ex-volunteers of European Voluntary Service and European Solidarity Corps gathered between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in Quba to reflect on their experiences and life after the projects. The intense meeting was built on the non-formal learning approach, however, managed to balance the session time with the spare time. The core focus was on discussing how the lives of ex-volunteers changed after volunteering experience, and how one can share the gained competencies to make changes in their communities.

The event supported the promotion of the European Solidarity Corps. The promotional event gave a chance for potential volunteers and promoters to meet the experienced volunteers, to learn about the programme and

its potential. Other stakeholders, decision-makers, and the media were also involved. The showcase of successful projects and the celebration of volunteering were core components of the promotional event. The fact that the event was organised in the format of a human library gave the opportunity to the attendees to interact with the volunteers, and address their questions directly. The quotations posters of ex-volunteers attracted a great deal of attention, and served as an appeal to the visitors.

The main outcome of the alumni meeting was to build a small community of ex-volunteers who have been in touch up-to-day, and who try to support each other in finding the ways to apply their knowledge and skills gained from the unforgettable experiences. The promotional event boosted the interest in becoming European Solidarity Corps volunteers. Ex-volunteers emphasised the need for such annual alumni meetings and the importance of holding promotional events. On the other hand, the young people expressed a great desire in benefiting from volunteering opportunities.

The meeting was organised by SALTO EECA Resource Centre and "Common Sense" youth organisation which is the Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps Info Centre in Azerbaijan.

## Start it UP, keep it UP

This is the name of an innovative project focused on promoting social entrepreneurship. It touches one of the comparatively unknown fields in the youth sector and the new concept for Europe – social entrepreneurship, emphasising the innovative feature such as the creation of social start-up incubators.

The project is oriented towards solving social problems of local communities in Europe. Young people can bring a change through socially-oriented start-ups, by equipping

youth organisations with necessary capacity in order to provide young people with consulting and training on social entrepreneurship. This will not only solve various local social problems, but also encourage youth to become the main actor of change. The project will inspire and provide young people with relevant knowledge and resources.

The main aim of the project is to develop the assistance and training for the future potential social entrepreneurs by establishing hubs and training mentors in the field.





## Şəkidən İspaniyaya aparan yol

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Danışmaq, yazmaq istədiyimiz hekayələr çoxluq təşkil edirsə, üstəlik bu hekayələr Avropada könüllülük təcrübəmizlə bağlıdırsa, haradan başlayacağına qərar vermək çətin olur. Mənim adım Şəbnəmdir. İspaniyanın Valensiya əyalətinin Alzira şəhərində Avropa İttifaqının Avropa Həmrəylik Korpusu proqramı çərçivəsində könüllülük layihəsinin iştirakçısıyam. "İspaniya" adı səsləncə insanın həyat eşqi artır və əlbəttə ki, yaşadığım bu müddət ərzində qazandığım təcrübələri bir neçə cümlə ilə ifadə etmək çətin olur.

Avropada könüllülük layihəsi iştirakçısı olmaq çoxdankı arzum idi, lakin elə bir vaxtda qəbul aldım ki, qərar vermək heç də asan olmadı. Çünki həyatımda hər şey çox gözəl idi və komfort zonamdan ayrılmaq istəmərdim. Layihə ilə tanışlığım rəfiqəmin adımlı sosial şəbəkədə "Sağlam Düşüncə" Gənclər Təşkilatının paylaşıdığı statusa işarələməsi ilə başladı.

Mən də bəziləri kimi işimi ən sona saxlayanlardanam. Motivasiya videomu göndərəndə müraciətin son günü idi. Bu səbəbdən seçilməyəcəmi düşünürdüm. Bir neçə gün sonra mənə müsahibə mərhələsində iştirakla bağlı e-mail gəldi. Birinci müsahibədən keçdikdən sonra, ikinci müsahibəyə

dəvət aldım. Bu mərhələdən də uğurla keçdim. Proqramı qazanmaq çətin də olsa, viza alıb 2019-cu ilin oktyabr ayında İspaniyaya yola düşdüm. Qarşıda məni 9 aylıq təcrübə gözləyirdi. İştirakçısı olacağım layihə isə ətraf mühit və kənd təsərrüfatı ilə bağlı idi.

Sizə bir az ispanlardan danışım... İnsanları çox gülərliz, istiqanlı, dostcanlıdır. İspaniyada demək olar ki, hər ay bir neçə bayram qeyd edilir. İnsanlar burada həyatdan sözlün əsl mənasında zövq ala bilirlər. Onu da qeyd edim ki, ispanlar yüksək səslə danışmağı sevirlər, ona görə kafe və restoranlarda bir küncdə oturub işləməyi və ya dərs oxumağı xəyalınıza da gətirməyin. Bəzən elə olur ki, yanındakı dostunun səni eşitməsi üçün elə ispanlar kimi hündürdən danışmalı olursan. İspaniyada marketlərdə sıra gözləmək mədəniyyəti olduqca inkişaf edib.

Paniyada hər vilayətin özünəməxsus bayramları var. Mənim yaşadığım vilayətin ən məşhur bayramı "Las Fallas"dır. Təəssüf ki, bu il qeyd edə bilmədik. Lakin "Las Fallas"a hazırlıq ərəfəsində bayramqabağı bir neçə kiçik şənliklərdə iştirak etmək qismət oldu. Mətbəxləri vilayətdən asılı olaraq dəyişsə də, ispanlar əsasən dəniz məhsulları ilə qidalanırlar. İspan mətbəxinin şahı "La Paella"dır. Valensiyanın isə "Tortilla de patatas", "Sanqria"sı məşhurdur.

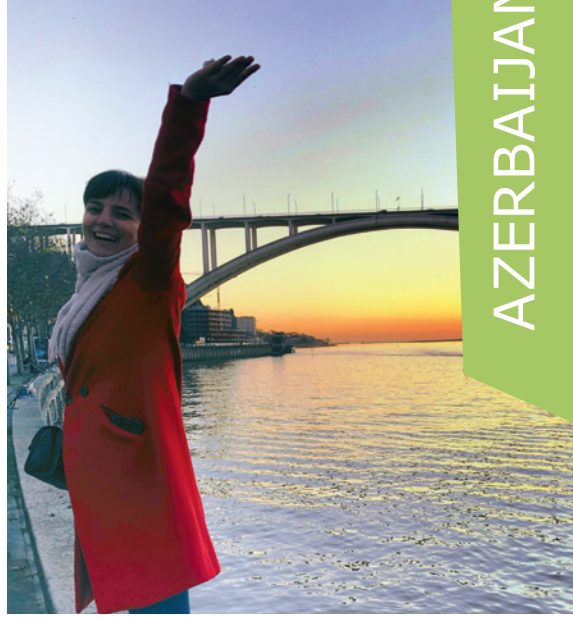




Layihənin ən qızğın vaxtında və səyahətlərimi həyəcanla gözlədiyim dönməmdə isə COVID-19 həyatımıza təşrif buyurdu Təəssüf ki, dünyanı bürüyən COVID-19 pandemiyası mənim də səyahət planlarımı suya saldı. Təsəllim o idi ki, karantin elan olunmamışdan qabaq bir neçə ölkəyə səyahət edə bilmişdim. Karantin başladığından Azərbaycana geri qayıtmaq kimi bir seçim olsa da, qalmaq burda olduğum müddətdə və həyatımda verdiyim ən yaxşı qərarlarımdan biri idi.

Bura qədər yazdıqlarım gözəlliklər idi, qəbul edirəm. Mənim və mənim kimi bir çox bu proqramı qazanmış gənclərin hekayələrini oxuya və ya, eşidə bilərsiniz. Hər şey çox rəngarəng gələ bilər. Amma əlbət ki, bunlar səhnənin arxasında, o xoşbəxt şəkillərin ardında çətinliklərinin olduğu həqiqətini dəyişmir. Mənə isə ən maraqlı olanlar elə bu çətinliklərdir, çünki mən həyat dərslərini məhz onlardan öyrənirəm. Əmin olduğum bir doğru var ki, burdakı könüllülük fəaliyyətim zamanı əldə etdiklərimi həyatım boyunca heç yerdə qazana bilməyəcəkdim.

Bu gün isə qarşınızda könüllülük proqramının 10 ayı tamam olmuş, hər dəfəsində nə yaxşı ki, gəlmək qərarı vermişəm deyən bir Şəbnəm var.



#gözəlhəyatlar





***BELARUS***  
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## Spring Festival in the National Art Museum of the Republic of Belarus

The new year in our usual view is a calendar shift dedicated to a certain date. For Eastern countries, the onset of a new life cycle is associated with a change of seasons. This process shows the Spring Festival. It symbolises the end of winter, the awakening of nature, the approach of something long-awaited, bright, and pure. A symbolic renewal of life – this is what connects both the New Year and the Spring Festival.

European Solidarity Corps volunteers of the League of Youth Voluntary Service, Agath and Ingrid, helped to organise and conduct this holiday, held workshops for children on origami and Chinese calligraphy, made postcards and masks, read Chinese tales, solved Japanese puzzles, ate fortune cookies and played Fukuwarai – a traditional Japanese New Year's game.

The event was held with the participation of representatives of the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean embassies in Belarus.





## The European Network of Volunteers for the Environment

In June 2019, volunteers of the League of Youth Voluntary Service, Agath and Ingrid, became the initiators of the European Solidarity Corps youth action. The volunteers came up with and supported local youth initiatives dedicated to ecology, which took place in the spring of 2019. The idea was to do something in the same day to protect the environment in local communities, and share volunteers' actions in social networks. Whether it was a volunteer living in Denmark, Greece or Belarus, wishing to clean a beach, to show a documentary or organise a workshop on creating handmade cosmetics – each of them was able to contribute into positive changes.

Agath and Ingrid organised interesting and useful activity for Belarusian youth – the Vegetarian Picnic. The participants have met to discuss environmental problems and ideas to solve them. They also talked about simple eco-habits, such as sorting garbage, using a bicycle in a warm season instead of public transport, conscious consumption rules “reduce, reuse, recycle”, a periodic vegetarianism, using only reusable take-away dishes (thermal mugs, water bottles) and packaging. They also shared information about the distribution of clothes among people in need, where to find or leave books for bookcrossing initiatives in Minsk, and discussed the ways of saving water, gas, and electricity. The participants not only shared delicious recipes of vegetarian and vegan dishes, but also treated each other with them. The event was supported by the Resource Centre for Youth Initiatives “Stupeni”.

## I am Răzvan, I am Romanian

I was volunteering for two years during my high school in Team For Youth Association in Baia Mare, my hometown in Romania. During those years, I developed a desire to go on a volunteering service, the same way Niels came from New Caledonia, the Panda from Mexico and other 50 young foreigners I met at home.

Teaching English to beginners who know only Russian and Belarusian, when you know only Romanian and English, is not the best match. Not to say that you cannot communicate freely with the students. "Did you understand? What is unclear?", means nothing if you don't know the language. School presentations should be simple: you go to school, sit in front of the class, and speak about yourself, your country, and

volunteering. Easy to say! Well, if you only knew the language... How many of you learned English in the high school well enough to understand a presentation? Anyway, after some struggle, I finally came into my comfort zone again. Thanks to my coordinator, who gave me amazing ideas and who, most importantly, opened my mind, and told me, "The sky's the limit". We live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century! Use technology. Play with apps all the time, they will help you with the language barriers as well.

Do you know, why I managed all of this? It's not because I have super strengths. It's because Belarusians are so kind and friendly that my stay there was super easy. They are so appreciative about a person curious about their country and history. Even if we did not speak the same language sometimes, we have always spoken from our hearts!





## Свята Вясны ў Нацыянальным мастацкім музеі Рэспублікі Беларусь

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Новы год у нашым звыклым прадстаўленні – гэта каляндарная змена, прымеркаваная да пэўнай даты. Для ўсходніх краін наступ новага жыццёвага цыкла звязана са зменай часоў года. Менавіта гэтая падзея і адлюстроўвае Вясновае фестываль, які сімвалізуе сабой заканчэнне зімы, абуджэнне прыроды, набліжэнне чагосьці доўгачаканага, светлага і чыстага. Сімвалічнае абнаўленне жыцця – у гэтым і складаецца падабенства Новага года і Свята Вясны.

European Solidarity Corps валанцёркі Лігі добраахвотнай працы моладзі, Агат і Інгрыд, дапамагалі ў арганізацыі і правядзенні гэтага свята, праводзілі воркшопы для дзяцей па арыгамі і кітайскай каліграфіі, рабілі паштоўкі і маскі сваімі рукамі, чыталі кітайскія казкі, разгадвалі японскія загадкі, елі печыва з прадказаннямі і гулялі ў Фукуварай – традыцыйнае японскае навагодняе забаўка.

Мерапрыемства праводзілася з удзелам прадстаўнікоў Кітайскага, Японскага і Карэйскага амбасадаў у Беларусі.



## Европейская сеть добровольцев для окружающей среды

В июне 2019 года волонтеры Лиги добровольного труда молодежи, Агат и Ингрид, стали инициаторами молодежной инициативы участников программы European Solidarity Corps. Волонтеры придумывали и поддерживали местные молодежные инициативы на тему экологии, которые были проведены весной 2019 года. Идея состояла в том, чтобы сделать что-то направленное на защиту окружающей среды, в своих местных сообществах в один и тот же день, и поделиться своими действиями в социальных сетях. Будь вы волонтером в Дании, Греции или Беларуси, хотите ли вы убрать пляж, показать документальный фильм или организовать семинар по созданию собственной косметики, каждый волонтер смог сделать свой вклад и внести позитивные изменения.

Агат и Ингрид организовали полезную и интересную активность для молодежи Беларуси – Вегетарианский пикник. На мероприятии ребята обсуждали экологические проблемы и способы их решения, доступные всем и каждому в отдельности.

Поговорили о таких простых эко-привычках, как: сортировка мусора, использование велосипеда в теплое время года как средства передвижения, осознанное потребление “reduce reuse recycle”, периодическое вегетарианство, использование только многоразовой посуды (термокружки, бутылки для воды), упаковки и т.д., поделились друг с другом информацией куда можно сдать одежду для нуждающихся, где взять или отдать книги в рамках проектов *bookcrossing* в Минске, а так же обсудили важность и способы экономии воды, газа, электричества.



# **GEORGIA**

## საქართველო





## Europa Fair

In December 2019, the Georgian Info Centre co-hosted a flagship event "Europa Fair" and as a part of it, the annual Volunteering Event for ex-volunteers of European Solidarity Corps. The fair attracted more than 400 young participants from Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan.

One of the main aim of the event was to share the first-hand experiences of young people being benefited from European Solidarity Corps and Erasmus+ Youth programmes. The public had a chance to learn about international volunteering during two rounds of "Europa Talk" (interactive discussions) as well as to talk with the ex-volunteers about their motivation and fears associated with volunteering abroad. Speakers and the visitors together responded to all the raised issues.

The event also included other formats of international youth work, carried out within Key Actions 1 and 2 of Erasmus+. Anna Yeghoyan, a SALTO EECA trainer, debunked some of the common myths about participating in international mobility projects, and encouraged young people to make use of the opportunities offered by the programmes.

What's more, the fair ended up with a live music show and the awards ceremony, linked to "Europa Photo Marathon" (organised in November, in Baku, Tbilisi, and Yerevan). The fair also brought 15 different organisations for NGO market, showcasing their work in the sphere of Erasmus+ Youth, European Solidarity Corps, volunteering or other international mobility programmes. Participants could obtain detailed information at the dedicated stand of Georgian Info Centre. The Info Centre provided on-spot consultations to young people and youth organisations on Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.





Here is the story of Jakub Libiszewski, a European Solidarity Corps volunteer in Georgia and one of the organisers of Europa Fair:

*We live in an incredible time, when it is possible to travel easily and learn from each other. It is easy to forget and take these opportunities for granted. But I am very well aware that none of these were simply possible for my parents' generation. This is why I believe in the European project. I have been following the activity of the European Solidarity Corps for some time.*

*I came to Tbilisi in September 2019. The original idea behind "Europa Fair" was to connect local youth interested in different international mobility programmes. We hosted various organisations, active in the field of promoting international exchanges,*

*non-formal education or volunteering. Some of them prepared their own activities on site. The public also had a chance to listen to the current and former volunteers of the European Solidarity Corps from Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia, sharing their own personal stories.*

*Hopefully, "Europa Fair" debunked many myths about going abroad, with either Erasmus+ or European Solidarity Corps. It had answered many practical questions of young people. In other words, the event helped to remove barriers, left the Georgian youth with confidence, and encouraged it to take advantage of the programmes.*

## European Solidarity Corps volunteers in Rustavi

In 2019, the Georgian Association of Educational Initiatives SIQA located in Rustavi hosted four volunteers from Germany. Most of the time they worked with children, youth, and sometimes with adults. Gaining trust and love from the community, was not a difficult task for the newcomers, and soon their clubs and activities became very popular among habitants. Amy Stelter and Jelna Jacobsen joined us in 2018 and stayed until the summer of 2019. Few weeks later, in September 2019, we welcomed Rhea Herpel and Tabea Rode.

Volunteers were leading the German language clubs, handicraft clubs, English clubs for both kids and adults. They organised events for Halloween, Christmas, Easter, and many other. One of the highlights was the camp day for girls named "Go, go girls" held in SIQA's office. At that time, the volunteers' goal was to empower Georgian young girls, and teach them according to their experience. Along with their own clubs, volunteers actively took part in summer camps and trainings, prepared by SIQA and other partner organisations.





## წარმოსახვა არის წამდვილი ჭადოსნური ხალიჩა

ახალგაზრდულ გაცვლით პროექტში ჩართული იყო განმცხადებელი ორგანიზაცია "Radi Vidi Pats" ლატვიიდან და მასპინძელი ორგანიზაცია ასოციაცია "ქართველი ახალგაზრდები ევროპისთვის" საქართველოდან. პროექტში მონაწილეობდა 12 მონაწილე და 2 ჯგუფის ლიდერი თითოეული ქვეყნიდან, სულ 28 ადამიანი. პროექტში ასევე ჩართული იყვნენ ახალგაზრდები, რომლებიც არ სწავლობენ, არ არიან დასაქმებულნი და არც რაიმე ტიპის ტრენინგ/წვრთნას გადიან.

პროექტის განმავლობაში მონაწილეები ეძებდნენ საერთო მიმდინარეობებს მათ ისტორიასა

და კულტურაში, შეისწავლეს ლატვიელი ტექსტილის მხატვრის იულიუს სტრაუმეს კულტურული მემკვიდრეობა საქართველოში. ამ აქტივობებმა, ხელი შეუწყო ახალგაზრდებში გაერღმაგვინა ორმხრივი კულტურათაშორისი გაგება და ურთიერთ თანამშრომლობის რეალური გამოცდილება მისცა. პროექტის განმავლობაში ჩატარდა აქტივობები სხვადასხვა არაფორმალური მეთოდების გამოყენებით, როგორცაა (გონებრივი იერიში, სამუშაო შეხვედრა, სემინარები, სიმულაციური თამაშები, კედლის მხატვრობა, როლური თამაშები, თეატრალური წარმოდგენები, ქალაქის გაცნობითი თამაში (city game), დისკუსია, ჯგუფური მუშაობა და ა.შ.

[imagination-carpets.blogspot.com](http://imagination-carpets.blogspot.com)

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## გამოფენა ევროპა

ლონისძიების მხარდამჭერები იყვნენ ახალგაზრდული ასოციაცია დრონი, ევროპის სოლიდარობის კორპუსი - სალტო აღმოსავლეთ ევროპა და კავკასია და თბილისი ახალგაზრდული ცენტრების გაერთიანება. ღონისძიებას ესწრებოდა 400 მდე ახალგაზრდა საქართველოდან, სომხეთსა და აზერბაიჯანიდან.

ლონისძიების ერთერთი მთავარი მიზანი იყო ერასმუს+ და ევროპის სოლიდარობის კორპუსის ბენეფიციარების მოწვევა, ხალხისათვის მათი ისტორიებისა და გამოცდილების გაზიარება. დისკუსიებისა და ინტერაქციული საუბრების საშუალებით დამსწრეებმა მეტი ინფორმაცია მიიღეს საერთაშორისო მოხალისეობაზე.

ღონისძიება ასევე მოიცავდა ინფორმაციას ერასმუს+ ძირითადი აქტივობების შესახებ, სალტოს ტრენერმა ანა ეგოიანმა ისაუბრა საზღვარგარეთ წასვლასთან დაკავშირებულ გავრცელებულ მითებზე და ახალგაზრდებს მოუწოდა, ისარგებლონ პროგრამის მიერ შემოთავაზებული შესაძლებლობებით. "გამოფენა ევროპა" დაიხურა ცოცხალი მუსიკითა

და "ევროპის ფოტო მარათონის" (რომელიც ნოემბერში ჩატარდა ბაქოში, თბილისსა და ერევანში) გამართვებულთა დაჯილდოვების ცერემონიით) ღონისძიებას ესწრებოდა 15 სხვადასხვა ორგანიზაცია, რომელთაც საზოგადოებას აცნობდნენ მათ მოღვაძეობას ერასმუს+ და ევროპის სოლიდარობის პროგრამის ფარგლებში.

მე ვარ ჯაკუბ ლიბიუვესკი, თბილისში 2019 წლის სექტემბერს ჩამოვედი. ჩვენ წარმოუდგენელ დროში ვცხოვრობთ, როცა შესაძლებლობა გვაქვს ვიმოგზაუროთ და ერთმანეთისგან ვისწავლოთ. არ უნდა დაგვაგწიყდეს, რომ მგსავსი შესაძლებლობა, მაგალითად, ჩემს მშობლებს არ ჰქონიათ. ამიტომაც მჭერა ევროპული პროექტების და ევროპის სოლიდარობის კორპუსსაც თვალს ვადევნებდი. მთავარი იდეა "გამოფენა ევროპის" მიღმა იყო იმ ახალგაზრდების გაერთიანება, ვინც დაინტერესებულია საერთაშორისო მობილობის პროგრამებით. ამიტომაც ღონისძიებამ უმასპინძლა ერასმუს+ და ევროპის სოლიდარობის კორპუსის ბენეფიციარებს, რომელთაც შეეძლოთ გამოცდილებისა და ისტორიების გაზიარება.





# **MOLDOVA**



## EU talks to young people

"EU-Moldova: stronger together! Creating new opportunities for youth!" was the name the national communication campaign being a part of "EU Talks" series of events. It was organised by the EU Delegation to the Republic of Moldova. As per this campaign, the "EU Talks" events aimed to showcase the tangible benefits generated for the Moldovan citizens by the EU-funded education opportunities. More than 360 young people from schools of Ungheni and Leova, and the students from State University of Comrat had an unique opportunity to interact directly with the ambassadors of EU, Germany, and Poland, as well as to address them with questions and share ideas. Each event featured representatives of EU-funded education programmes, such as Erasmus+, eTwinning,

EU4Youth, Young European Ambassadors as well as staff of the Info Centre for Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps in Moldova.

In parallel, the success stories of these EU projects beneficiaries were broadcasted on 18 national and local TVs and radio stations, reaching over two million people, along with billboards installed in five localities and an intense social online promotion reaching over 700 000 people.

The "EU Talks" series in Moldova will be continued in upcoming communication campaign planned by the end of 2020.

The set of EU Talks events with the participation of the Ambassadors of EU member states took place in the previous months in Ungheni, Comrat and Leova to inspire and inform young people about opportunities offered by the European Union.



## Support to European youth work in Moldova

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The Info Centre for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps has been working for three years already with the aim to inform young Moldovians about the opportunities of both European youth programmes. For all this time, the Info Centre organised and participated in information and promotion events in order to increase the number of country beneficiaries of the international mobility projects.

During 2019, the Info Centre organised several information campaigns:

- Discover Erasmus+ in Erasmus bus: almost 2 000 youngsters from 24 localities of Moldova were informed about the opportunities of Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps programmes;
- Erasmus+ Information Days held in partnership with the National Erasmus+ Office, which allowed to inform young people from the main universities of Moldova about European learning mobility opportunities;
- The Info Centre participated in over 20 events, such as Europe Day, International Youth Day, International Day of Volunteering, Youth Festival, Youth Capital.

Another objective of the Info Centre is to strengthen co-operation between organisations active in both European youth programmes, and to increase their capacity to initiate quality partnerships for mobility projects. Thus, every year it organises a series of training courses:

- WELCOME: for newcomers in Erasmus+ programme: dedicated to youth organisations, which want to get involved in this programme, but they have no experience in the field;
- EXPLORE: for organisations experienced in Erasmus+ Key Action 1 projects that want to initiate Key Action 2 projects – capacity building in youth sector. During the training, participants explore the basic ideas of Key Action 2, projects' cycle, the roles and responsibilities of projects coordinator and partners, budgetary issues and a financial contribution;
- ACCES: designed for newcomers in European Solidarity Corps+, carried out to train youth organisations that wish to initiate volunteering projects. During the training, teams discover the concept of the European solidarity, types of activities, partners' responsibilities, the role of Quality Label, and ways to receive it.







## Activitatea Info Centrului în Moldova

De trei ani activăm în scopul informării tinerilor din Republica Moldova despre oportunitățile programelor Erasmus+ Tineret și Corpul European de Solidaritate (ESC). În decursul acestor ani, Info Centru în Moldova a organizat și a participat la evenimente de informare și promovare în scopul creșterii numărului de beneficiari din Republica Moldova la proiectele Erasmus+ Tineret și implicarea acestora în proiecte de voluntariat internațional. Pe parcursul anului curent am desfășurat mai multe campanii de informare, precum:

- Discover Erasmus+ with Erasmus bus – aproape 2000 de tineri din 24 de localități a Moldovei au fost informați despre oportunitățile programului Erasmus+ și ESC;
- Erasmus+ Information Days – organizat în parteneriat cu Oficiul Național Erasmus+ am informat tinerii din mai multe universități din Moldova despre oportunitățile de mobilitate ale programelor Erasmus+ și ESC;
- Am participat la peste 20 de evenimente precum Ziua Europei, Ziua Internațională a Tineretului, Ziua Internațională a Voluntariatului, Festivalul Tineretului, Capitala Tineretului ș.a.

Un alt obiectiv al nostru este consolidarea cooperării între organizațiile active în ambele programe Europene de tineret și creșterea capacității acestora pentru inițierea parteneriatelor de calitate în cadrul programelor Erasmus+ și Corpul European de Solidaritate. Anual organizăm o serie de instruirii:

- Cursul de instruire "WELCOME" dedicat organizațiilor de tineret care doresc să se implice în aceste programe în calitate de parteneri cât și ca aplicanți, dar nu au experiență în acest domeniu;
- Cursul de instruire "EXPLORE" este axat către organizațiile de tineret care au experiență în proiecte Erasmus+ Key Action 1 și doresc să inițieze proiecte de tip KA2 – consolidare a capacităților în domeniul tineret. În cadrul instruirii se explică noțiunile de bază precum proiect de tip KA2, ciclul proiectului, rolul și responsabilitățile partenerilor și a coordonatorului de proiect, aspectele bugetare;
- Cursul de instruire "ACCES" este organizat pentru instruirea organizațiilor de tineret care doresc să inițieze proiecte în cadrul programului ESC. În cadrul instruirii organizațiile descoperă programul, tipurile de activități, rolul partenerilor, responsabilitățile organizației în proiect și cum să aplice pentru a obține Eticheta de Calitate.



## Să fim schimbarea pe care vrem să vedem în societatea noastră. Putem face asta!

Numele meu este Ion Oboroceanu, am 22 ani și sunt student la Universitatea Internațională Liberă din Moldova. De asemenea, sunt voluntar la Centrul de Drept Caușeni. În februarie am participat la Schimbul de tineret Erasmus+ "Cunoașterea istoriei - modelarea viitorului comun" alături de alți 5 participanți din Moldova. Proiectul s-a desfășurat în orașul Paralimni din Cipru.

Acest proiect a fost o experiență minunată pentru mine, deoarece

mi-am schimbat opiniile în ceea ce privește o mulțime de lucruri. Noi fiind 42 de participanți din 8 țări, prin activități ne-am apropiat unii de alți. Un alt aspect important este că am învățat multe fapte istorice ale altor țări. În timpul proiectului am realizat că pe lângă știrile din mass media este necesar să comunicăm și să interacționăm cu oamenii din alte țări pentru a le înțelege cultura și obiceiurile. La acest proiect am stricat prejudecățile și stereotipurile proprii privind oamenii din altă țară și mai ales cultura acestora. Pe lângă activitățile priind istoria țărilor, că am avut șansa să interacționăm și să dansăm cu copiii cu nevoi speciale. A fost ca o lecție de viață pentru mine.







***RUSSIA***  
***РОССИЯ***



## A quick overview

The Info Centre for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps in Russia was launched in July 2017, and since then has successfully spread the word all over the country about the European youth programmes. For the last year, we have managed to hold more than 50 consultations for Russian organisations and youth meetings. We have been to Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tomsk, and our assistants – in many other towns. What were the main events in 2019?

The Campaign “Yes, you can!” took place all over Russia in spring and autumn. We co-operated with our ex-volunteers who held the events in their localities, and presented the programmes from their personal experience. Over 500 participants from 14 cities were involved. Such a wide scope we wouldn’t have been able to achieve by ourselves in a short time without a huge support from our volunteers.

Forum of international volunteering and mobility of young people “Yes, you can” in Kazan took place in April. It consisted of: programmes’ presentation; “speed-dating” with ex-participants, poster session with info about Erasmus+ Youth projects and European Solidarity Corps,

and for NGOs – the inspiring TED-style talks. The Consul of Hungary in Kazan visited us and gave his intro!

Webinar series were organised in spring. They were dedicated to volunteering, youth exchanges, and mobility of youth workers, applying for Erasmus+ Youth projects, and inviting international volunteers. Because of the country size, it’s difficult to reach all interested youngsters and NGOs. Therefore, webinars are a valuable option to overcome this limit.

There were also live streams, ex-participant competition quotes, podcasts, etc. We did our best to reach young people and organisations from various areas!





## Examples of inspiring projects

### Hackathon of social projects

was held for the first time ever in Nizhny Novgorod. Invited to participate in the event were NGOs and young people. There came nine teams and people from distant cities: Moscow, Lipetsk, and Kazan. Teams have learned how to write Erasmus+ Youth projects and presented their ideas. Two winner-teams may count on our full support in planning and implementing their own projects.

An unusual **youth exchange "Digital detox and sustainability"** about ecovillages was held in the northern part of Russia. Young people plunged in a digital detox for

a week, and explored the topic of sustainability "on the ground". The venue – a research centre and the community Verhniy Bereznik – was sited an hour off-road drive from the nearest railway station. Participants stored up wood and hay, built a summer kitchen, went to the forest for mushrooms and for knowledge, studied an ecovillage history, climate change, sociocracy, had fun with traditional Russian dances, got wet in the rain, and then took a steam bath... After all these nice days it was hard to return to a modern world. The project was supported by Russian ecovillage union and REEN eco-initiatives network.

### "LABYRINTH training course on outdoor education for youth workers"

was about discovering outdoor education and adventure-based learning. And where is the best place to explore it? By the Lake Baikal! This awesome project carried out by "Academy of innovation" (Russia) and "Culture Goes Europe" (Germany) was implemented in the authentic yurt settlement near the lake. Participants trained their teamwork and communication skills, made trust activities, learnt methods of reflection through arts using various natural materials. They even met a shaman, woke up at 4 a.m. for meditation, built a raft, and swam to the cave during the role play!







## Небольшой обзор

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Контактный пункт Erasmus+ Youth и Европейский корпус солидарности в России был запущен в июле 2017 года и с тех пор успешно информирует и консультирует о возможностях участия в программах. За прошедший год мы провели более 50 консультаций для российских организаций и организовали много мероприятия для молодежи. Мы побывали в Москве, Санкт-Петербурге, Томске, Нижнем Новгороде, а наши помощники – еще во многих городах страны. Итак, что было главным в 2019 году?

Кампания “Yes, you can!” вновь прошла по всей России весной и осенью. В рамках этой кампании мы кооперируемся с экс-участниками программ, и они организуют мероприятия, где рассказывают о программах через опыт своего участия. В этот раз встречи прошли в 14 городах, их посетили более 500 участников – это огромный объем работы, которую мы самостоятельно не смогли бы сделать за короткий период времени, если бы не помощь молодежи.

Форум зарубежного волонтерства и мобильности молодежи “Yes, you can!” в Казани состоялся в апреле. Форум включал в себя три части: презентацию о программах; быстрые свидания с экс-участниками, а также инфостолы о программах Erasmus+ Youth, Европейском корпусе солидарности и для представителей организаций; вдохновляющие речи в стиле TED. Нас даже посетил консул Венгрии в Казани, выступив со вступительной речью!

Серия вебинаров была организована весной. Мы рассказывали о программе Европейского корпуса солидарности, о молодежных обменах и мобильности молодежных работников, о том, как писать проекты и как пригласить к себе иностранных волонтеров. Из-за огромной площади страны всегда сложно “достучаться” до всех заинтересованных организаций и молодых людей, поэтому вебинары – вполне удобный вариант, не так ли?

Также были сделаны прямые эфиры, конкурс цитат среди экс-участников, подкаст... Мы пытаемся вовлечь аудиторию с действительно разных сторон!





## Примеры вдохновляющих проектов

### Впервые состоялся **Хакатон социальных проектов.**

Он прошел первый раз в Нижнем Новгороде. Участие в мероприятии приняли некоммерческие организации и молодые люди. Девять команд приняли участие, приехали даже участники из других городов – Москвы, Липецка, Казани. Команды научились, как писать проекты для гранта Erasmus+ Youth, и в конце дня презентовали свои идеи. Две победившие команды получили от нас полную поддержку в будущей подготовке и воплощении своих проектов.

### **Необычный молодежный обмен “Digital detox and sustainability”** прошел

в северной части страны. В ходе проекта молодежь из трех стран практиковала цифровой детокс и постигала устойчивость на практике. Место проведения – исследовательский центр и сообщество Верхний Березник – находилось в часе езды по бездорожью от ближайшей станции, на окраине когда-то большой деревни. Ребята помогали заготавливать дрова и сено,

строить летнюю кухню, ходили в лес по грибы да за знаниями, изучали климат, социократию, историю экопоселений, веселились в традиционных русских танцах, мокли под дождем, парились в бане... А потом тяжело было возвращались в современную цивилизацию, скопившихся более чем за неделю цифрового детокса. Проект готовился при поддержке Союза экопоселений и экоинициатив России REEN.

### **На тренинге “Labirint” для молодежных работников**

о методах преподавания на открытом воздухе участники открывали для себя образование на открытом воздухе и методы, основанные на приключении. И где же это все лучше изучать? На Байкале! Этот классный проект от организаций “Академия инноваций” (Россия) и “Culture Goes Europe” (Германия) проводился в аутентичных юртах рядом с озером. В течение него участники тренировали свои навыки командной работы и коммуникации, делали упражнения на доверие, изучали методы рефлексии через искусство, используя природные материалы. Они даже встречались с шаманом, вставали в 4 утра для медитации, а также строили рафт и плавали в пещеру!





**UKRAINE**  
**УКРАЇНА**

## A year of activities

The Info Centre for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps has been operating in Ukraine since 2017. It's run by NGO "Centre for Euroinitiatives" to disseminate best practices among Ukrainian young people and youth organisations, give them support and consultations, present opportunities for development within European youth programmes, and continuously improve the quality of their projects.

All the 2019 was an eventful year for our Info Centre. We organised training courses and presentations of Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps in many Ukrainian regions, held webinars, and took part in national conferences and events held in various formats.

In general, the Info Centre for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps conducted four webinars, where our representatives were sharing with youth the information about EU projects, e.g., "How to go to Europe as a volunteer", "European Solidarity Corps: how to prepare a quality project". Currently, the videos from webinars are available for everyone at the Info Centre's Facebook page. As a whole, the audience of four

webinars reached almost 6000 viewers from the moment of publication. During the year, we held four presentations of Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps in Odesa, Zaporizhia, Uzhgorod, and Chernivtsi. For these presentations, we managed to gather around 200 participants – young people, youth workers, civic activists, and stakeholders.

The volunteer of the European Solidarity Corps from Bulgaria Valentina Hristova, together with the representatives of the Info Centre, presented Erasmus+ Youth and Solidarity Corps in Chernivtsi. She shared her experience: *"Our main goal was to tell young people about the unique experiences and opportunities which Erasmus+ gives. We managed to share our knowledge and skills in volunteering in different countries. We told youth where to look for opportunities of international volunteering, how to apply correctly, and how to invite a volunteer from Europe to your city. Generally, all the participants were satisfied, asked a lot of questions, and shared their ideas"*.

To improve the quality of Ukrainian organisations' projects, we held two training courses in Kharkiv and Kyiv: "European Solidarity Corps: how to prepare a quality project" and "How to organise Youth Exchange



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within Erasmus+”. Dmytro Pronin, the participant in the training course in Kharkiv, shared his expectations and impressions: *“During the training course, I wanted to know about a new programme European Solidarity Corps, its advantages and features. For me also was important the exchange of experience in the sphere of international volunteering, because I did not have such an opportunity before. Overall, I got the exact information and emotions I expected. The consultants from the Info Centre clearly explained me the process of registering an organisation in this programme. It was interesting to get to know how to prepare a project, and discuss the details of the European Solidarity Corps programme”.*

It was the second time the Info Centre took part in the organisation of Europe Days in Sumy, but for

the first time joined to conduct the Sumy Volunteer Day 2019. During these events, our representatives actively promoted European Union youth programmes. In addition, the Info Centre joined the Civil Society Development Forum, and presented opportunities for youth in Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps.

Online activities are an essential part of our work. The Info Centre for Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps runs a Facebook profile, and writes posts on new, actual opportunities for youth, and valuable information for organisations and youth workers. We involve as well people through different online activities: flash mobs, challenges, and contests. For example, we held an online contest of videos from Erasmus+ Youth projects. For three months, participants of youth exchanges and training courses were sending us their creative videos. We posted them every week, and everyone could vote for the best. All in all, we received more than 20 works. The winner turned to be Anya Chan awarded for the video on the project “Bee a reason 2 bee 2gether”.

Check more at:  
[www.fb.com/EPlus.Ukraine](http://www.fb.com/EPlus.Ukraine)







## Насичений рік

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Інформаційний центр працює в Україні вже третій рік. Працівники центру надають підтримку та консультації організаціям та молодим людям, які бажають скористатися можливостями програм Erasmus+ Молодь та Європейський корпус солідарності – взяти участь або організувати самостійно молодіжні обміни, навчання для молодіжних працівників або волонтерські проекти.

Для Інфоцентру 2019 рік був насичений подіями. Протягом року ми організували тренінгові курси та презентації Erasmus+ Молодь в регіонах України, провели вебінари та взяли участь у всеукраїнських конференціях і подіях різного формату. Загалом, цього року Інформаційний центр Erasmus+ Молодь та Європейський корпус солідарності провів чотири вебінари про те, як підготувати проекти та стати учасником проектів тощо. Наразі відео-записи вебінарів залишаються відкритими для всіх на Фейсбук-сторінці центру. У цілому, аудиторія чотирьох вебінарів – майже 6000 переглядів з моменту публікації.

Окрім цього, протягом року ми організували чотири презентації програм в Одесі, Запоріжжі, Ужгороді та Чернівцях,

на які загалом вдалося зібрати близько 200 учасників – молодих людей, молодіжних працівників, громадських активістів, стейкхолдерів. Аби покращити якість проектів українських громадських організацій ми провели два тематичні тренінги в Харкові та Києві. Перший “Європейський корпус солідарності: як підготувати якісний проект” і другий “Як організувати молодіжний обмін Erasmus+”. Таким чином ми охопили різні регіони України та залучили громадські організації й молодіжних працівників з різних міст.

Уже вдруге Центр взяв участь в організації Днів Європи в Сумах, і вперше – долучився до проведення Дня волонтера (SUMY V-DAY 2019). Під час цих заходів наші представники активно просували молодіжні можливості Erasmus+, розповідали про цілі, завдання, ключові напрямки та пріоритети програм Erasmus+ та Європейський корпус солідарності, які типи молодіжних проектів підтримує програма Erasmus+, де шукати можливості для міжнародного волонтерства.

Також Інфоцентр долучився до Форуму розвитку громадянського суспільства та презентував можливості для молоді від програм Erasmus+ та Європейський корпус солідарності.



Важливим у нашій роботі є онлайн сегмент. Інформаційний центр Erasmus+ Молодь та Європейський корпус солідарності активно веде Фейсбук-сторінку, яку наповнює новими актуальними можливостями для молоді, потрібною інформацією для громадських організацій і молодіжних працівників. На сторінці часто організуємо різні активності та флешмоби. Так, наприклад, ми провели онлайн-конкурс відео з проєктів Erasmus+ Youth. Протягом трьох

місяців учасники молодіжних обмінів і тренінгових курсів надсилали нам свої креативні відео. Щотижня ми публікували їх, аби всі охочі змогли проголосувати за кращий ролик.

У цілому, наразі за сторінкою Інформаційного центру в Фейсбучі стежать майже 10 000 людей. Інформаційний центр надає консультації для всіх, хто цікавиться програмою. Отримати консультацію дуже просто – необхідно просто звернутись будь-яким зручним для вас: e-mail, телефон, Facebook, Skype або завітати до офісу центру.

Найсвіжіші новини молодіжного компоненту програми Erasmus+, оголошення, корисні посилання, поради, історії ви можете знайти на Facebook сторінці Інфоцентру. Будь ласка, завітайте на: [www.fb.com/EPlus.Ukraine](http://www.fb.com/EPlus.Ukraine), щоб завжди бути в курсі подій.







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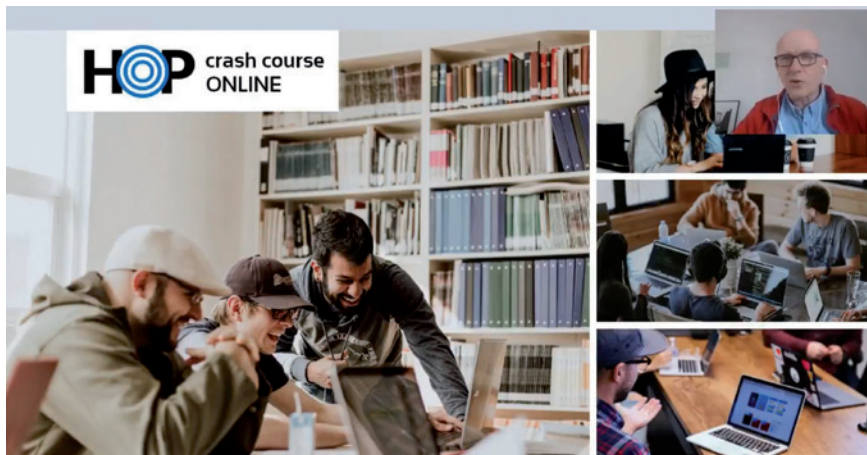
## HOP from residential to online

March 2020. The situation is very “dynamic”, everyone says. Equally, in the field of European Youth Work. Seminars and training events got first “on hold”, then were postponed or cancelled. Internationally and locally.

The Finnish National Agency for Education together with SALTO Eastern Europe and the Caucasus Resource Centre are about to organise the “HOP crash course”, a blended training with online elements, and a residential meeting to be held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March in Oulu, Finland. This course would bring together the authors and facilitators involved in online learning, as well as representatives of both European programmes Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps in order to discuss quality of online learning and to plan, create, and publish online courses on the HOP Online Learning platform.

The online part of the “HOP crash course” went off as had been planned. From the beginning of March, the participants could explore the content of the online course “HOP! Plan, create, and publish your first online course” and take first steps in bringing their course idea forward. Everything went fine, until... well, until the virus kicked in, and the situation changed drastically day-by-day. As travelling became more and more difficult, countries closed their borders, and called on all to #stayathome, we had to cancel the residential part of our blended training course.

Little by little we decided to go fully online with the residential part of our course. Between the cancellation and the “HOP crash course online” were only a couple of days. In a common effort, with the support of the Finnish National Agency and SALTO, we could set up a new timetable with webinars, and self-organised design groups, that would take place over a time of two weeks in March.



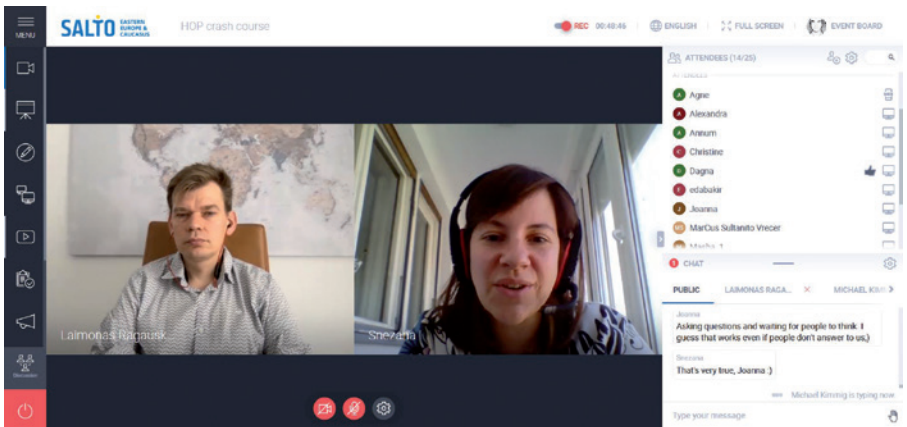
During the first webinar, we introduced the HOP platform. HOP is a Moodle-based online learning environment that offers a space for online courses of the Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps programmes. But HOP is also a community of learners, course authors or facilitators, and course providers (from national agencies and the SALTO Resource Centres). The second webinar event covered the topics: "How to ensure the quality of online learning within non-formal education and international youth work", and "How to motivate and engage learners in online activities", while the following webinars focused more on practical and technical aspects of a course production.

The practical part of our online experiment took place in smaller groups. Those design-teams worked in a self-organised manner on new course ideas or existing online

courses: exploring the possibilities of the HOP learning environment, learning how to establish an on-boarding sequence for their courses, creating learning activities or designing badges for their courses. The activities and experience made would then be the part of a common reflection at the beginning of the next webinar event.

Going from residential to an online learning often means jumping into uncertainty, a lot of learning-by-doing, some failures, and setbacks. Is it possible? Yes! Is it exciting? Definitely! There is already a lot of experience in our field of non-formal learning and youth work. With HOP, we were able to bring some of it together.

Several webinar sessions are available at:  
[www.salto-youth.net/HOPwebinar](http://www.salto-youth.net/HOPwebinar)



## The Alumni Network

The Alumni Network, established at the beginning of 2020, streamlines beneficiaries of European Union mobility programmes in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus, such as Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps programmes, as well as existing networks: Young European Ambassadors, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellows into a unified network. The Alumni network consists of 60 EU4Youth Alumni from the Eastern Partnership countries and 10 Alumni from Russia.

### Aim of the network

The main goal of the Alumni Network is to strengthen the inclusion of disadvantaged youth groups from Eastern Europe and the Caucasus in accessing and benefiting from the opportunities offered by EU mobility youth programmes in non-formal education or other forms of civic engagement offered by other donors and local initiatives.

### Objectives

- To provide the Alumni Network members with a continuous competence development in designing and implementing educational activities for youth;

- To provide the network members with a professional guidance of youth workers and mentors in their work with young people;
- To support better engagement of disadvantaged youth groups from Eastern Europe and the Caucasus in the opportunities provided by the European Union;
- To promote EU values and EU's positive role in the region;
- To provide peer support and guidance for disadvantaged youth groups with the aim to engage them in the projects under Erasmus+ Youth, European Solidarity Corps and EU4Youth programmes;
- To establish and develop sustainable links between disadvantaged young people and youth organisations in the region.

### Who are the Alumni?

They are young persons aged between 18–30, the residents of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Moldova, Georgia, Ukraine, and Russia), who have committed their time and efforts to the voluntarily involvement in Alumni Network activities in their local communities. They all have experience in participating or coordinating projects conducted under one of the EU-funded initiatives,





such as Erasmus+ Youth (youth exchange, youth workers mobility), European Solidarity Corps, EU4Youth programme, Young European Ambassadors, and Civil Society Fellowships.

### Youth workers' training

The Alumni offer a fully funded six-day long training course on youth work with the aim to improve key generic competences of youth workers, in order to improve the quality of work with young people, based on principles of youth work and non-formal education. The training course programme is built for the development of the following competences of youth workers:

- Understanding of reality and the life of youth they are working with;
- Methodological competence in applying non-formal education in youth work;
- Understanding of youth work values and principles;
- Awareness of roles and functions of a youth worker in implementing youth policy on a grass roots level;
- Competence in working with youth groups;
- Ability to develop youth work programmes and methodological approaches.

The recruitment for Alumni Network is annual! Do not miss the call at: [www.fb.com/saltoeeca](http://www.fb.com/saltoeeca)



## TOOL KIT

### Youth work against violent radicalisation and extremism

The card game was created as one of the answers to the increasing radicalisation of young people and the usage of violence, hate speech, hate crimes, xenophobia, propaganda, attacks on migrants, political, and religious extremism, and terrorist attacks. It is based on the previous research aiming to discuss the underlying causes and factors leading towards the adoption of a radical ideology, and the usage of violent means. Young people are open to various types of radicalism: right or left-wing extremism, political-religious extremist violence, a single-issue extremist violence, and more.

Radicalisation leading to violence is a process whereby people adopt an extremist belief system, including the intent to use it, encourage or facilitate violence, in order to promote some ideology, a political project or a cause as a means of social transformation.

This implies that there are various factors and opportunities for radicalisation, but also a potential for youth work to intervene in order to build resilience of young people, and empower them to face the

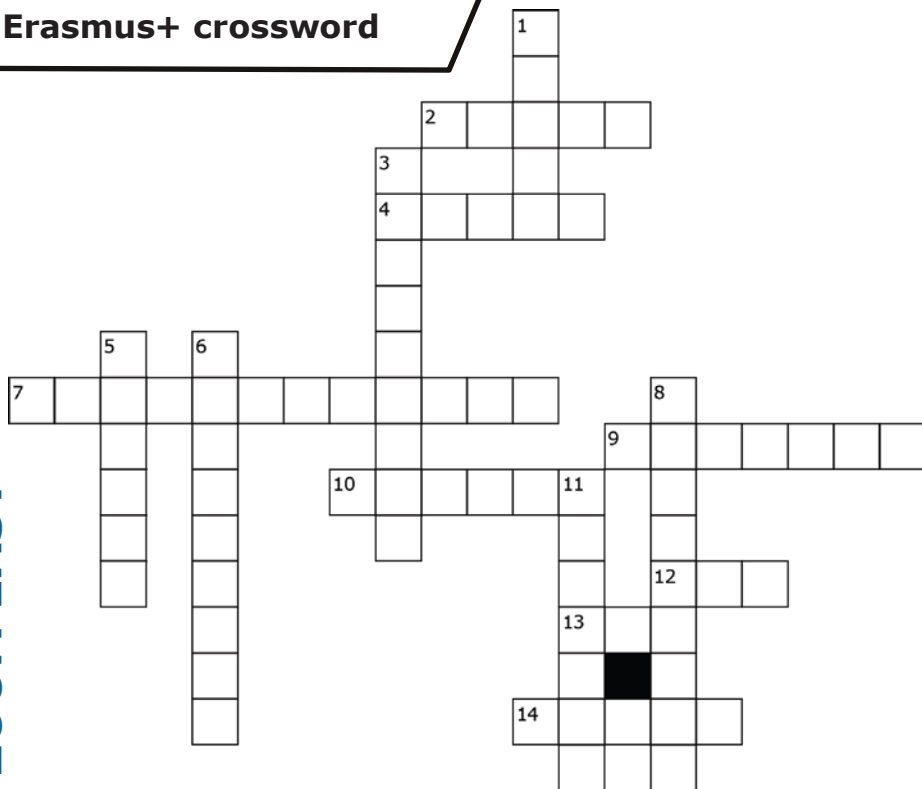
challenges. This game set consists of 42 cards: 37 cards representing various factors shaping the perceptions and minds of young people which may influence the process of adoption of radical belief system, five strategy cards, and five case studies.

The tool kit contains 12 individual factors, seven institutional factors, six relational factors, six ideological factors, and six community factors for radicalisation for youth. In addition, the game proposes five case study sheets based on real situations, the ladder board, and youth work strategies for promoting preventive strategies. The game aims to facilitate the brainstorm about various influencing factors through case studies, walk through the ladder of radicalisation process, and devise strategies for intervention. The tool kit is designed to contribute to raising the awareness of different factors and steps influencing the process of violent radicalisation, but also provide opportunities to reflect on the diversity of pathways, the process of violent radicalisation, and our own stereotypes. Playing the game makes also possible to try out strategies of prevention, and to discuss how they can be adapted to the local context of youth.

The game is available at:  
<http://youthcommunityresilience.eu>

## Erasmus+ crossword

ZOOM EAST

**ACROSS**

2. The network of resource centres.
4. The database of organisations active in youth field.
7. The main activity within European Solidarity Corps.
9. The country with the largest wine cellar in the world.
10. The largest European lake.
12. The online learning platform in European youth programmes.
13. Short for Eastern Partnership.
14. The capital of Belarus.

**DOWN**

1. The longest European river.
3. The city of Erasmus+.
5. The highest European mountain.
6. Involvement of people with less opportunities.
8. The recognition tool of Erasmus+ Youth.
11. The landlocked country in the Caucasus.

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