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SERVICE CIVIL INTERNATIONAL

Volunteering for peace since 1920

SCI International

Service Civil International (SCI) is a volunteer organisation dedicated to promoting a culture of peace by organising international voluntary projects for people of all ages and backgrounds. The organisation consists of 40 branches and an ever growing number of partner organisations. Its international Secretariat is based in Antwerp, Belgium.

La Città dell'Utopia

Created in 2003, La Città dell'Utopia is a social laboratory, an experiment of popular education and active citizenship aimed at promoting individual and collective participation. It is located in the San Paolo-Ostiense district, in southern Rome and it is a space open both to the world and to local propositions. It hosted organisations, youth exchanges, courses and initiatives proposed by the citizens.

SCI Italy

SCI Italy, founded in 1948 and "revitalized" in the 1970s, is based in Rome and is supported by several local groups. During its existence it has sent and received thousands of volunteers, contributing to the spread of international volunteering in Italy.

SCI Italy sends around 400 Italian volunteers around the world every year. It organizes around 30 workcamps a year in Italy, which host more than 300 international volunteers, thus contributing to the development of social, environmental protection, historical/cultural activities in our country. SCI Italy has been an ESC (European Solidarity Corps) sending and hosting organization for several years and annually carries out various projects co-financed by the European institutions (European Union, Council of Europe)

YOUTH WORK IN PROGRESS

PROject coordination for GREen, Social inclusion and Sustainability initiatives



Youth Work in PRO.GRE.S.S.” is a project co-financed by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and coordinated by SCI Italy.

It intended to increase the competence of the partners and their youth workers in the development and coordination of projects focused on ecology, environmental sustainability and social inclusion.



Why this project?

Young people face new needs and challenges, and youth workers should develop the right skills to support them in their growth and learning journeys.

As confirmed by extensive research in the social, psychological and medical fields, young people's needs in Europe have changed due to the scenario that has characterized the last few years: the Covid-19 pandemic and the most recent conflict in Ukraine have contributed to an increase in the incidence of mental health problems among young people (cases of depression, apathy, anxiety among young people have been on the rise starting from 2020), and to a greater difficulty in undertaking life paths due to economic, health and geo-political uncertainties.

This unease is aggravated by the perception of the effects of global issues, like climate change, which adds further factors of instability, uncertainty and anxiety to young people's development process.

The aim of the project was to update youth workers' skills, enabling them to effectively detect the emerging needs of their target groups and to propose quality training and inclusive activities.

Activities

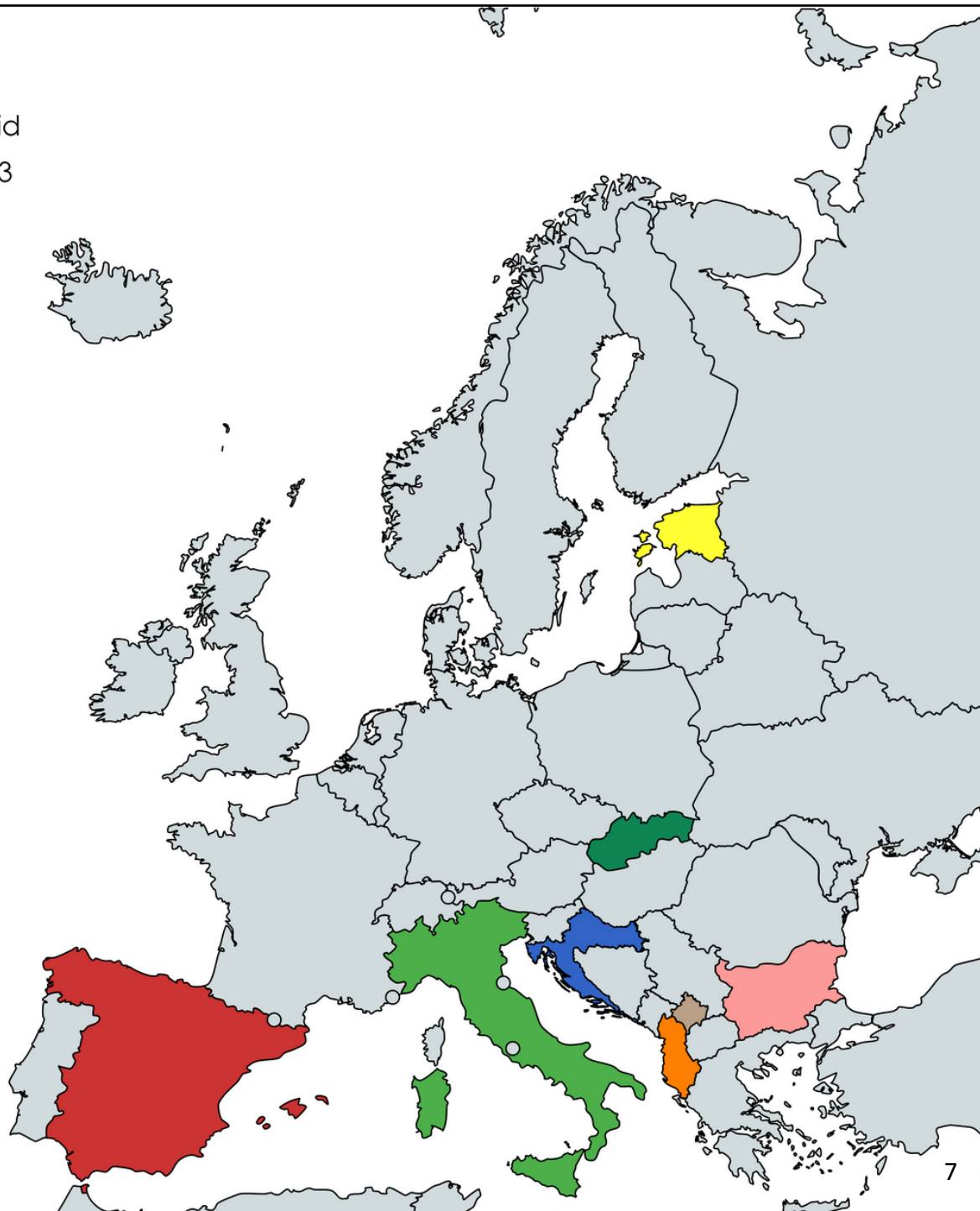
The project consisted in different activities, both online and in-person:

Online Partnership Meeting	Online meeting with the partners to define the project phases and their contributions	March 2023
Online Meeting with Participants	Online preparatory meeting with the participants, the trainers and the hosting organisation	April 2023
Training Course	In person meeting in Rome, at La Città dell'Utopia, from 3 to 10 May 2023, focused on project management and project coordination	May 2023
Local Actions	Short local actions coordinated by the participants with the support of their organisations	Summer / Autumn 2023
Final Digital Publication	After the local actions, participants sent their reports which are included in this publication	2023 / 2024

Partnership

The project involved 10 partners from 8 European countries: Servizio Civile Internazionale - SCI Italy (applicant), Laboratorio 53, Tropezando con Suerte, Servicio Civil Internacional, Volonterski Centar Zagreb, CVS Bulgaria, Gaia Kosovo, PVN Albania, EstYES.

- TCS, SCI Madrid
- SCI Italy, Lab53
- VCZ
- PVN
- CVS
- Estyes
- Gaia
- INEX



The Training Course

The Training Course was held in Rome, Italy, at “La Città dell’Utopia”, from 4 to 9 May 2023.

The activity involved 19 participants (3 from Albania, 2 from Bulgaria, 3 from Croatia, 1 from Estonia, 4 from Italy, 2 from Slovakia, 4 from Spain) and 2 trainers (Mauro Carta from Italy and Katerina Stoyanova from Bulgaria). Unfortunately, the 2 participants from Kosovo did not obtain their visa to enter Italy and could not join the group. The majority of the participants were under 30 years old and were activists or staff members of their sending organisations.

Proposing non-formal education methods and techniques, such as team building, group work, plenary discussions, interaction with local NGOs, simulations and exercises, the trainers involved the participants in dynamic sessions, aimed at creating a constructive working atmosphere, improving skills and knowledge on project management and share details on the following phase. The language of the course was English and each working day consisted in four 90-minute sessions (2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon).

Training Course Programme

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
1st session	Name games; Presentation of SCI Italy and LCU; Group agreement	The SCI approach to volunteering; What is non-formal education	Administrative tasks
2nd session	Presentation of the project and agenda; Expectations	How to address social inclusion and environmental issues with NFE in youth project	Workshop with Repair Cafè
3rd session	Team building and games with Laboratoria53	The project Cycle; Analysis of scenario and current needs affecting youth in Europe	Mid evaluation and Youth Pass session
4th session	Introduction to Youth Pass; Creation of reflection groups and 1st reflection group	Focus on youth workers; 2nd reflection group	Free time

	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
1st session	Vision, Mission and values – matching game	Creating a participant call; Simulation of participants' selection	Exercise on visibility and communication
2nd session	Create your own project model	Logistic dimension of projects	Presentation of organisations and current projects
3rd session	From the project tree to the solution plan part I	Group management techniques in intercultural settings	Local actions guidelines: formats, roles, impact measurement, reports
4th session	From the project tree to the solution plan part II; 3rd reflection group	How to ensure a “safe space” in youth projects; 4th reflection group	Final evaluation and Youth Pass

Highlights



Focus on Youth Workers



Analysis of needs affecting youth in Europe



Workshop with Repair Cafè



Current and future projects



Project Design session



Group work: create your own model



Meeting with Laboratorio 53

Learning outcomes

Through the training course, participants had the opportunity to build their capacity in the area of project management. The following learning outcomes were achieved:

- understanding of the centrality of the concepts of vision and mission in the organizational field;
- strengthening the skills of analyzing the post-pandemic social context, including the new needs and challenges of young people;
- increased knowledge of project development tools;
- acquisition of group dynamics and conflict management techniques in youth groups to effectively promote participants' mental well-being through non-formal education tools and experiential education;
- acquisition of tools and methods to increase the social inclusion impact of actions aimed at young people, above all to those coming from disadvantaged backgrounds;
- ability to elaborate the ideas and good practices discussed during the course, to develop educational paths aimed at promotion of environmental sustainability and actions focused on ecological issues aimed at young people;
- strengthening the capacity to create new partnerships and synergies in order to develop future projects at regional level and international;
- development of reporting skills and impact measurement techniques;
- development of soft skills: digital skills, capacity to discuss and present results using the English language, team work, self-reflection and meta-cognition skills.

The Local Actions

Overview



# 1	CVS	Veliko Tarnovo	# 5	INEX	Online
# 2	TcS	Catalunya	# 6	SCI Italy	Rome
# 3	VCZ	Zagreb	# 7	Lab 53	Rome
# 4	EstYes	Räpina	# 8	PVN	Tirana

Organisation: CVS Bulgaria

Participants involved: Stilyana Stoyanova, Tsveta Velcheva

Venue: Primary School “Bacho Kiro” in Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria

Dates: 26/05 and 31/05/2023

Topic: Natural resources, healthy nutrition

CVS-Bulgaria is a non-governmental organisation that has worked in the field of international volunteer exchange since 1998 and was officially registered in 2002 as an organisation working in public benefit. CVS-Bulgaria is a branch of the international peace movement and volunteer- exchange network of Service Civil International (SCI - www.sciint.org) as well as a full member of South Eastern European Youth Network (SEEYN - www.seeyn.org). Main activities of CVS- Bulgaria are: organising short- and longterm volunteer projects – youth exchanges, trainings, hosting and sending volunteers for projects in public benefit in Bulgaria and Europe, as well as working in partnership with other NGOs to promote volunteering as a tool for active citizenship.

Website: www.cvs-bg.org

The Primary School “Bacho Kiro” in Veliko Tarnovo has been established in 1972 and currently offers access to students in primary and junior high school stages of education. There are 70 teachers in the school, which actively participate in numerous projects, including Erasmus plus projects. The school has a STEM center - learning spaces are created and equipped with a focus on the study of natural and mathematical sciences. Conducting training in such an environment increases the digital literacy and creativity of students and develops several technical skills and creativity.

Website: www.bkiro.in

Activity: a workshop involving pupils in environmental workshop in schools.

Participants: 46 students ; gender (M- 25, F-21), age (under 18 years);

Objectives:

- to gain an understanding of the concept of natural resource;
- to be able to name natural resources and gain an understanding of them;
- to learn areas in which natural resources can be used;
- to address the topic of sustainable use of resources.

Details of the activity:

- Presentation, name game and energizer;
- Introduction to the topic of the lesson;
- Game about natural resources (10-15 min.) exhaustible and renewable.

Material: world map; small candies, beans, buttons in sufficient quantity, which we imagine to be the resources of the Earth.

Students were divided into three groups: 1. Grandparents; 2. Mothers and fathers; 3. Children and grandchildren. Each group had 10 seconds to draw by handfuls from the Earth's resources. The first group starts first and the second and third groups line up in sequence. We see the result, discuss and summarize.

- Game with tablets (Kahoot) pre-prepared questions on the topic. Students work in groups of two.
- Conclusion: what we learned today, a game to summarize what we have learned.

The group was divided in two and while one of the groups was participating in the Natural Resources workshop, the other was engaged in a workshop on healthy nutrition and preparation of healthy food. Then the groups switched places.

Results:

During the workshop 46 students have gained practical knowledge on the topic of natural resources and sustainable use of natural resources.

In previous classes, students have gained knowledge and realized how important it is to stop using single-use plastic. Therefore, after this activity on 31 May, they each received a textile eco-bag. Everyone had to decorate it themselves, and we also bought textile paints for them in advance.



Link to social media: <https://shorturl.at/huzAX>

Quotes:

“I learned that we need to use the natural resources wisely, so that there are some left for our children and grandchildren”.

“I will give the eco-bag as a present to my mother, so she does not use a plastic one when shopping”

“I was expecting this activity to be boring but I really enjoyed all the games and the Kahoot quiz. I learned while playing”

Organisation: Tropezando con suerte

Participants involved: Paola Muguerza, Mar Laborda

Venue: Canovelles, La Llagosta and Nou Barris (Catalunya, Spain)

Dates: the project lasted from 14th may with the workshops and finished with a weekend camp (the main activity) the weekend of 16-18 june

Topic: active participation, environment

Tropezando con Suerte (TCS) is a non-profit educational association which has more than fifteen years of experience in the development of formal and non-formal education projects, as well as solidarity actions in the field of childhood and adolescence. The social projects that TCS promotes as an entity are aimed at guaranteeing equality and quality of opportunities for beneficiary families in Catalonia, Spain. TCS designs programs aimed at achieving leisure and free time activities, energizing youth spaces, supporting and promoting parental skills and carrying out social actions in the different districts of Catalonia where it operates.

Website: <https://www.tcsuerte.org/>

The activities were organised in the framework of the “**Colonies Interesplai**” programme. Esplai is a catalan word that refers to a leisure and free time space with a recreational- educational focus. It generally takes place on weekends and is aimed at children, teenagers or young people, who actively participate in indoor activities, in the environment in which the project takes place and on excursions. These projects have the support of the city council of the municipality in which they are developed. This year the three “esplais” have been managed in different parts of the province of Barcelona: La Llagosta, Nou Barris (Barcelona) and Canovelles. Although, within TCS there is a monitoring team per municipality, those directly responsible for the “Inter-esplais Colonies Project” report are the educators Paola Muguerza and Mar Laborda.

Activities:

1. Artesanal Workshops (April-May) - Self Management
Activities that are part of the programming of the respective esplais in which the girls, boys and adolescents themselves create products that will later be put on sale to finance their colonies. Environmental approach and strengthening families.

2. Festiesplai (03.06, La Llagosta) - Collaborative management

Event held in the district of La Llagosta to raise funds through the sale of products and tickets for activities designed for children (games and raffles) and adults (concert, food and party) as well as to bring the educational project closer to families from one of the intervention districts.

3. Colonies Interesplai (16-18.06, Moianes) - Integration

Three days of sport, recreational, educational activities that promote armonious coexistence between the children and adolescents who are part of the esplais.

Participants:

-Esplai Nou Barris: 2 girls and 5 boys between 8- 13 years old joined the weekend camp.

-Esplai La Llagosta: 16 teens throughout the project, 4 (1 girl and 3 boys) joined the weekend camp.

-Esplai Canovelles: 14 boys and girls in the workshops. 2 boys and 7 girls joined the weekend camp.

Objectives:

- Promote the capacity for self-management in girls, boys and adolescents
- Promote the participation of families and thereby strengthen family ties
- Raise awareness through recreational and artistic activities about the importance of caring for the environment and the reduction/reuse of resources
- Promote collaborative work, the horizontal and cooperative link between girls, boys and adolescents and the team of volunteers
- Increase visibility of the work that the esplais carry out in the intervention communities

Results:

- Young people have been able to work individually and collectively, developing self-management skills, healthy money management and the reuse of resources available at home, in space and in the natural environment that surrounds them.
- It has been healthy and positive to include families in the participatory process and through that link contribute to strengthening the relationships between fathers, mothers and children.
- Young people have been able to reflect on the value of the nature that surrounds us and know how to identify elements for artistic creation.
- The foundations of a work that will be sustained over time have been consolidated since it has been beneficial for the Integration and inclusion of families (high percentage of migrant origin), of the girls, boys, adolescents and young people who participate in the Festiesplai, as well as our team of volunteers who participate in all esplais.
- The support and satisfaction of the city councils of the intervention districts. The stalls selling artisan products and attendance at the Festiesplai (100 families of La Llagosta, 60 and 150 young people), allow the healthy investment of free time, the objective of our projects, to be made visible, but also to develop links between neighbors strengthening the safe neighborhood image.

Link to social media: <https://shorturl.at/fhsSY>

Quotes:

“I don't know what my expectations were, but for sure this weekend camp was better than what I thought. We did a lot of different activities, and I had a lot of fun”
(M, 11 years old - team volunteer)

“I will remember that we mixed with other children and young people we didn't know, and we ended the weekend camp very united”
(M, 23 years old - team volunteer)

“The girls and boys have been able to value the effort, knowing that things do not come for free and finally that they have had a good time”
(R, 38 years old - mother of the project family)



Organisation: Volunteers' Centre Zagreb – VCZ

Participants involved: Suzana Kucelj

Venue: retirement home Trešnjevka, Zagreb, Croatia

Dates: 29 June 2023

Topic: social inclusion

Volunteers' Centre Zagreb has its roots in a 1996. Croatian Anti-war Campaign project started up with the help of Service Civil International (SCI) and was officially registered in 1998. Through SCI, first foreign volunteers came to the town of Pakrac in mid-1990s to help rebuild war-devastated areas. This was the project which initiated VCZ International Volunteers' Exchange programme, which marked the first decade of the organisation. VCZ became associate member of SCI in 2001, and went on to become a branch of this global network in 2007. VCZ mission is to solve problems, satisfy needs and contribute to the progress of individuals, groups, communities and society. This is achieved by promoting volunteering and its values, through education and by making voluntary work possible and accessible to all people.

Website: <http://www.vcz.hr/>

The retirement home **Trešnjevka** is a senior care facility in Zagreb, which provides housing and care for elderly individuals who require assistance with daily activities.

Website: <https://www.dom-tresnjevka.hr/>

Activities:

The activities consisted of manual work and interaction with the host of the facility. The existing walls and benches within the facility were in need of revitalization.

Participants:

19 local volunteers aged between 20 and 62 years. 9 participants were younger than 30 years.

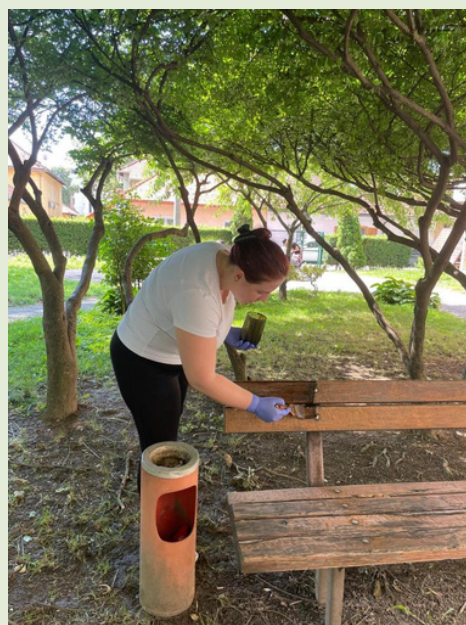
Objectives:

- to provide support to the facility through renovation work
- to support the members of the facility
- to promote volunteering in the local community

Results:

The hard-working volunteers coordinated by Suzana put a lot of effort and dedication in painting the walls and benches of the facility.

Volunteers spent a lovely day helping those in need which resulted in a significant improvement of the living space for the elderly residents.



Organisation: International Youth Association EstYES

Participants involved: Roman Stefanjuk

Venue: Rápina Gymnasium, Estonia

Dates: 4 October 2023

Topic: active participation, promotion of NFE

EstYes was established in 1991 and it is one of the first organizations in Estonia which deals with cultural and youth exchange. Its main field of activity is coordinating international projects to offer everyone to discover themselves and the world through non-formal study and voluntary service.

EstYes activities include:

- international cooperating projects: organization and coordination of youth and volunteer camps in Estonia and abroad;
- active participation in the development of international cooperation networks; Coordinating development projects outside of Europe;
- European Union programs: within the European Solidarity Corps program coordinating the activities of (foreign) volunteers in Estonia and sending them abroad; sending Estonian young people and youth workers to Erasmus+ youth exchanges and training; organization of strategic cooperation projects within the Erasmus+ program.
- Local level: Creating supporting communities in Estonia (including mentors and group leaders, organizing events and cultural nights) which supports implementation of goals.

Website: <https://estyes.ee/en/>

Rápina Gymnasium is a local highschool in Rápina, Estonia.

Website: <https://yg.rapina.ee/avaleht/uudised/>

Activities:

The activity involved students in a workshop about the opportunities of the Erasmus+ programme, during which Roman talked about his experiences in the framework of Erasmus+ and proposed various games and teambuilding exercises for young people.

Participants:

30 local students under 18 (16-17).

Objectives:

The workshop intended to increase knowledge within the local youth about international activities. This purpose is in line with EstYes mission, which is enabling the personal development of young people through non-formal education and intercultural learning, supporting local societies through (international) voluntary service and strengthening International mutual understanding, tolerance, solidarity and respect through global cooperation and international youth work.

Results:

The young participants received valuable information about the opportunities to join intercultural activities abroad, promoting social inclusion, environmental sustainability and intercultural dialogue.

Quotes:

“Giving the workshop was a lot of fun, the youngsters were engaged and everything went without problems.”

Link to social media: <https://shorturl.at/bhjms>



Organisation: INEX Slovakia

Participants involved: Ema Konkoľová, Adam Urban

Venue: online

Dates: 10 October 2023

Topic: active participation

Inex Slovakia (International EXchanges) is a non-profit organization focused on personal development of young people through international volunteering, trainings for leaders of multicultural groups, promoting benefits of volunteering and its development in Slovakia and abroad. INEX Slovakia has been the only organization of its kind in Slovakia since 1993. Young people get to know new cultures, make new friendships from all over the world, gain extraordinary experiences, improve their language and soft skills.

Website: www.inex.sk

Activities:

During an “Erasmus Days” event, INEX organised an information meeting about Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps projects for young people in Slovakia, during which Adam and Ema played the role of coordinators and moderators. They presented the training course in Italy, shared their motivation and what they have learned throughout their experience.

Participants:

15 participants; gender: 11 F, 4 M; age: 1 under 18, 8 between 18 and 30, 6 over 30.

Objectives and results:

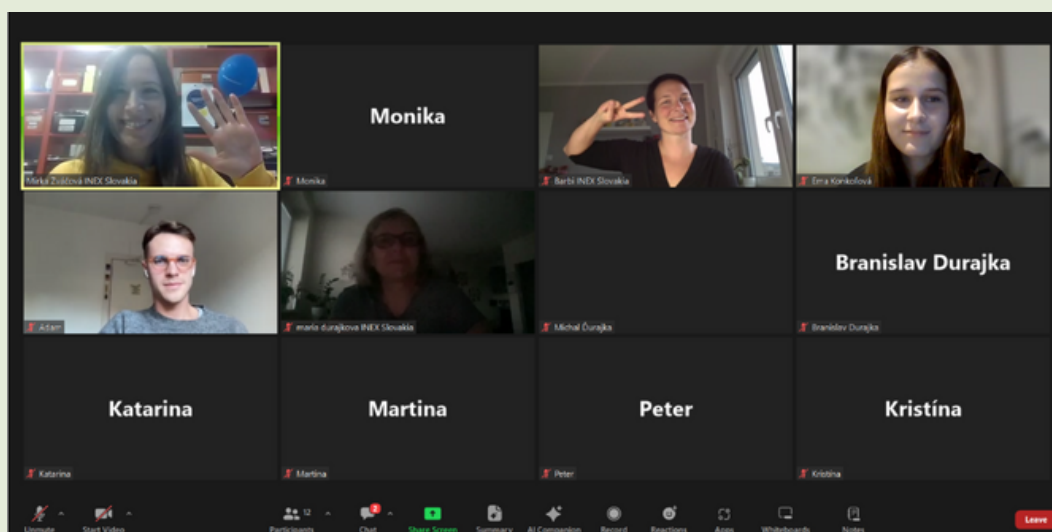
The purpose of the event was to reach people from all over Slovakia, not only in big cities. For this reason, the format of the online activity was the most effective. It was a good decision as many young people from small cities, where there is a lack of exchange opportunities, sent their application and joined the meeting. The results were encouraging as the interest on the topic was high.

Quotes:

“I wanted to learn more about the opportunities I have for the future and to see the presentation about Italian training”.

Link to social media:

<https://shorturl.at/rsJ19>



Organisation: SCI Italy

Participants involved: Rossana Di Gaurdia

Venue: La Città dell'Utopia, Rome, Italy

Dates: 6-8 October 2023

Topic: active participation

SCI Italy

SCI Italy, founded in 1948 and “revitalized” in the 1970s, is based in Rome and is supported by several local groups. During its existence it has sent and received thousands of volunteers, contributing to the spread of international volunteering in Italy. Its main activities included international workcamps, projects financed by European institutions, campaigns, initiatives to support local communities.

Website: <https://sci-italia.it/>

La Città dell'Utopia, created in 2003, is a social laboratory, an experiment of popular education and active citizenship aimed at promoting individual and collective participation. It is located in the San Paolo-Ostiense district, in southern Rome and it is a space open both to the world and to local propositions. It hosted organisations, youth exchanges, courses and initiatives proposed by the citizens.

website: <https://www.lacittadellutopia.org/>

Activities:

The activity consisted in a week-end training course to prepare volunteers to North-South exchange voluntary experiences. The programme included sessions on non-violent communication, conflict transformation, moments of in-depth analysis on topics such as migration, environmental protection, stereotypes, north-south imbalances. Non-formal education techniques and presentations were used to facilitate the meeting and to strengthen group dynamics among participants.

Participants:
6 Italian participants

Objectives and results:

The action intended to increase awareness of north-south imbalances and active citizenship and to promote non-formal education activities. The participants appreciated the session, its methods and contents, and could interact with former volunteers who shared their experience in the areas of intercultural volunteering and North-South exchanges.

Quotes:

“Each topic we discussed subsequently brought up another one, and it seemed that we were all learning from the experience of each other, not only those involved in the residential training but also the facilitators themselves”.

Link to social media: <https://shorturl.at/htxE0>



Organisation: Laboratorio 53

Participants involved: Ginevra Sammartino, Valentin Cosantini

Venue: No Border Festival, Rome, Italy

Dates: 21 - 22 October 2023

Topic: social inclusion, migration, fight to racism

Laboratorio 53

Laboratorio 53 was born in 2008 from the experience of the association “Doctors against torture”. Initially, the activities were organised in the framework of this association, then they took an autonomous and independent form.

Laboratorio 53 consists of a group of philosophers, anthropologists, psychologists, social workers, lawyers and cultural mediators who, in a multidisciplinary perspective, offer assistance to migrants, applicants for international protection and minors.

The migrant people who come to the association are not mere “users” of a service, but become part of a group that is always moving and changing, with their stories, lives, experiences, testimonies, skills and resources.

Website: <https://laboratorio53.it/>

No Border Fest is a two-day festival consisting of discussions, music, workshops and cultural events dedicated to the topics of migration, freedom of movement and resistance against any type of racism, as well as the central thematic of interculturality, a sustainable way of life and active citizenship. The event is supported by volunteers who are involved in the logistic preparation of the festival such as cooking, cleaning, gardening and in the promotion and visibility of the event.

Website: <https://shorturl.at/JRW56>

Activities:

The activities were implemented on occasion of the festival. On Saturday the 21st, the organisers managed to assemble and disassemble the radio, to create the music playlists, and to conduct in-person and remote interviews (with a connection from Lampedusa).

On Sunday the 22nd, the activities included radio editing and preparation of the live online radio broadcast, taking care of the involvement of the associations taking part in the festival, conducting various interviews in person and remotely, recording and live broadcast of the other interventions of the festival.

Finally, a training was delivered, focused on post-production and putting the recorded materials and the live broadcast online.

Participants:

Around 700 people joined the festival

Objectives and results:

One of the main objectives was to inspire people to actively engage in celebrating diversity, foster inclusiveness and support a positive change in society's view of migration and refugees. This edition was particularly effective in encouraging people to support migrants and refugees, and use their voices and resources to generate a significant impact.

Quotes:

“I wanted to do a project where I felt useful and where we had some physical work and some time to work on organizing the migration festival.”



Organisation: PVN Albania

Participants involved: Ermelinda Xhameta

Venue: Agimi Art Center, Tirana, Albania

Dates: 17 August 2023

Topic: active participation through arts

PVN Albania

PVN is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Service Civil International network that aims to promote the culture of peace, inclusion, solidarity, human rights through mobility, learning, intercultural dialogue and volunteering. The association was founded in January 2005 and during the following years has firmly supported the power of young people and their activism for a better society.

PVN organizes and carries out non-formal education courses and seminars on human rights, conferences, awareness campaigns, research, manuals, workcamps, both locally and internationally. Through its activities, PVN has developed strong relationships and networks with partners and civil society organizations, in Albania and around the world.

Website: www.pvnalbania.org

Teen Thing is the first Albanian organization created by teenagers for teenagers. Teen Things main purpose is the promotion, education, protection, support and sustainable development of teenagers throughout the country.

Website: teenthings.org

Activity

The event was a screening of 10 art works (5 video arts and 5 short documentaries) realised by students of University of Arts in Albania. To ensure the success of the event, three weeks of preparation were undertaken.

Participants:

around 100 participants, ranging from young and aspiring artists to more experienced individuals in the field.

Objectives and results:

The primary focus of this event was the promotion of young artists and their messages for active participation, and this goal was successfully accomplished with an attendance of around 100 participants.

To enhance further the enjoyment of the evening further, following the presentation of the art works, opportunities for discussion and socializing were offered, allowing everyone to get to know each other better.

The event was successful, well-planned, and everything unfolded as envisioned. A follow-up will be taken into consideration to keep promoting youth engagement in the city.

Link to social media: <https://shorturl.at/knG25>



Conclusions

Youth Work in PROGRESS proved to be a valuable experience for the participants and the organisations involved. The activities reinforced their motivation to further cooperate in the field of social inclusion, environmental sustainability and promotion of non-formal education in youth work.

The effects that the pandemic had on young people combined with the current uncertainty caused by geo-political conflicts and the threats of climate change, represent a challenge that youth workers cannot ignore. Projects like this are a step forwards toward the process of improving the quality of youth work, promoting at the same time international cooperation and non-formal education.

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