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# SALTO-YOUTH RESOURCE CENTRES

**In 2000, the Commission established the four first SALTO-YOUTH centres, as part of the European Training Strategy, and with the aim to focus on training in the YOUTH programme.**

Since then, the steadily increasing success of the SALTO-YOUTH centres has contributed to develop their tasks, and to extend the SALTO-YOUTH Resource centres to new priorities.

Today there are eight SALTO-YOUTH Resource centres, all established within a YOUTH National Agency, and responsible for a specific priority.

SALTO stands for “Support and Advanced Learning & Training Opportunities”. While the first SALTO-YOUTH centres were linked almost exclusively to training, the SALTO Resource centres have now been turned into resource and support centres in more general terms.

**Thus, the role of the SALTO Resource centres is to**

- Provide RESOURCES to increase and improve the QUALITY of YOUTH projects in priority areas, and to
- Provide SUPPORT to the network of YOUTH National Agencies, National coordinators (EuroMed) and to the users of the Programme, on specific priority themes.

**In short, the main tasks of the SALTO resource centres are related to:**

- Training (courses, NA training activities support, material, tools,...)
- Production, compilation and dissemination of information and good practice ([www.salto-youth.net](http://www.salto-youth.net), newsletters, leaflets,...)
- Developing networks and partnerships (organise meetings, contact making seminars,...)
- Database of trainers (Trainers Online for Youth – TOY)
- Training calendar
- Partner finding
- Information and Communication between National Agencies/Commission

Each SALTO Resource Centre is specifically dedicated to one of the following priorities: EuroMed; South East Europe; Eastern Europe & Caucasus; Inclusions; Cultural Diversity; Training and cooperation; Youth Initiatives; Information. In addition, some are responsible for horizontal tasks (see also Coyote nr.7), like the compilation of good practice, evaluation, etc. Below, each SALTO Resource centre explains briefly their tasks. You are invited to visit their common web site, [www.salto-youth.net](http://www.salto-youth.net), which provides much more information and links to all the tools and resources available.



#### **SALTO-YOUTH EUROMED RESOURCE CENTRE**

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SALTO EuroMed Resource Centre in France keeps its role of disseminating and collecting good practices, but adds a new priority to this task: the support to National Agencies and National Coordinators within the EuroMed Youth Programme.

One of the main activities of SALTO EuroMed Resource centre is the organisation of training courses (TC) on three levels:

- **“Step In”** is a training course for beginners to discover the EuroMed Youth Programme.
- **“Step To”** aims at enabling youth workers, familiar with the EuroMed Youth Programme, to use the “support measures” (Action 5) to develop a local, regional or national strategy linked to Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.
- **“Step AT”** is an advanced training course aiming at encouraging youth organisation leaders to develop management techniques adapted to their organisation’s reality

In addition, SALTO EuroMed Resource Centre proposes several “thematic TCs” dealing with EuroMed Youth priorities, and contributes to “national TCs” in the Mediterranean countries.

Another priority for SALTO EuroMed Resource Centre is to support the creation and organisation of seminars and events, and to disseminate information on EuroMed via the web site, an e-mail *newsletter*, a *EuroMed Magazine* and on educational good practices in youth work. During 2004 we will work on the creation of a training passport (“T-PASS”), a “*EuroMed training bag*” and continue the coordination of the on-line “*Toolbox for Training*”.

#### **SALTO-YOUTH SOUTH EAST EUROPE RESOURCE CENTRE**

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The SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre aims at facilitating and increasing co-operation with South Eastern Europe partners within the YOUTH programme, and to assist the Commission in increasing the participation of this region into the Programme.

SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre proposes a monthly newsletter rich in information and events as well as a magazine (which can be downloaded) going deeper into facts and reflections. We also give assistance to partner research thanks to a database of over 450 local organisations.

Our training courses will concern Action 5 projects and EVS on-arrival training sessions for volunteers of EVS projects in SEE.

#### **SALTO-YOUTH EASTERN EUROPE & CAUCASUS RESOURCE CENTRE**

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The SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus Resource Centre aims at raising visibility and awareness of the YOUTH programme in this region, promoting cooperation with EECA and supporting NAs in the development of contacts, partnership and expertise opportunities. The SALTO Eastern Europe & Caucasus Resource Centre was set up in October 2003, and will be an important actor to help strengthen the cooperation between YOUTH programmes countries and EECA region: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine.

More specifically, its activities will focus on dissemination of information and documentation, on building new partnerships, on supporting National Agencies’ activities and local multipliers network. The SALTO EECA Resource Centre will organise contact making seminars and support cooperation projects throughout the year, in addition to organising training especially within EVS.

#### **SALTO-YOUTH YOUTH INITIATIVES RESOURCE CENTRE**

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A new priority covered by a SALTO YOUTH Resource Centre is Youth Initiatives - Action 3 of the YOUTH programme. Since August 2003, SALTO Youth Initiatives Resource centre works to increase the dynamism in Action 3 Youth Initiatives by developing the European dimension of local youth initiatives and networking projects.

#### **The main activities of SALTO Youth Initiatives Resource Centre are:**

- Promote the exchange of good practice within the network of National Agencies by moderating discussion forums and organise annual meetings for National Agency project officers.
- Develop and disseminate information tools, like the web site ([www.salto-youth.net/youthinitiatives/](http://www.salto-youth.net/youthinitiatives/)), a magazine (with news, good practices, partner requests, etc) as well as pedagogical tools to help give young people a European dimension to their local projects.
- Develop a compendium of Youth Initiatives projects to facilitate the partner search for networking activities, and provide support to National Agencies through the organisation of seminars and training on networking projects.
- Encourage the debate on the development of Youth Initiatives, to give added value to Youth Initiatives, and open up new perspectives for the future of this Action.

**SALTO-YOUTH CULTURAL DIVERSITY RESOURCE CENTRE**

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Tolerance, Diversity and Anti-Racism are all European priorities linked to youth work. To respond to these topics, SALTO Cultural Diversity Resource Centre provides training courses in order to support youth workers responsible for Cultural Diversity issues across the YOUTH Programme countries.

A Module Pack on Diversity training will be produced during 2004 as well as multiplying "Training for trainer" courses to share appropriate methods and approaches in dealing with these issues, and to produce modules and activities to be used afterwards in regional, national or international training courses.

As horizontal task, the SALTO Cultural Diversity Resource Centre remains responsible for evaluation and will produce a practical CD-ROM on evaluation techniques.

**SALTO-YOUTH INCLUSION RESOURCE CENTRE**

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Social inclusion is one of the priorities for the European Commission and is on top of the agenda for most National Agencies of the YOUTH programme. The SALTO Inclusion Resource Centre will therefore increasingly focus on Inclusion in order to support quality inclusion projects.

Support goes from cooperation with National Agencies, to making training tools available in the SALTO toolbox, sharing good practice or organising Inclusion training courses ourselves, like the "Training Course on Inclusion through Sports" in the frame of the "European Year of Education through Sports".

Find out more at the regularly updated inclusion frontpage: [www.salto-youth.net/inclusion/](http://www.salto-youth.net/inclusion/)

To provide this support for inclusion and take on board additional tasks, the SALTO Inclusion Resource Centre has expanded its staff, and in 2004 the number of training days on Inclusion has also been increased.

Besides the Inclusion work, the SALTO Inclusion Resource Centre continues its work on trainer issues and liaises with different existing trainers pools. The TOY-database with Trainers Online for Youth is continuously updated and expanded. Have a look at this online trainer resource at [www.salto-youth.net/toy/](http://www.salto-youth.net/toy/).

**SALTO-YOUTH TRAINING AND COOPERATION RESOURCE CENTRE**

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SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre supports the development and visibility of National Agencies' training strategies, through their so-called "Training and Co-operation Plans" (TCP). In this context, the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre co-ordinates and monitors four NA Network training modules: BiTriMulti for newcomers in youth exchanges, SOHO to train mentors of European Voluntary Service (EVS) and two long-term courses for multipliers and trainers for European YOUTH projects.

For more information, go to [www.salto-youth.net/tcp/](http://www.salto-youth.net/tcp/)

Furthermore, SALTO Training and Cooperation maintains the European Training Calendar, which enables potential users of the YOUTH programme to find available and suitable training courses. In addition, SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre facilitates the information flow within the network about Action 5 large-scale projects and results, and acts as the web administrator of [www.salto-youth.net](http://www.salto-youth.net).

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The SALTO Information Resource Centre was established to develop and facilitate communication among the National Agencies and the National Coordinators of the YOUTH programme, and between the National Agencies / National coordinators and the Commission. The SALTO Information Resource Centre operates Youthnet, an Internet based "extranet" (only for internal users), which facilitates and stimulates the daily communication, co-ordination and co-operation within the network of YOUTH National Agencies/National Coordinators, in order to develop the efficiency of the implementation of the YOUTH programme. We also offer training in the field of communication for the information officers of National Agencies and support the development of information and communication strategies within the network, and cooperate with the DGEAC Youth Unit in developing communication tools and enhancing the visibility of the YOUTH programme. ■

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