

1. Proposal to develop a network of researchers on youth in Russia and neighbouring countries

This proposed action is developed by: Olga Perfilieva, Russia

Action (what?) :

Create a network of researchers on youth in Russia and the partner neighbouring countries

Description (why, how?)

The creation of a networking is a crucial for the youth research development and timely addressing the needs and queries of young people in Russia and beyond by means of effective and evidence-based youth policy.

The network will be built on the basis of strong cooperation and common development among national researchers and experts.

Next concrete steps (what, when?)

A meeting of experts and researchers in the youth field will be organised in the framework of a long-term project development, in Moscow according to the project working group's schedule.

Who should be involved?

National experts and researches focusing on a youth problems primarily

Whom else to involve?

National authorities responsible for youth policy development, national youth organizations, different international organizations representatives

2. Proposal to organise a cross-regional SEE EECA youth policy conference on AIDS and drug addiction

This proposed action is developed by: Ramil Khalilov, Azerbaijan

Action (what?) :

Organise a cross-regional SEE – EECA youth policy conference on AIDS and drug addiction

Description (why, how?)

Possible themes: exchange ideas, information, analyse and evaluate the situation in both regions, try to find best or better way how we can overcome these problems. Try to propose educational strategy programmes and also strategy programme fighting AIDS and drug addiction.

To be organised by the EU / CoE Youth Partnership in cooperation with Salto SEE and Salto EECA

Next concrete steps

It is important to develop closer dialogue among the NGO and government organisations, also organise possible monthly meeting before the Conference between NGO and government organisations for preparing the programme etc.

Who should be involved?

NGO / NYC representative and also government representative from each of the countries in SEE and EECA

Whom else to involve?

Also CoE and EU , European Youth Forum, experts from the other countries (United Kingdom, Germany, France), UNESCO

3. Proposal to map the existence of co-management mechanisms in EECA region

This proposed action is developed by: Areg Tadevosyan, Armenia

Action (what?) ”

Mapping of co-management mechanisms in EECA countries”

Description (why, how?)

The idea is to find out what are the current co-management structures mechanisms in EECA countries providing the participation of young people and civil society in decision making on youth affairs.

Next concrete steps (what, when?)

To communicate with the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and propose them the action.

To prepare a questionnaire composed of a couple of questions (not too heavy) to be sent to National bodies in EECA countries (governmental and non-governmental)

To send the questionnaire (either through ministry and National Youth Council or, as suggested during the workshop, through the Youth Partnership)

To summarise the results of the survey and communicate the results to the colleagues from the EECA Workshop and to the organisers (SALTO EECA and the Youth Partnership)

Who should be involved?

Areg Tadevosyan

Whom else to involve?

The Youth Partnership

Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs Armenia

National Youth Council of Armenia

The NYCs of Georgia, Moldova and Russia have also said that they will take part

4. Proposal for identifying National Research Correspondents for the Youth Partnership from Armenia

This proposed action is developed by: Areg Tadevosyan, Armenia

Action (what?)

”Identifying National Research Correspondents for the Youth Partnership from Armenia”

Description (why, how?)

The idea is upon return to Armenia to clarify with the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs the situation with youth research correspondents and to arrange the nomination of one or two persons.

Next concrete steps (what, when?)

To communicate with the Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs and propose them to identify and to nominate youth research correspondents from Armenia to Partnership. This can be people from the National Youth report team or other youth researchers.

To communicate to the colleagues and organisers (the Youth Partnership and SALTO EECA) that the correspondents are nominated for further reference on youth research and information issues.

Who should be involved?

Areg Tadevosyan

Whom else to involve?

Ministry of Sport and Youth Affairs Armenia

5. Proposal to map the legal and institutional basis of youth policy in the EECA region

This proposed action is developed by: Yaryna Borenko, Ukraine

Action (what?)

Map the legal and institutional basis of youth policy issues in the EECA region

Description (why, how?)

Why: To get a more complete picture of the institutional approach to youth in the 7 relevant EECA countries. This would be useful in order to define the actual situation and to create common basis for discussing youth policy issues in region.

Description (why, how?)

- to compare national youth legislation and institutions, and concrete work on youth issues (content analysis of documents / statistic / institutional system);
- to analyse development of youth policy in post-soviet period (the genesis of legislation and institutional system)

Next concrete steps (what, when?)

- to find partners in every country
- to collect relevant documents
- to define what is possible to compare
- to compare and design a report
- to organise focus groups
- to design final report, which includes the outputs from focus-groups
- to present the publication (policy-paper)

Time

1-year project

Who should be involved?

National experts and students in social / political science

Whom else to involve?

Governmental institutions and NGOs

6. Proposal to develop a youth research centre in Georgia

This proposed action is developed by: Vakhtang Asanidze, National Council of youth organizations of Georgia

Action (what?)

To create a “Youth Research Centre” in order to conduct research and analysis of needs of young people in Georgia. On the basis of research, a Georgian state youth policy action plan will be developed.

Description (why, how?)

The group of initiators interested in development of Georgian state youth policy action plan, is going to found the centre of youth research.

In Georgia a lot of steps have to be taken in order to develop modern national state youth policy, which should be one of the main priorities for any national government. In order to fulfil this aim, needs and interests of young people should be researched and analysed.

We will bring expertise and an experienced researcher in fields which are directly or indirectly connected with youth (education, employment, healthcare, social protection, youth NGOs, demography, sport, culture etc...) in to the process. The expertise will develop a strategy for what kind of methodology is needed to conduct research in different fields.

We are going to work on fundraising and press and communication for financial support of the centre (administrative and office supplies)

Next concrete steps

Official Registration of the youth research centre will take place in autumn. We will then start working for fundraising and collection of best practises from different countries.

Who should be involved? We would like to bring in expertise and an experienced researcher in the fields which are directly or indirectly connected with youth. Researchers and expertise will be invited from different universities, international institutions, research organisations and youth NGO representatives.

7. Proposal to organise a joint SEE–EECA symposium aimed at promoting youth policy through cross-regional partnerships

This proposed action is developed by Finn Yrjar Denstad (freelance consultant, Norway)

Action (what?)

Symposium: "Promoting youth policy development through cross-regional partnerships: SEE and EECA", EYC Budapest 2009 or 2010. To be organised by the EU / CoE Youth Partnership in cooperation with SALTO SEE (Ljubljana) and SALTO EECA (Warsaw).

Co-financing

UNICEF is actively involved in both SEE and EECA, and possibilities of bringing this agency on board as a co-sponsor, through its Europe/Asia Headquarters in Geneva, should be explored.

Description (why, how?)

The regions of SEE and EECA have much to gain from learning from each other's experiences in terms of youth policy development.

Such a symposium will be a natural continuation of the Partnership efforts to promote youth policy development in the regions of SEE and EECA, and will be a groundbreaking event in promoting closer cooperation between these two regions.

Possible themes:

- Exchange of experience in strategy development. Almost all SEE countries have national youth action plans, although some are very weak. Few EECA countries have such strategies.
- Support to the development of the youth NGO sector. All EECA countries have national youth councils (NYCs), while only one (in Croatia) exist in the SEE. The youth NGO sector remains rather weak in both regions.
- Why and how to involve young people in youth policy. Exchange of ideas and best practices for involving young people in policy development as well as policy implementation.

The programme of the activity should highlight each theme one full day, making it a 3-day event.

The symposium should be organised at EYCB, for practical but also also for symbolic reasons (crossing point between the regions).

To be included in the Partnership Programme for autumn 2009 or 2010.

Next concrete steps (what, when?):

Before hosting such an event, it is seen as necessary to organise a EU/CoE Partnership event for the EECA region in early 2009 where all categories of the "magic triangle" are equally represented, since there is a need to develop closer dialogue and synergies among the actors *within* the EECA region before promoting inter-regional cooperation.

Co-funding for an inter-regional symposium should be sought from one or several governments from inside or outside the region.

A planning meeting to further develop the concept of such a symposium should be organised as soon as the Partnership and the two SALTO centres agree to be organisers of the proposed event.

Primary target participants

The symposium should bring together one researcher, one youth NGO/NGO representative and one government representative from each of the following countries:

- SEE: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia
- EECA: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine

This is a total of 14 countries bringing the number of participants to 42.

Whom else to involve :

Apart from the organising team, the activity should include representatives from the Council of Europe and the European Commission in addition to the European Youth Forum.

European countries, organisations or actors from outside the SEE and EECA which have a strong presence in the youth field in either (or both) of the regions or which can play a particular positive role in youth policy development should also be invited to take part.

The total number of participants must not exceed 55-60 in order to maintain an informal atmosphere.