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**SALTO South East Europe Resource
Centre
and the European Youth Work Agenda**



What does SALTO SEE RC do?

- **supports cooperation with the Western Balkan countries in the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme (youth field) and the European Solidarity Corps through:**
 - ✓ **training and partner-finding activities;**
 - ✓ **various other support measures, tools and resources.**
- **contributes to the development and recognition of youth work and volunteering in the Western Balkan region (complementary to other efforts of the EU enlargement policy).**
- **is established by the European Commission in 2002, situated in**



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- **Commitment to the European cooperation in the field of youth and the Bonn process.**
- **Promoting the Erasmus+ Programme (youth field) and the European Solidarity Corps as mechanisms to put the European policy priorities in practice (namely the EU Youth Strategy).**
- **Working towards better recognition of youth work by advocating for its role to create positive change in the society.**



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- Supporting the development of youth work at the local level through:
 - ✓ capacity-building activities for organisations;
 - ✓ supporting local structures (“Contact Points”) promoting the programmes;
 - ✓ the initiative “Europe Goes Local” supporting youth work at the local level and integrating the European dimension in it.
- Studies have shown the positive impact of the programmes extending from individual to organisational and systemic levels.



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- Encouraging cooperation within and beyond the community of youth work practice by:
 - ✓ bringing different actors and knowledge from different perspectives together;
 - ✓ bridging the European dimension with the regional and local;
 - ✓ cooperation in different strategic frameworks at the European level with the aim of strengthening of the role of youth work in different ecosystems relevant for young people's development and well-being.
- Need identified: to map and analyse relevant stakeholders relevant for the Western Balkans and to increase exchange, networking and cooperation among them. (Stakeholder mapping and analysis 2022 – 2023).



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- **Supporting quality youth work:**
 - ✓ **By promoting the values and principles of youth work (participation, active citizenship, inclusion, diversity, non-formal learning...);**
 - ✓ **through competence development activities;**
 - ✓ **through supporting experts.**

- **Need identified: to develop education of youth workers in international youth work.**



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- Providing opportunities for youth work to seize its potential to respond to the changing society and newly emerging needs of young people.
- Responding to digital and ecological transformation, new ways of integrating into the world of work or into the society as a citizen.
- Important concepts: innovation, digital and green youth work, civic education in Europe, youth entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial competence in youth work.



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THANK YOU for *your* attention!

