

*Within the training strategy of the YOUTH Programme, four so-called SALTO-YOUTH centres were created within the network of the YOUTH National Agencies in September 2000. These centres offer a series of training courses for youth leaders and youth workers, as well as some other tools to increase the quality of youth projects – in particular youth exchanges or European Voluntary Service – run within the Youth Programme. Coyote wants to keep you up-dated about current developments in and around the European institutions. Here is an introduction to SALTO-YOUTH and its offer for 2001.*

SALTO-YOUTH is shorthand for the Support for Advanced Learning & Training Opportunities for the YOUTH programme of the European Commission. In September 2000, four SALTO-YOUTH centres were created - within the YOUTH National Agencies of Flanders-Belgium, Germany, UK & France - to enhance the quality of the projects within the YOUTH programme, through the organisation of specialised training courses and the co-ordination of different training efforts within the network of the National Agencies.

When developing their actions, these SALTO-YOUTH Centres have to act as part of a flexible network of co-operating partners in the field of training. This means being:

- Complementary to the work that is being done in the framework of the co-operation with the Council of Europe.
- In dialogue with the network of National Agencies of the YOUTH Programme, supporting the training needs related to projects realised under the different Actions of the programme

### The training courses

The SALTO-YOUTH courses are part of the training strategy for the YOUTH programme, which aims to empower youth workers and support persons to develop high quality youth activities that contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the programme. These courses hope to serve as a complementary tool that National Agencies or Euro-Med National Co-ordinators can use in their strategies for training as a way to increase the knowledge and skills of key youth workers co-operating with them in the framework of the YOUTH programme.

### The offer for 2001

During the first half of this year, each SALTO-YOUTH Agency is running two training courses. Each course is to be run twice and has places for 25 participants (50 participants over the two similar courses). The topics of the training courses are the following:

- **SALTO-JINT (Flanders, Belgium): "Inclusion – a focus on EVS"**  
How to use the YOUTH programme (and more specifically European Voluntary Service) in the work with young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.
- **SALTO-INJEP (France): "Euro-Med Cooperation"**  
How to implement and manage Euro-Med projects.
- **SALTO-JUGEND für Europa (Germany): "EVS & PECOS"**  
How to develop European Voluntary Service in the pre-accession countries.
- **SALTO-Connect Youth International (UK):**

### "Project Management & Capacity-Building at the European Level"

Managing for Quality within the YOUTH programme.

### Profile of participants

Each participant should be involved in Youth Actions (action 1- youth groups exchanges, 2 - EVS, 3 - youth initiatives or 5 – support measures) within the YOUTH programme.

Besides, the common selection criteria are the following:

- Participants should be prepared to share the information, knowledge and skills developed during the training course with others – to act as multipliers,
- they should have the recommendation and support of their organisation and/or of the NA or Euro-Med co-ordinator,
- they should be knowledgeable about their own organisation and its capacity to undertake international projects within the YOUTH programme,
- they should be able to work comfortably in English,
- they should participate fully for the whole period of the training course,
- they should participate in follow-up and evaluation initiatives organised by the National Agency or by the SALTO-YOUTH network,
- They should have a clear need for training and not have taken part in a course with similar content (for example through the Partnership with the Council of Europe).

Every person/organisation interested in participating in SALTO's training sessions has to apply directly at his/her YOUTH programme National Agency. There they can also receive further information.

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Please note that the selection of participants for this year's training courses has already taken place. Information about next year's SALTO-YOUTH training offer will be available later this year.

### Follow-up

Assessing the impact of the training courses is crucial. National Agencies and Euro-Med co-ordinators have the key role in following up participants and proactively supporting their participation in YOUTH projects and their role as multipliers following the training courses.

Resource materials in the format of course reports or manuals on the different topics will be developed with the course participants, compiled by SALTO-YOUTH-INJEP, distributed to the network of the National Agencies' partners and accessible on internet.

### The transversal roles

In addition to their training role, each SALTO is responsible for a set of horizontal activities:

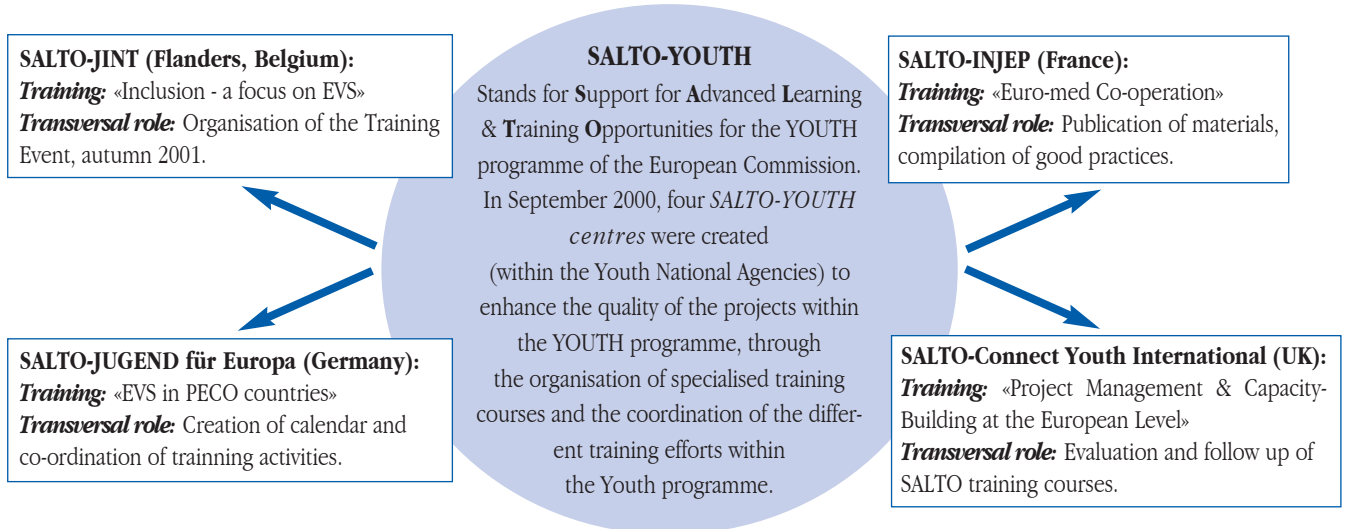
- **SALTO-JINT (Flanders, Belgium): Organisation of the Training Event, autumn 2001.**  
From 15 – 19 September 2001, training officers from the National Agencies and active trainers in the youth field in Europe will meet in Brugge (Belgium) to exchange their experiences, methodologies and initiatives. The Council of Europe, the European Youth Forum, the European Commission and the National Agencies will ask targeted trainers to participate in this event.

- **SALTO-JUGEND für Europa (Germany): Creation of a calendar and co-ordination of training activities.**  
SALTO-YOUTH JfE provides the youth field with information about European training and development opportunities. The network of National Agencies, the Partnership between the Council of Europe and the European Commission, SALTOs, the European Youth Forum etc. provide information. SALTO-YOUTH JfE acts as a 'gatekeeper' in terms of suitability and timeliness of entries.
- **SALTO-Connect Youth International (UK): Evaluation and follow up of SALTO training courses.**  
SALTO-Connect Youth International aims to evaluate the feedback about the SALTO courses, their results and impact. A framework for the collection of evidence, including sources, methods and timing has been established.
- **SALTO-INJEP (France): Publication of materials, compilation of good practices.**  
All National Agencies should send examples of training resources and good practice to SALTO-YOUTH INJEP. The materials, including documents, useful web-sites, CD Roms, videos etc., are catalogued, with a brief summary and details of availability. INJEP also maintains a library of resources as a "common memory". All high quality resources, in any language, are sent with a brief summary of the content in English or French. Any good materials are welcome!

**This programme will continue until 2003. For more information contact your National Agency or the SALTO-Centres.**

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### The distribution of SALTO-YOUTH activities



### SALTO within the European Training Strategy

