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TOGETHER WE GROW

Let's keep alive the memory of the survivors of the XX century totalitarianism. Let's enhance the knowledge and the comprehension of the new generations stepping on the places of the crimes, meeting experts, witnesses and youth coming from the Cross Border Countries. Let's live in a multicultural and intergenerational world!

"**Together we grow**" is a project that keep together people, facts and memories from the **Cross Border Regions** of the Eastern Border. We will reflect about the everyday life on the borders facing with the crimes of Nazism and Stalinism. We'll remember the tragic events and the victims. After the commemoration and the reflection on the past we'll focus on **the breaches of human rights** in the nowadays situation. We'll think about the pillars of the EU and in particular about **integration, peace, freedom and democracy**. At the end we'd like to send a message of hope inside and outside the borders of the European Union.

The project will directly involve youth, elderly, informal groups, civil society organizations and public bodies. We'll promote a strong 'cross-fertilisation' between the different stakeholders and we'll try to involve the largest number of partner in a way to guarantee **pluralism, reconciliation, tolerance** and to allow the **dialog**.

In concrete we'll meet each other in the different Countries and **we'll steps on the places of the crimes**. Here we'll have debates, workshops, meetings. During these moments we'll use **non formal learning methodologies** in a way to actively involve all the participants. The work language will be English. We'll use non verbal communication and IT to allow everybody to join the project.

The preparatory phase will be important to enhance a stronger cooperation, to inform the local media, to prepare the participants. During this phase the participants will produce material useful for a **photos exhibition, a video, a publication** that could be uploaded in the **web site** (www.exist-youth.eu/TWG).

The unicity of the project is the involvement of Cross Border Citizens from the Eastern Border that lived on the steel courting and now - after Shengen treaty - are seeing borders growing up around the mind of the youngest generation.

The project will point on the fact that we can build our Europe through a stronger cooperation, an active participation in 2011 the **European Year of Voluntarism** (<http://www.eyv2011.eu/>).

We are going to meet each other on the places of the memory. Each meeting will last 3-4 days. The meetings will involve **56 participants** from the 4 Countries involved in the project. TWG will promote the **intercultural dialog** as each group will 34 youngster; 12 middleages; and 8 pperson over 65. The firs meeting will be held in **Trieste** (from 29.05.11 to 1.06.11); then in **Graz** – Austria (3 days in June); and finally in **Verteneglio, Goli Otok e Rab** – Croatia (3 days in September).



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The project involve **15 partner** from **4 Cross Border Countries** (Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Croatia):

1. ExisT. Ex Italian SVE Volunteers Trieste (ITALIA)
2. Provincia di Gorizia (ITALIA)
3. Comune di Monfalcone (ITALIA)
4. Comune di San Pier d'Isonzo (ITALIA)
5. Tenda per la pace e i diritti Peace and human rights tent (ITALIA)
6. Istituto Regionale per la Storia del Movimento di Liberazione nel FVG (ITALIA)
7. Circolo di Cultura Istroveneta Istria (ITALIA)
8. Udruga "Agencija Lokalne Demokracije" (CROAZIA)
9. Grad Buje - Citta' di Buie (CROAZIA)
10. Mladinski Center Nova Gorica (SLOVENIA)
11. Zavod za izobraževanje, raziskovanje in kulturo (SLOVENIA)
12. Società di studi storici e geografici, Pirano (SLOVENIA)
13. ARGE Jugend gegen Gewalt und Rassismus (AUSTRIA)
14. Amt der Steiermärkischen Landesregierung (AUSTRIA)
15. Landesverband Steiermark der AntifaschistInnen, WiderstandskämpferInnen und Opfer des Faschismus (AUSTRIA)

LEAD PARTNER - EXIST

ExisT is a no profit organisation created by former European Voluntary Service (EVS) volunteers. ExisT is the National Structure of the Former Volunteers of the European Voluntary Service (Italian Ex Vol Structure) and it is accredited by the Italian Ministry for the Young people and by the European Commission (EACEA). ExisT support the Italian young people that have lived, are living or will undertake a mobility experience in a foreign country.

The main objectives of ExisT are:

- to promote the European Voluntary Service and to give support to the current, future or passed volunteers;
- to plough back in the local community the competences acquired during the voluntary experience abroad;
- to stimulate the active participation of the young people and active the European citizenship;
- to promote the mobility and the information of the young people;

ExisT adopts the methodology of non formal learning and the peer to peer education.

ExisT organizes national and international events like youth exchanges, training course and seminars. ExisT promotes the European Voluntary Service and the opportunities for the young people. ExisT is an active member of the Network of European Voluntary Associations NEVA.

PROVINCIA DI GORIZIA

Province of Gorizia gather 25 municipalities, 140,000 inhabitants approximately. This is a land voted to the dialogue and the confrontation. A Province that, the slid century, in the short turn of thirty years, has been theatre of two world-wide conflicts. From that days it has persecuted the ideals of freedom, democracy and social justice conquered from our fathers with great suffering, in particular in the fight of liberation from the fascist dictatorship and the successive nazi occupation. And these ideals today allow to have always an eye of care for the many violations of the human rights in much part of the world and spur to an always ready hand for who have more need.

COMUNE DI MONFALCONE

The municipality of Monfalcone will be in charge of co-organising one of the events, identifying the participants attending the events locally and in the other countries, disseminate information about the project and its results locally and at regional level, participate in the coordination group meetings.

The Europe Direct sub relay hosted by Comune di Monfalcone will offer a wide selection of materials and documentation about EU. It will introduce facilitator, expert and officers of the EU to guarantee an high European dimension to the project.

COMUNE DI SAN PIER D'ISONZO

The municipality of San Pier d'Isonzo will be in charge of co-organising one of the events, identifying the participants attending the events locally and in the other countries, disseminate information about the project and its results locally and at regional level, participate in the coordination group meetings.

TENDA PER LA PACE E I DIRITTI

The no-profit association "Tenda per la Pace e i Diritti - Peace and Human Rights Tent" from Staranzano (GO), is active on local, national and international level and is committed to the promotion and defence of human rights and dignity. Its initiatives and projects range from the organisation of international meetings and responsible travels to the promotion of important issues as the struggle against discrimination and social exclusion and the need of involving all the citizens in the building of a new Europe.

ISTITUTO REGIONALE PER LA STORIA DEL MOVIMENTO DI LIBERAZIONE NEL FVG

The Regional Institute for the History of the Liberation Movement in Friuli Venezia Giulia, associated to the National Institute for the History of the Liberation Movement in Italy, aim to:

- assure a deep, complete and tidy documentation of the movement of liberation in the Friuli-Venezia Giulia Region from the anti-fascist origins to the liberation and of the historical vicissitudes of the region during the contemporary time;
- create, keeping and to upgrade the historical archives and a library of general and specific works
- in agreement with the National Institute for the History of the Liberation Movement in Italy based in Milan - the criteria of acquisition, ordering and consultation of documents, the books, periodicals;
- to promote the better understanding of the problematic aspects concerning the resistance (politics, social, military, economic, diplomatic, etc) in Friuli Venezia Giulia and other historical events.

CIRCOLO DI CULTURA ISTROVENETA ISTRIA

The organisation of the exiled from Istria was born 27 years ago in a village of refugees. The Association aim to re-establish the relationships between who left and who stayed with the support of the Istrian (Slovene, Croatian, Italian) component. After heavy difficulties due to the historical situation, nowadays the consensus grown thanks to the several initiatives and publications the association made. Recently historic researcher from Slovenian and Croatian Istria joined the board of the Association. This is a clear sign of the openness and to the desire to re-establish the cultural and economical relationships. The association has the support of several public bodies, social and cultural structures based in the three Istrian realities: Italy, Slovenia, Croatia. One of the last initiatives is the project "Concorde Park", a minimal agriculture structure between the Italian-Slovenian border, involving the Italian minority in Slovenia and the Slovenian minority in Italy.

ADL VERTENEGLIO

LDA (Local Democracy Agency) was founded with the main aim of becoming an important instrument to preserve multiculturalism and cohabitation of all different ethnic groups historically living on these lands, and at the same time, as a way to reinforce either the local democracy and the institutions of the local autonomies. Since its very beginning the LDA Verteneglio develops, realizes and is involved in the following projects: local democracy development, civil society development, transborder cooperation, inter ethnic dialogue, intercultural learning, promoting Human rights.

GRAD BUJE - CITTA' DI BUJE

The municipality of Buje will be in charge of co-organising one of the events, identifying the participants attending the events locally and in the other countries, disseminate information about the project and its results locally and at regional level, participate in the coordination group meetings.

MLADINSKI CENTER NOVA GORICA

Mladinski Center Nova Gorica was established in the year 1999 as the part of Nova Gorica community. In 2004 MCNG was re-organized into public institutions of regional influence. All activities that are leading in Youth Centre Nova Gorica are divided into five groups:

1. let's be active and creative (courses, creative workshops, vacation actions and camping, research activities)
2. help and advice (youth workshops, information and advices, anonymous forum on internet www.na-svet.net, individual advising, learning help, learning instructions a group for self-help for women and girls disturbing of eating)

3. let's have a good time (radio youth programme Dzumbus, street theatre Ana Desetnica, children celebrations, exhibitions)

4. other activities (cooperation with Unicef, international cross border cooperation Programme Youth, Culture 2000, youth parliament, lectures, round tables, seminars)

ZAVOD ZA IZOBRAZEVANJE, RAZISKOVANJE IN KULTURO

The mission of Socialna akademija (Social Academy) is to contribute to active citizenship and social responsibility of young people and young adults through training, education, research and culture. It was founded in 2004 by 3 associations: one national youth organisation (Društvo mladinski ceh) and 2 smaller associations with the majority of adult membership. However, some activities under the name of Social Academy have been set up already in early 1990s.

SOCIETÀ DI STUDI STORICI E GEOGRAFICI, PIRANO

The Society of historical and geographic studies - Pirano has been born in 2004 on initiative of a group of intellectuals of the Istria and Trieste with the attempt to study and to disseminate the culture and the history of the Adriatic area. One of the main objectives of the Society is to organize scientific meetings about non well known issues regarding the Oriental lands of the Adriatic. During these meetings and seminars, the Society analyse the historical period or the personages who have characterized a determined age. The Society organise initiatives like the "historic - cultural encounter" where they introduce new book and the libraries innovations, they speak about the history and promote conferences and debates about the past and the present of the Istria Culture.

The Society promotes symposium involving students from Slovenia, Italy Croatia. The result of the symposium and of the activities of the Society are published in the "Acta Adriatic Historica" review.

ARGE JUGEND GEGEN GEWALT UND RASSISMUS

Arge Jugend gegen Gewalt und Rassismus offers to schools, municipalities, education- and youth facilities, workshops about contemporary history and remembrance culture combined with ongoing political education.

The amount of services ranges from interviews with witnesses to history to revisiting important historical subjects (from 1933 until 1955). In addition to that, the initiation and construction of memorial projects is a significant part of the project.

AMT DER STEIERMÄRKISCHEN LANDESREGIERUNG

We are working with and for multipliers of youthwork and also with and for young people in Styria . Our Aim is empowerment of young people and participation of youth in an Europe for Citizens.

LANDESVERBAND STEIERMARK DER ANTIFASCHISTINNEN, WIDERSTANDSKÄMPFERINNEN UND OPFER DES FASCHISMUS

The KZ-Verband unifies the generation of resistance fighters and victims of fascism and the younger generation, which are willing to fight against fascism and war also nowadays.

The KZ-Verband will go on acting against any form of fascism, racism, right-wing extremism and against any belittlement of the crimes of the National Socialism and fascism.

It is very important for the survivors and eyewitnesses, who have formed the KZ-Verband to have discussions and dialogues with young peoples, to tell them what they have witnessed in their lives and so take care, that things like that will not happen again.

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