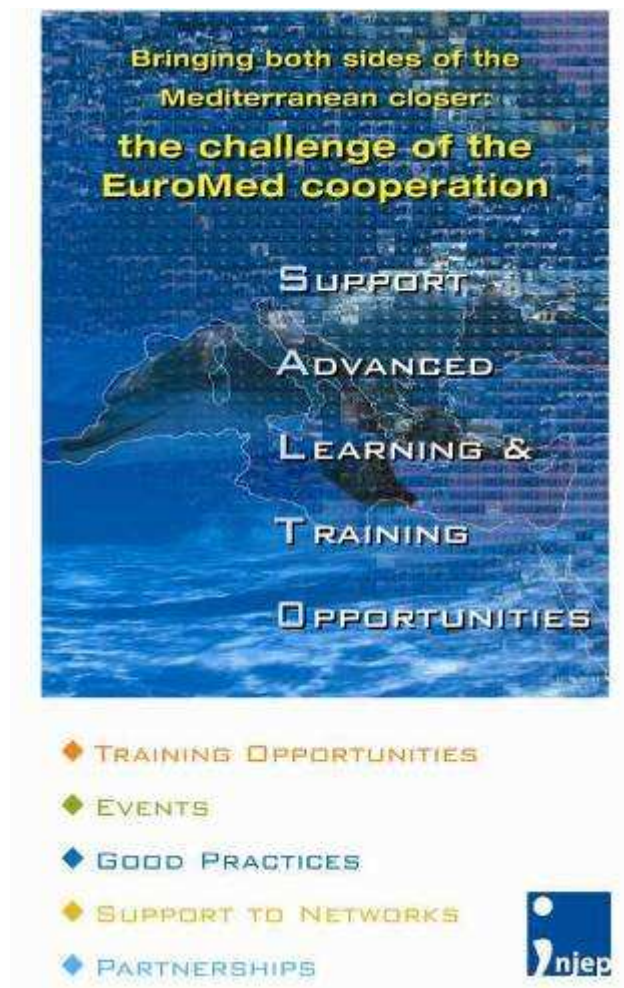




ACTIVITY REPORT 2007

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1. FOREWORD

First year of the “Youth in Action programme” 2007-2013, and resumption of the EuroMed Youth III programme, this year 2007 showed a new impulse of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

Our SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre set as objectives:

- to accompany the launching of the two programmes “Youth in Action” and “EuroMed Youth III”,
- to promote the (re)connexion between the different National Agencies and EuroMed Youth Units,
- to enhance the quality of the trainings and to revitalize the EuroMed Multipliers network,
- to highlight the “visibility” and the “promotion and dissemination of project results” of the two programmes.

The support to the EuroMed programmes encourages the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

Trainings focusing on the European Neighbourhood Policy and the two programmes “Youth in Action” and “EuroMed Youth III”, their convergences and their differences, done to the EuroMed Youth Units workers, the “Action 3” project officers of the “Youth in Action” programme and the TCP project officers, by our Resource Centre contributed to develop the cooperation between the National Agencies of the “Youth in Action” programme and the EuroMed Youth Units.

2. TRAININGS AND EVENTS

For this launching year of the “Youth in Action” programme, the Salto-Youth EuroMed RC created a “**Handbook for Hosting National Agencies**” in order to help the hosting National Agencies to organize and prepare with the Euromed spirit, events and trainings in their country.

Moreover, for the first time, each activity was coordinated by a Coordinator chosen after the call for trainers. All coordinators met before the beginning of all the activities in order to choose their team of trainers, and in the framework of steering projects as the new concepts and thematic, the reporter. In this way, we enhance our Educational Reports Collection.

Concerned about the requests from the National Agencies and the needs of the European Commission in the framework of the “Youth in Action” programme, Salto-Youth EuroMed concentrated its efforts on new concepts and thematic (in green below – page 4) and bigger events (in red below).

In the same way, Salto-Youth EuroMed continued to cooperate with several National Agencies of the “Youth in Action” programme and some Salto RCs for its training courses, seminars and events. It should be considered that the EuroMed Youth Units of the “EuroMed Youth III” programme were invited to cooperate/ participate in these activities/events.

Moreover, in order to improve more and more the quality of its activities, Salto-Youth EuroMed decided to commission an **evaluation of its activities for 2007**. This evaluation was based on the one done by the participants after the activity and compiled in a report. The reporter for this evaluation was chosen for his expertise and his knowledge of EuroMed.

Activities 2007

3 International Events

- Seminar "Let's meet our Neighbours and the World" (INJEP - France)
- International Conference "EU Neighbourhood Policy and Migrations: Role of "Youth in Action" and "EuroMed Youth III" programmes" (Canaries Islands – Spain)
- "Tool Fair" – 2nd edition (Antalya - Turkey)

3 International Training seminars

- "Place and role of Minorities within the EuroMed context: Ethnic, Linguistic, Religious" (Basque Country - Spain)
- "Inter-religious Dialogue within the EuroMed and Eastern Europe and Caucasus contexts" (Istanbul - Turkey)
- "Let's meet the Three Cultures" (Paris - France)

1 long term Training Course

- "Dialogue among Civilizations" Networking creation into 3 phases focusing on EVS (1st phase in Napflio - Greece)

1 Contact Making seminar

- "EVS in Odyssey" (Copenhagen - Denmark)



2.1. International Events

Let's Meet our Neighbours and the World
30 May – 3 June 2007, Injep/ Marly-le-Roi – France

Paths to International Cooperation in the field of youth



The idea of having a big kick-off seminar that would open possibilities for **cooperation with the Neighbouring Countries and the World within Youth in Action Programme** arose in the end of previous year. The summaries of previous Youth Programme and experiences that many organizations gained in projects first with Third Countries, then with Partner Countries and now with the Neighbouring Partner Countries clearly showed a big need to support and develop the cooperation that goes much beyond the borders of European Union.

Having a seminar, where representatives from all the regions: Programme Countries, EuroMed, South East Europe as well as Eastern Europe and Caucasus, could meet, create contacts and value the importance of wide international youth cooperation was our *dream* and also a very concrete aim for the beginning of 2007. We: European Commission, SALTO Regional Resource Centres and French National Agency had a *clear vision* of organizing an event, where the political input will go together with a very actual work on future Youth Exchanges, Trainings, Seminars and European Voluntary Service projects.

Aims and objectives

Supported by the *European Commission's General Directorate for Education and Culture* and co-organized by the *French National Agency* and the *three regional SALTO Resource Centres (EuroMed, EECA & SEE)*, this large event had been the occasion for **130 youth workers** to explore ways of cooperation with Partner Countries within the new Youth in Action Programme. **The main aim of this event was to introduce/explore the Cooperation with Neighbouring Countries of the European Union and other Partner Countries of the World within the new "Youth in Action Programme"**.

Specific objectives of this Seminar were

- To introduce the political framework of the European Neighbouring Policy.
- To introduce the Youth in Action program, its new features and explore the possibilities of cooperation with neighbouring countries (and the world).
- To present the actors and the support structures and to provide work instruments.
- To explore the richness of the neighbours (regions, youth work realities, good practices in program, and neighbour partner countries).
- To provide a space for partner matching and project development.

Profile of Participants and Selection

In the Seminar took part actors/multipliers from Programme Countries as well as from Neighbouring Partner Countries experienced in youth work and interested in developing cooperation projects together.

Staff of *National Agencies of Youth in Action Programme*, alongside with the representatives of **EuroMed Youth Units** has been also taken part in the Seminar.

Information on the Seminar was distributed by the Programme countries' *National Agencies* (coordinated by the *French National Agency*, which hosted the Seminar together with **SALTO EuroMed**) and the *Regional SALTOs* to their respective information networks. The applications from

each region were gathered in appropriate SALTO Resource Centres and the selection was made by them.

Final Number of participants and profile

Total number of participants: 99

From Program Countries: 43

From EECA: 17

From Meda: 13

From SEE: 12

From NAs: 6

From EuroMed Youth Units: 7 + 1 former NC (Egypt)



Around the event:

SALTO RCs: 6

Team: 7

Expert guests: 8

Others: 7

The Team

The facilitation team was composed by:

- Areg Tadevosyan, International Centre for Intercultural Research, Learning and Dialogue, Armenia
- Hiba Tibi, free lance trainer, Palestine
- Lidija Burič, free lance trainer, Croatia

The team was coordinated by Davide Tonon, free lance trainer, Italy-Spain

Logistic team was composed by: Jacques Huon, Alice Dartout & Stephanie Henry

French NA: Isabelle Olivier, Gilles Baccala

SALTO: Bernard Abrignani & Caroline Mayaudon (EuroMed), Einar Rafn & Katja Spür (SEE), Tomasz Szopa & Andrij Pavlovych (EECA).



Partner-Matching results

During the partner matching process, information and consultation points (SALTOS: cooperation and practicalities, financial issues if necessary, Team: methodology, Executive Agency: centralized projects, NAs: different actions) were also available to provide ongoing support to project teams. At the end of the session the results of the partner matching were visualized on the map on Europe and Neighbourhood where the project ideas were also briefly introduced by members of the working groups. In total 34 project ideas were developed by participants.



EU Neighbourhood policy and Migrations: The role of the "Youth in Action" and "Euromed Youth III" programmes
27 November - 2 December 2007, Canary Islands - Spain



Conference organised with the Spanish National Agency for the "Youth in Action" programme, the Ministry of Work and Social Affairs in Madrid and the local government of Canaries Islands, on Tenerife Island.

Short Introduction

When we hear the word "neighbourhood", we immediately think about good relationship and this nice person that always have a cup of coffee or tea to offer, when we go asking for some sugar or wheat. When we hear about policies, our mind picture changes considerably...

Background

During the Middle-Age, the Mediterranean Sea was a common space for civilisations and communities, sharing trade and cultures, beliefs and values, where kingdoms and states - going one step beyond the political or economic interests - experienced the richness of diversity and intercultural awareness...

The EU main concern has been the active role of their members in the recovering of the Mediterranean Area as a space for peace and cooperation. Today Canary Islands is one of the places where illegal migration is more acute and for this reason the venue will offer a good starting point for debating on this thorny issue.

Conference main goals were:

- To acknowledge the main achievements occurred since the EU creation, its active role through its Euromed policies and the new challenges EU has to face;
- To promote an active, efficient and authentic neighbourhood policy in terms of migrations, involving and committing young people in this process ;
- To use the new programmes (YIA and Euromed Youth III) to face the current challenges within the Neighbourhood Policy;
- To share tools, methods and strategies related with good practices which emerged in the previous EU funding period;

Profile of participants

The course was intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- were experienced in the Youth field, familiar with these topics and working with migrants;
- were open to enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding the other cultures;
- were committed to prepare themselves for the handled subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- were interested to develop projects within the Youth in Action and Euromed Youth Programmes;
- were supported by their organisation and have green light for implementing YOUTH projects;
- were able to communicate and work in at least one of the two working languages of this event (English and French);
- were residents in a European Union Member State and/or one of the EU Partner countries.

What happened during the Conference?

The Conference gathered more than 100 people from 40 European and partner countries.

Youngsters, youth organizations, youth workers, 6 National Agencies of the "Youth in Action" programme, 6 EuroMed Units of the "EuroMed Youth III" programme, university experts, the Commission and institutional representatives from European Union, Balkans, Eastern Europe and Caucasus, debated on the role played by the two programmes "Youth in Action" and "EuroMed Youth III" in the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

Coordination Team

Facilitators: Lucia Barbieri, Sally Salem, Leo Kaserer
 Coordinator: Andrés Abad
 Salto EuroMed: Bernard Abrignani
 Spanish NA: Paloma Iznola, Belén Rivera, Ana Reguera
 Youth Canary Government: Juan Carlos Rojas



Consejería de Bienestar Social,
Juventud y Vivienda



TOOL FAIR 2nd edition
12-16 December 2007, Antalya - Turkey

Valorisation can be defined as the process of disseminating and exploiting the results of projects with a view to optimising their value, strengthening their impact and making the largest possible number of young people in Europe benefit from it. (DG-EAC)

Background

In order to have an impact (at local, regional, national, and in some cases also at European level), the results of all Youth in Action projects need to produce long-lasting effects and to be better known and actively used.

As far as project promoters are concerned, they should carry out activities aimed at making their projects and the results more visible, better known and sustainable. This means that the results of a project will continue to be used and have a positive effect on the largest possible number of young people once the project has come to an end.

... small projects may aim more towards having an impact at local level by carrying out visibility activities and by raising awareness of the participants. On the contrary, larger projects, based on bigger partnerships, may be more ambitious and aim at creating an impact at sectoral or national and European level through a strategy for the dissemination, exploitation and follow-up of their results. "Youth in Action Programme guide"

Following the frank success of this large event (France, December 2006) the Salto Youth EuroMed RC re-co-organised the **second edition of the "Tool Fair"**.

Once again 100 people were expected!! Participants come from both "Programme" and "Partner" countries, all stakeholders of the YOUTH programme: young people, youth workers, trainers, etc.

In one place, for 5 days, the Fair was a "showroom" for the huge variety and richness of tools developed and used under the YOUTH programme, a place to experiment with methods and exercises used within the different actions (youth exchanges, EVS, youth initiatives, training) and based on different themes (cultural diversity, inclusion, cooperation with partner countries, etc...).

The Fair could become the creation of the participants themselves and enable their tools to be used throughout the programme. "Savoir-faire" will be gathered in order to create a "common memory".

Partners

This event was co-organised by the Turkish National Agency and SALTO-France-"Good Practices" (www.salto-youth.net/euromed , see SALTO Euromed RC). Partner organizations were:

- SALTO South East Europe RC
- SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus RC
- Akdeniz University in Antalya

Aim/Objectives

- To gather and to "valorise" tools created and implemented within the framework of youth work in general and Youth in Action programme more specifically
- To test tools,
- To analyse and to reflect on the transferability of these tools.



Profile of the participants:

Participants should:

- be active in the youth field in general and more specifically within the YOUTH in Action Programme (young people, youth workers, youth leaders, trainers, NA representatives,...)
- have created a "tool" and experienced it within a YOUTH project;
- be ready to share it with others during the fair

What is meant by "tool"?

A tool is any educational means, process or materials which can be used to support trainers, youth workers or young people themselves to better achieve the aims or goals of their activities. It can be "touchable", "showable", like a video, a booklet, a report, a board game, etc. It can be experienced, like a simulation game, a creative workshop, a quiz, a role play or any outdoor activities, etc.

What happened during the Tool Fair?

29 Workshops running during 3 days:

- 21 different tools presented in workshops
- 3 workshops on technical tools
- 5 workshops on Tools for cooperation
- Around 40 tools presented in the exhibition
- 3 lectures from experts
- Around 50 project ideas discussed in the partnership building activity
- Discover of Turkish culture, and MORE!

Team

Facilitator: Saro Rossi

Coordinator: Tugce Ciftcibasi

Salto EuroMed: Bernard Abrignani, Stéphanie Henry

Turkish NA: Ibrahim Demirel



2.2. International Training Courses

Place and role of Minorities in EuroMed context: Ethnic, Linguistic and Religious
22-30 September 2007, Basque country - Spain



One of the richness of the Euro Mediterranean area is the coexistence of a high percentage of minorities full of aspects that make them unique. Due to different social, cultural and political factors, some minorities are being extinct while some others survive.

Background

Within this framework, the Salto-Youth EuroMed Resource Centre with the support of the Basque Government and the collaboration of the Spanish NA for the "Youth in Action" Programme were willing to develop for the first time this training course about the place and role of minorities in the Euromed context.

Specificity of the venue

Prehistoric man came to the Western foothills of the Pyrenees in search of a place to settle and live. Close to the natural border - formed by the mountains that stretch across the land joining the Iberian Peninsula to the rest of Europe - he found what he was looking for. The Basques have lived uninterruptedly in this small region since the beginning of recorded time by maintaining their age-old cultural traditions, and keeping their historic identity alive, the Basques provide a link with man's distant past. Euskara, the Basque language, is probably the oldest surviving language in Europe. As the Basques, several other minorities in Europe and in Meda countries have lived uninterruptedly in small areas and kept alive culture, traditions and more generally their identity throughout the centuries.



Aim

In order to know more about the reality of minorities in the Euromed frame this training course aimed at:

- Increasing participants' knowledge about the situation of minorities in the Euromed context: history, law, existing and persecuted minorities...;
- facilitating the sharing of experiences and realities about minorities in the countries involved;
- offering a special focus on ethnic, linguistic and religious minorities, having as a starting point the reality of the hosting region;
- providing participants with a better knowledge about the new Youth in Action programme and the Euromed Youth Programme III;
- Acquiring competences and learning new methods that will help participants to develop projects in the Euromed frame focus on the topic of minorities.

Profile of participants

The course was intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- were experienced in the Youth field and familiar with these topics and ideally working with minorities;
- were open to enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding the other cultures;
- were committed to prepare themselves for the above-mentioned subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- were motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;

- were supported by their organisation and have green light for implementing a Euro-Med YOUTH project;
- were able to communicate and work in at least one of the two working languages of this training course (English and French)
- were residents in a European Union Member States or in a Mediterranean Partner countries signatory to the Barcelona Declaration.



Participants

25 participants from 15 countries:

- 12 from Meda countries
- 13 from EU countries

The team

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SALTO-YOUTH Euromed RC: Bernard ABRIGNANI



Report

The aim of the seminar was reached. Following up the evaluations, the participants were in majority satisfied by the knowledge, competences, experiences and learning acquired during the conference.



Inter-religious Dialogue: Mediterranean, Caucasian and European contexts 6-14 October 2007, Istanbul - Turkey



Background

Inter-religious Dialogue, for a better Understanding!

In a globalized world where intra- and inter-religious conflicts remain unabated, it may be necessary to grant greater attention to Dialogue. Intercultural and inter-religious dialogues are then seen as ever more essential tools for human development and peace building. Learning the art of dialogue is both a personal and social process. Developing one's skills and capacity for dialogue implies a willingness to be open while retaining one's critical judgment. Dialogue concerns us all: from

decision-makers, trainers, youth leaders to individuals within each community.

Specificity of the venue

The city of Istanbul has many areas where people of very different religions have lived side-by-side for centuries with their practices and customs and continue to do. One can find Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant, Armenian Churches, Synagogues as well as Mosques where to practice the religion of his/her choosing.

This seminar stood during the Ramadan and the Aid feast and we found this aspect particularly interesting to treat the subject of inter-religious dialogue.



Aim

The main aim of this training seminar was to prepare youth workers to deal with religious issues in their job and to promote dialogue among the different religions, spiritual and humanistic traditions mainly in the Mediterranean, Caucasian and European contexts where conflicts are increasingly associated with religious belonging (as today there are concerns about toleration of other religious groups in Islamic states and manifestations of Islamophobia and anti-Semitism against European Muslims and Jews).

It stressed the reciprocal interactions and influences between, on the one hand, religions, spiritual and humanistic traditions, and on the other, the need to promote understanding between them in order to challenge ignorance and prejudices and foster mutual respect.

Objectives

On a more theoretical basis, this training seminar considered and analysed - on a "get-to-know" way - the major religions (distinguished from minor religions regarding the number of adherents) belonging to the Mediterranean, Caucasian and European contexts and gave a coherent explanation of the historical development of religious ideas, institutions, and practices.

These are: Christianity, Islam (which are together with Hinduism and Buddhism the largest world religions today representing approximately 75% of humanity) Judaism (which counts 14 million followers around the world) as well as other "irreligious" or secular approaches as Humanism, Atheism, Rationalism, Agnosticism and other movements (approximately 1 billion people adherents).

Thus, the training seminar tackled some key concepts as the meaning of religion, freedom of belief and freedom of worship, the individual choice not to follow any religion and not to believe in any god but also freedom of religion, religious toleration, separation of church and state or secularism (laïcité) and other notions necessary for a broad understanding of the major religious traditions that have influenced the development of the EuroMed space (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) as well as the ways in which church and state have related through history.

A special focus had been given to the reciprocal interactions and influences between, on the one hand, religions, spiritual and humanistic traditions, and on the other, the need to promote understanding between them in order to challenge ignorance and prejudices and to foster mutual respect, considering that the promotion of religious toleration and inter-religious dialogue remain "of primordial importance," for the *Youth in Action* and *EuroMed Youth* programmes.

The following **concrete objectives** had been set in order to reach the aims as described above:

- 1) To provide educational support and time for the participants to share and reflect about their own experiences and knowledge in the field of inter-religious dialogue
- 2) To disseminate the principles of inter-religious dialogue using different means.
- 3) To identify common elements in relation with the other religions that help participants built common understanding
- 4) To help and support participants in improving their competence (Knowledge, Skills, Attitudes and Values) in the field of inter-religious dialogue.
- 5) To allocate space for the participants to develop project ideas in the field of inter-religious dialogue in the Mediterranean, Caucasian and European areas.
- 6) To develop specific methods and necessary tools for better cooperation in the future.

Profile of participants

The course was intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- were experienced in the Youth field and familiar with this topic ;
- were open to enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding the other cultures;
- were committed to prepare themselves for the above-mentioned subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- were motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- were supported by their organization and have green light for implementing the Youth in Action and Euromed Youth projects;
- were able to communicate in English language - this is only one working language; (language support from the team will be available to certain level - French, Russian, Arabic, German, Polish and Azeri)
- were residents in a European Union Member State, or in a Mediterranean Partner country signatory to the Barcelona Process, or in one of the seven countries belonging to Eastern Europe and Caucasus partner region.

Participants

28 participants from 25 countries: 9 from Mediterranean countries, 6 from EECA countries, 12 from EU countries, 1 from Sweden.

The Team

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- Coordinator: Roy Abou Habib
- Reporter: Simon Forester
- SALTO: Tomasz Szopa (EECA), Bernard Abrignani (EuroMed)



Report

Following up this Training seminar, an Educational report will be published in 2008 on "Faith, Religion and Dialogue".



Let's meet the three cultures
27 October - 4 November 2007, Paris - France

This is the 4th and the last edition of this thematic training course.

The event was co-organised with the French National Agency of the "Youth in Action" programme.

Background

The three cultures, Christianity, Islam and Judaism, have been present in Europe since early times. Europe today reflect the rich and intrinsic relations between the cultures along the times, showing in itself meeting points as well as the result of conflicts along the years.

Paris, standing in the geographical and cultural middle of the continent, represents at the same time those cultures, within a society which strives for a constant secularism.



Specificity of the venue

The symbol of the city of Paris, with its rich multicultural history and its communities, was used as an educational tool. More than ever before, Paris of the 21st century is a feisty brew of people from around the world. Old-fashioned French flavours have not been lost, or even submerged - men with "berets" still play "boules" on the "quais de Seine", and "Mesdames" still feed tasty titbits to their poodles from the restaurant table. But there are more ingredients in the city mix, more viewpoints. It is estimated that 20% of the two million people living in central Paris are immigrants. In the North African strongholds of "Belleville" and "La Goutte d'Or", men in bars sup sugary mint tea and puff on water pipes. Restaurants serve couscous, tagine and sticky pastries against a background of raï music.



Aim

To develop Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, reinforcing the quality of the Euromed Youth Programme within an intercultural context, increasing the participants' skills in Euromed cultures (not cultural management) and their active participation in the Euro Mediterranean process.

Objectives

- To know Euromed cultures and their relation with the Christianity, Islam and Judaism.
- To reflect on the participants' own cultural identity.
- To identify the common elements in relation with the other cultures.
- To reflect on the place of secularism in Euromed societies.
- To be able to create together using the past to prepare a better future.
- To prepare the framework and coach the participants in the realisation of concrete partnerships within the Euromed Youth Programme.

Main features

Intercultural activities were organized using different techniques and methods linked to communication tools like: languages, arts forms, food, traditions, (advertising), as well as using the five senses.

Activities were organized using different techniques and methods linked to verbal and non-verbal communication.

Each group worked in its own topic, in relations to the three cultures and the place of secularism.

Each group had to research, develop and deliver a two-hour non-formal education activity to the rest of the group, which has a transferable characteristic to be later implemented practically with youth within the Euromed region.

Participants had to research about the topic, how it was in the past; and they had to prepare and to organise one active performance to provide these discoveries to other participants;

Each topic needed to be crossed by two themes: the place of the women and the religion, in each of these four topics in the past, in order to be used during a debriefing and to reflect on today's reality.

Additional programme elements

- Why EuroMed (cooperation) projects?
- Communication and group dynamics.
- Christianity, Islam and Judaism within EuroMed.
- The place of secularism in EuroMed societies and its relation with the three cultures.
- Definitions of culture, multiculturalism and interculturalism.
- Intercultural awareness.
- International teamwork.
- Evaluation.
- Planning of follow-up.

Profile of participants

The course was intended to be an opportunity for further training for youth workers and youth leaders who:

- were experienced in the Youth field and familiar with this topic;
- were open to enrich their knowledge and awareness regarding the other cultures;
- were committed to prepare themselves for the above-mentioned subjects, previous to their arrival and to do the remote work requested by the team in case of selection;
- were motivated to undergo training and able to attend the course for its full duration;
- were supported by their organisation and have green light for implementing a Euro-Med YOUTH project;
- were able to communicate and work in at least one of the two working languages of this training course (English and French)
- were residents in a European Union Member State or in a Mediterranean Partner country signatory to the Barcelona Declaration.



Participants

26 participants from 16 countries: 14 from Meda countries and 12 from EU countries. Turkey is considered as Meda country.

Team

Trainers: Hiba Al Taibi, Cathy Baccomo, Giuseppe Marletta

Coordinator: Claudio Kogon

Reporter: Dalila Ferhaoui (association Avicenne)

French NA: Anna Seguin, Alice Dartout

Salto-Youth EuroMed: Bernard Abrignani

Report

This 4th edition marked the end of the compilation of educational units related to this topic (exercises, stimulation games...). An Educational report will be published in 2008 on "the Three Cultures".

2.3. Contact Making Seminar

EVS Odyssey in EuroMed 5- 9 September 2007, Høje Taastrup - Denmark



This CMS, organised together with the Swedish National Agency, Ungdomsstyrelsen, the Finnish National Agency, CIMO, and the Danish National Agency, CIRIUS, aimed to boost the "Action 2" cooperation among these three countries' and the Mediterranean partners countries' youth organisations dealing with EVS !
Let's get prepared to enter into the new "Youth in Action" and "Euromed Youth III" programmes with new quality of EVS projects!

Background

Euromed cooperation has been developing and enriching constantly since its beginning. EU and Meda countries have been bridging both sides of the Mediterranean Sea, youth organizations have been contributing to create links and to make out of this cooperation between countries a reality of youth projects.

The new generation of programmes "Youth in Action" and "Euromed Youth III" will offer to young people the opportunity of enriching their own individual educational pathway by Euromed Voluntary Service and to youth organizations the chance to turn these individual wills into an exciting local hosting project, which could give them the opportunity to develop new projects, new ways of working.

Euromed Voluntary Service

This is the meaning of European Voluntary Service in Euromed: create links, between individual projects of young people, and strategies of Euromed cooperation between youth organisations from Nordic countries and countries from the Southern bank of the Mediterranean Sea.

Objectives

- To create a space of Euromed cooperation in the field of European Voluntary Service.
- To support the creation and development of new innovative and quality EVS projects in Euromed.
- To facilitate the contact making between Swedish, Finnish, Danish and youth organisations active in EVS (or willing to become so) and the Mediterranean partners countries.
- To get acquainted with the new programmes "Youth in Action" and "Euromed Youth III" and its developments.
- To get a common understanding of the voluntary work and of the various educational perspectives in regards to cultural diversity.

Profile of participants

30 participants: 15 from Meda countries and 15 from Swedish (5), Finnish (5) and Danish (5) countries. Full time and/or volunteer youth workers, representing of youth organisations (or similar). With capacity in making decision on the behalf of their NGOs or with a clear mandate, that might help them to commit into partnerships and projects.

- With practical experience in the EuroMed Youth Programme III (all actions) or with experience in the European Youth Programme and knowledge of the EuroMed Youth Programme (all actions).
- With experience of EVS in the frame of EuroMed Youth Programme and/or European Youth Programme, and/or with a concrete sending or hosting project in EVS.
- Committed to attend the whole working programme of the seminar.



Programme Elements

- Contact-making oriented
- Stands and organisation market
- Exchange of practices: in Euromed, in EVS
- Partner matching
- Project and partnership time: Work on sending and hosting projects

Quality and knowledge-oriented

- Voluntary work in Euromed: Inputs and workshops
- Educational perspectives (Educational systems and visions of non formal education in the different Euromed countries): Input and workshops
- Information on the future of the Euromed Youth Programme and the future infrastructures for Meda countries (Input)
- Reflection on EVS and Euromed in a wider cultural and geopolitical framework: administrative and political barriers, cultural habits and local customs...

Our travelling companions

24 participants representing 10 countries:

- 7 Meda: Algeria, Morocco, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Tunisia
- EU: Denmark, Finland, Sweden

23 different organisations, hosting and/or sending

23 potential partners

A very wide field of cooperation within organisations active in various fields of work: Art and culture, social youth work, women, youth information, youth forum, sciences, education, inter-religious dialogue, European mobility, intercultural learning, youth and sport, cultural exchange, student organisations, ...

The Team

Trainers: Jalel Labidi, Davide Tonon
 Danish NA, CIRIUS: Pia Hegner, Jette Esager Rasmussen
 Finnish NA, CIMO: Hilma Ruokolainen
 Coordinator: Bernard Abrignani, SALTO Euromed RC



Results of partnership work

Following up the working groups, several projects were discussed:

- 18 EVS projects
- 16 partnership projects

2.4. Long Term Training Course

Dialogue among Civilizations

1st step: 11-18 November 2007 – Napflio, Greece

A Long Term Training-Course on Networking Projects focusing on EVS

3 steps: 2007 Greece / 2008 Cyprus



Why is it an issue?

"...The anxiety and confusion caused by the "clash of civilizations" theory regrettably has distorted the terms of the discourse on the real nature of the predicament the world is facing. The history of relations between cultures is not only one of wars and confrontation. It is also based on centuries of constructive exchanges, cross-fertilization, and peaceful co-existence. Moreover, classifying internally fluid and diverse societies along hard-and-fast lines of civilizations interferes with more illuminating ways of understanding questions of identity, motivation and behavior..."¹

This issue is now political, challenging and up-to-date. The European Union, through the "Youth in Action" and the "Euromed Youth III" Programmes, is fully part of this reflection process. Naturally, Salto-Youth EuroMed, as a resource centre for training and cooperation within the Euromed Youth Programme, has an important role to play: after having worked on training courses like "Education and civilization" or "Common memory, common heritage", Salto-Youth EuroMed RC, the Greek and Cypriot National Agencies decided to co-organize and to respectively host the two training events of this long term process. The question of civilizations and dialogue can surely gain historical, philosophical and geopolitical consistence at the crossroad between these two countries.

Within Euromed area the question of dialogue as an operational tool, for developing networking and partnership strategy of non formal education between the two sides of the Mediterranean Sea is a crucial and challenging issue. In other words, to make dialogue among civilisations become a reality.

What do we propose?

A long-term Training Course, thematic, but also strongly oriented towards action and strategy of cooperation, through the Action 4.3, sub-action "Networking projects".

3 main phases:

- **1st step:** Training-Course "Common roots for a common ground"
- **2nd step:** Practical experience of networking projects "Networks for dialogue". Deadline of 1st of February.
- **3rd step:** Training-Course and ongoing evaluation of networking projects "Common ground for a common future"



¹ Extract of the final report presented by the high level group to the UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan as a preamble for establishing an Alliance of civilisations within the United Nations. (ALLIANCE OF CIVILISATIONS REPORT)

Objectives

- To explore the concept of cross-fertilized civilisations and define what makes the cultural identity of Euromed area
- To understand the challenges of dialogue among civilisations within the Euromed Youth Programme and vice-versa
- To get acquainted with the procedures of the new Youth in Action Programme and the new Euromed structure, especially the actions 4.3 of networking and 3.1 Training and Networking projects
- To offer a special focus on EVS
- To gain competences in managing networks and strategies of cooperation
- To set up, run and evaluate networking projects reinforcing dialogue among civilisations within the Euromed Youth Programme

Profile of participants

- experienced in Youth (in Action) Programme and/or Euromed Youth Programme (possibly in several actions),
- experienced in the Youth field and familiar with EVS projects,
- able to work in English or French,
- Willing to create a long-term strategy of cooperation, within the networking projects, with specific interest in the topic of the TC.

Participants

22 participants from 16 countries: 12 from Meda countries, 10 from EU countries.

Team

Trainers: Leo Kaserer, Taoufik Louzari

Coordinator: Federica Demicheli

Reporter: Gisèle Kirby

Turkish NA: Ali Yurtsever

Salto-Youth EuroMed: Bernard Abrignani

"There was a common understanding of the whole process of the training between the team members; the task division was mainly balanced according to the skills of each trainer and the daily program contribution"

Next steps

In 2008, there will be a second phase of producing projects and a final third phase on Evaluation of these projects which will stand in Cyprus, from 8 to 14 December 2008.



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RESOURCE CENTRE



3. POOL OF TRAINERS

In 2007, after a call for candidates, the Salto Euromed resource center recruited 7 coordinators, 7 facilitators and 10 trainers. Some of the trainers were contracted as “junior trainer”. Most of them participated as trainees in one of our activities. This way of doing offer them the opportunity to develop their skills and to become a trainer and to enlarge the number of potential trainers. The majority of the selected people were trained in TATEM and TOTEM long term training courses.

Definition of COORDINATOR, TRAINER, FACILITATOR (from the Handbook for the organization of SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Activities – Edition 2008)

COORDINATOR

The coordinator of the EuroMed Activity is an experienced trainer selected and appointed by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed RC. In all points of view, he/she is the referent on behalf of Bernard Abrignani, Coordinator of the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre.

Appointed by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre, the coordinator has to develop and prepare remotely the program of the Activity and ensure an equitable division of tasks between team members. The coordinator will ensure a regular and transparent communication process between team members.

The coordinator needs to share with the team members the responsibility for the preparatory remote work requested from the participants and for any educational communication with participants before the start of the Activity. SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre will make information it has about participants available to the team right after the selection of the candidates is closed.

After the Activity, the coordinator has to ensure his/her own participation to its evaluation and follow-up process.

The coordinator obligations are:

- to analyse and synthesise participants' evaluation forms
- to evaluate his/her own contribution
- to contribute to the final report (methodology and exercises)
- to fill in all new activities developed in the toolbox on <http://www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/toolbox>
- to write afterwards a five pages maximum personal report/analyse/evaluation on the Activity.

TRAINER

Under the impulse of the coordinator of the Activity, appointed by the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre, the trainer has to develop and prepare remotely the program in close cooperation with the team members. The trainer will be available for all requests which come from the coordinator.

The trainer has to share with the team members the responsibility for the preparatory remote work requested from the participants and for any educational communication with participants before the start of the Activity. The trainer has to run working sessions during the activity and to be as much pedagogical as possible. He will give inputs as the same level than the coordinator.

After the Activity, the trainer has to ensure his/her own participation to its evaluation and follow-up process.

The trainer obligations are:

- to analyse and synthesise participants' evaluation forms
- to evaluate his/her own contribution
- to contribute to the final report (methodology and exercises)
- to fill in all new activities developed in the toolbox on <http://www.SALTO-YOUTH.net/toolbox>
- to write afterwards a five pages maximum personal report/analyse/evaluation on the Activity.

FACILITATOR

The specific tasks of the facilitator are:

- to facilitate the progress of the program
- to ease the communication between the participants.
- to contribute to the general atmosphere of the event by creating a smooth way of interpersonal relations

After the Activity, the facilitator has to ensure his/her own participation to its evaluation and follow-up process.

SALTO EUROEMD ACTIVITY in 2007	coordinator	trainers/facilitators	nationality
CMS "EVS in Odyssey" Denmark	Davide TONON	Jalel Labidi (trainer)	Tunisian
		Hebah Al Taibi (facilitator)	Palestinian
Seminar "Let's meet Our Neighbours and the World" France	Davide TONON	Areg Tadevosyan (facilitator)	Armenian
		Lidija Buric (facilitator)	Croatian
Training seminar «Place and Role of Minorities within the Euromed context : Ethnic, Linguistic, Religious» Spain	Zurine ARRUZA	Justine Abi Saad (trainer)	Lebanese
		Ali Oktay Koc (junior trainer)	Turkish
		Tamara Cuprian (rapporteur)	Romanian
International Conference : «EU Neighborhood policy and migrations» Role of YIA and Euromed Youth programmes Spain	Andrès ABAD	Sally Salem (facilitator)	Egypt
		Lucia Barbieri (facilitator)	Italian
		Leo Kaserer (facilitator)	Austrian
Training seminar «Inter-religious Dialogue within the Euromed context » Turkey	Roy ABOU HABIB	Emin E. Amrullayev	Azeri
		Marta Piszczek (junior trainer)	Polish
		Tugba Cansali (logistic)	Turkish
		Christin Voigt (junior trainer)	German
		Simon Forrester (rapporteur)	British
Training seminar « Let's meet the three Cultures » France	Claudio KOGON	Heba Al Taibi (trainer)	Palestinian
		Giuseppe Marletta (trainer)	Italian
		Cathy Baccamo (trainer)	French
		Dalila Ferhaoui (logistic+rapporteur)	French
TOOL FAIR 2nd edition Turkey	Tugba Ciftcibasi	Saro Rossi (facilitator)	Italian
		Miguel Barcia (evaluator)	Spanish
Long Term Training course« Dialogue among civilisations» - Networking creation into 3 phases Greece	Federica DEMICHELII	Leo Kaserer (trainer)	Austrian
		Taoufik Louzari (trainer)	Moroccan
		Gisele Kirby (rapporteur)	British
A board game on Euro-Mediterranean countries	Lucia BARBIERI	Denis Sestier	French
		Diana Spano & Andrea Baroni	Italian
EVALUATION Meeting	Miguel Garcia		Spanish

4. NETWORKING SUPPORT

In order to support the network of National Agencies and Multipliers of the Youth in Action programme the Salto-Youth EuroMed RC proposes:

- Dissemination of specific information on Euromed related issues via our website www.salto-youth.net/euromed, an electronic newsletter “EuroMed Info” and a Magazine “Meet’in EuroMed”. Both are distributed to all our institutional and non-governmental partners.
- Dissemination of educational Good practices in youth work,
- Availability NAs requests and other partners requests for intervention and/or support;
- Opportunities for Job Shadowing.

More specifically, for this launching year of the Youth in Action programme, we provided:

- 2 Newsletters on EuroMed cooperation (French and English),
- 4 Newsletters on the daily news of Salto-Youth EuroMed and EuroMed department in INJEP,
- 1 issue of the magazine “Meet’in EuroMed” (350 copies)
- Creation of the common Brochure “Paths to International Cooperation in the field of Youth” with other regional Salto RCs,
- The management of two websites, in French and English.



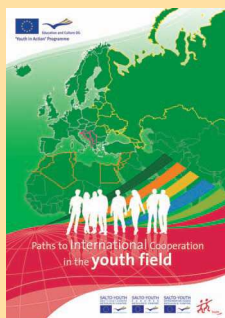
2 Newsletters EuroMed Info in 2007:

- N°19 focuses on EuroMed activities
- N°20 focuses on the EU Year dedicated to the Intercultural Dialogue



1 Magazine “Meet’in EuroMed”

Focuses on the two EU programmes “Youth in Action” and “EuroMed Youth III” and EuroMed partners projects.



Common Brochure “Paths to International Cooperation in the field of Youth”

The three regional Salto-Youth RCs cooperated to create and disseminate of this Brochure focusing on the Action 3 “Youth in the World” of the “Youth in Action” programme.

5. GOOD EDUCATIONAL PRACTICES

The Salto-Youth EuroMed RC has two sectors of intervention, the better known being the Euromed area and the lesser one the field of the good teaching practices.

For this reason, we collect teaching aids related on the “Youth in Action” programme in particular and non formal education in general; their distribution through a Newsletter (no issue this year) and by the management of the “Tool box” on the Salto RCs’ website <http://www.salto-youth.net/toolbox/>.

5.1. TOOL BOX

(report realized by Clément Dupuis)

Presentation of the toolbox

The Toolbox for Training is like an on-line bookshelf, from which people working on the youth-field (especially trainers) can pull different training tools according to their needs. This facilitates access to available training material and avoids reinventing the wheel. The search function allows people to look for individual training methods, reference texts or manuals or presentations, without needing to know in which course report they were used. They simply need to type a keyword or select which type of tool they are looking for about which topic.

Moreover, it is possible to add training methods or background texts to this increasing collection of training material (by creating a username and login). Moreover, people can add trainer comments at the bottom of each listed training tool (e.g. if they have used one of the training tools in a different way etc) to increase the body of knowledge dynamically. *To ensure quality and coherence, your additions will be checked by the administrator before going online.*

The training tools in this Toolbox for Training have been pooled from various sources. SALTO does not claim it being its property. Most of these training methods have been around for many years and have been used in numerous courses in a large variety of formats. Therefore it is difficult to refer to the original source of the tool. Should people know the original or whether copyright is pending on a tool, they can inform toolbox@salto-youth.net and the team will adapt the tool accordingly.

In total, 715 tools have been entered since the creation of the toolbox, with 667 available on-line after the check of the administrator.

There are different types of tools (directly or indirectly) available (*please, note that the types of tools put in bold are the most represented on the toolbox*):

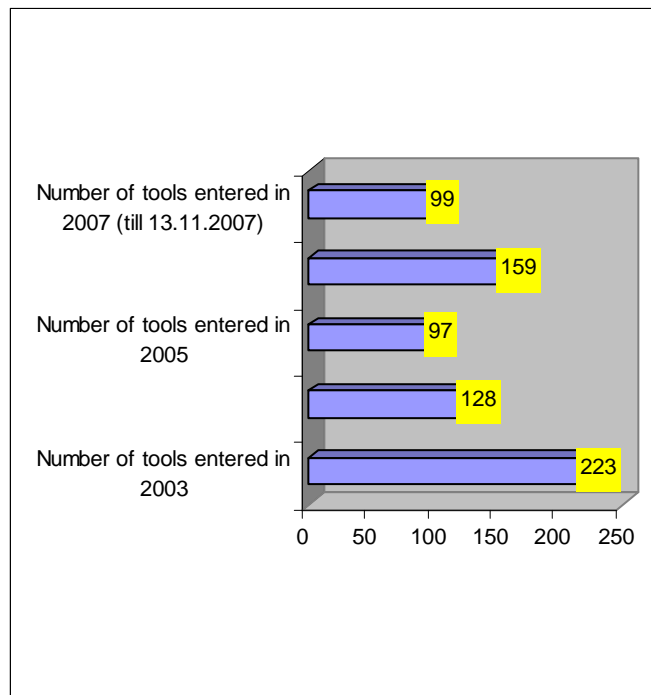
- **Background Text**
- Cd Rom
- Energiser
- **Exercise**
- **Group Building Activity**
- Group Division
- Ice-Breaker
- Manual
- Name Game/Get To Know Each Other
- Presentation
- Report
- Simulation Exercise
- Video

The topics classified cover all the issues of the YiA programme (*please, note that the topics put in bold are the most represented on the toolbox*):

- Anti Racism
- Conflict Management
- Disability
- Eeca
- Euromed
- European Citizenship
- Evaluation
- Gender Issues
- **Group Dynamics**
- **Intercultural Learning**
- Networking & Follow-Up
- Organisational Management
- Peer Education
- Personal Development
- **Project Management**
- **Social Inclusion**
- See
- Voluntary Service
- Youth Initiatives
- Youth in Action Programme

Evolution of the tool box

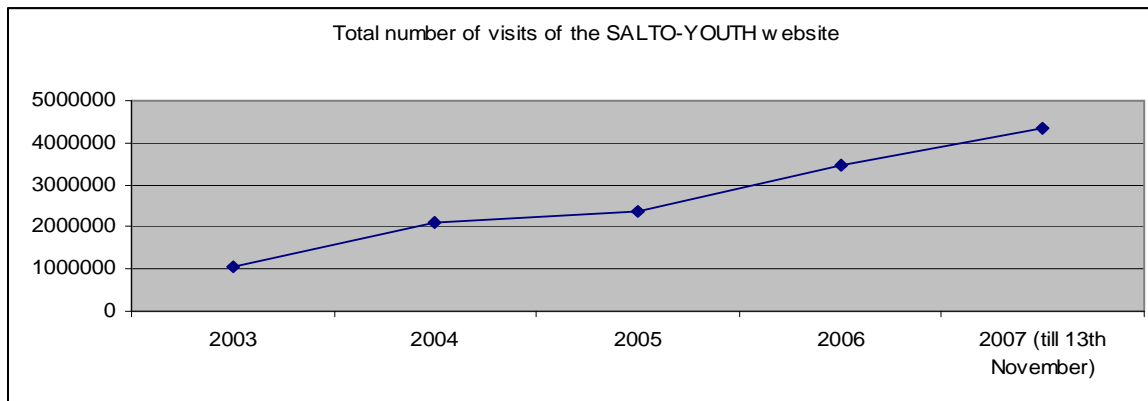
Since 2003, the number of tools available never stopped increasing. The addition of new tools varies a lot year to year.



The proportion of tools that were not validated remains very little (48 out of 715 in total). The reasons why a few of them:

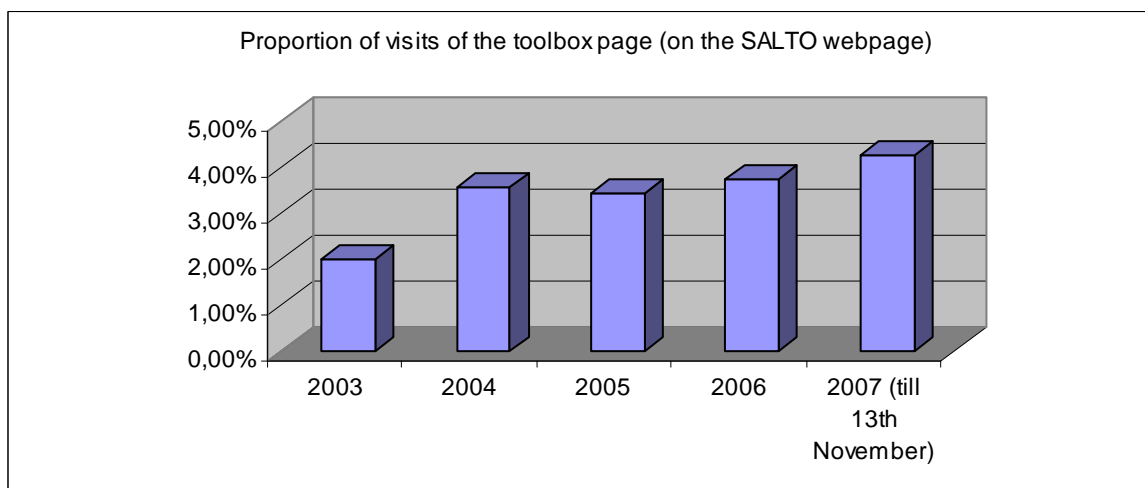
- don't have a clear and precise description of the tool
- are a commercial promotion of a product
- are already put in the toolbox (even with another name)
- remain bad quality tools that are poor or tools that reach results that are at the opposite of the objectives of the YOUTH IN ACTION programme.

More and more people tend to get on the tool box page of the SALTO-YOUTH webpage. Within 4 years, we can observe a growth of 417,42 %.



* have been added the number of connections on the "/find-a-tool" and the "/toolbox" parts of the SALTO-YOUTH webpage.

To finish with, the proportion of visits of the toolbox in the SALTO-YOUTH website increased from 1,99% in 2003 to 4,29% in 2007.



Development opportunities of the toolbox

First, except figures, it remains hard to draw clear analyses and conclusions on the toolbox. Therefore, it would be interesting to carry a study, asking the following question to the users of the toolbox:

How do they get information on the toolbox?

Have they got specific expectations? (in term of content and types of tools available)...

Second, one could ask the users to note the quality of the tools available (e.g. stars). The quality of the tool (referring on the notes given) could be a good opportunity to range the tools available.

5.2. TOOL FAIR



The Tools collected through the Tool Box can be shown during the Tool Fair: the unique event which gives the opportunity to the partners, the youth trainers and the youth organizations to present their tools, to exchange their educational good practices and to think about the best means to hand them down.

6. OTHER FIELDS OF INTERVENTION

6.1. Calendar of other working meetings in 2007

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
Meeting of the SALTO YOUTH Euromed coordinators	Injep, France	13-15 February 2007	The coordinators of the training courses of the Euromed resource centre were selected after a call for offers. They met for the first time and worked on the activities that will be implemented in 2007 within the framework of the new « Youth in Action » programme. The Coordinator's Charter, which defines the coordinator's role and mission, was developed on this occasion, as well as the User's Manual, which was to facilitate the National Agencies' hosting of SALTO training courses, and the selection of trainers for the 2007 activities.
Training course for the project officers of the National Agencies on the "Youth in the World" Action (Action 3)	Brussels, Belgium	22-23 March 2007	Participants: the representatives of the National Agencies, the 3 regional SALTO and the representatives of the youth unit. The training course, organised by the 3 regional SALTO resource centres, concerned the European neighbourhood policy, the latest developments of the "Youth in the World" programme, the aims and objectives of the different actors of the programme, the cooperation and the network within the programme.
Invitation of the Finnish National Agency to an Information session on the programmes of the Euromed region	Helsinki, Finland	19-20 April 2007	Bernard Abrignani was invited to present the European Neighbourhood Policy, the Youth in Action Programmes and Euromed Youth III, as well as an update on the creation of the Euromed Youth Units. 30 Finnish organisations were represented, 3 embassies and the Finnish representative of the Anna Lindh Foundation.
"COYOTE" Editorial Committee 1st edition	Strasbourg, France	13 April 2007	This magazine aimed at trainers and decision makers specialising in youth is produced in the framework of the Partnership between the European Commission and the Council of Europe. Its editorial committee met in order to prepare the 13th issue, which should be released in January 2008. This issue will deal with the inter-cultural dialogue (European topic of 2008) and M. Abrignani, who is part of the committee, will be responsible for the subject of inter-religious dialogue.

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
<p>Working session with Sciences-Po Paris</p>	<p>Paris, France</p>	<p>4 April 2007</p>	<p>As a team leader of the Pôle Euromed, M. Bernard Abrignani met M. Bernard El Ghoul, the Director of the undergraduate Middle-East/Mediterranean course at Sciences Po. This course concentrates on the relations between the north and south banks of the Mediterranean area and those of Europe with the Middle East. It aims to bring together and teach young Europeans and young people from North Africa, the Middle East, the Gulf and Israel. Both sides have a common interest in reinforcing exchanges with Mediterranean countries; the possibility of a partnership in 2007/2008 was raised, which could lead to a bipartite convention between INJEP and Sciences Po Paris.</p>
<p>Meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Partnership 2nd edition</p>	<p>Strasbourg, France</p>	<p>2 April 2007</p>	<p>Meeting organised within the framework of the Partnership programme between the European Commission and the Council of Europe. Participants: the 3 SALTO resource centres, Euromed, SALTO EECA (Eastern Europe and Caucasus) and SALTO SEE (South East Europe), the Ministry for Family and Integration of Luxembourg, the European Resource Centre on youth policies (EKCYF), the European Youth Forum, the European Commission, the European Centre for Youth in Budapest. 2008 will be the European Year for Intercultural Dialogue; according to this theme and within the framework of the White Book on Intercultural Dialogue, 4 work groups were created around the following topics for the year 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - European citizenship - social cohesion, inclusion and equal opportunities - recognition, visibility and quality of work in the youth sector - a better understanding and knowledge of youth and of the evolution of youth policy <p>Preparatory meeting of the "Let's Meet our Neighbours and the World" Seminar - 2 and 3 April 2007 at INJEP, France - The SALTO Euromed team, in collaboration with the 2 regional resource centres (SALTO SEE and SALTO EECA) and the French National Agency for the European Youth in Action Programme, as well as the team of trainers, implemented the programme of the seminar, determined the logistical needs, the allocation of tasks before and during the seminar and the communication strategy (press relations, freebies).</p>

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
The EuroMed Youth Parliament	Berlin, Germany	26 May - 3 June 2007	Initiated by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the First Euromed Youth Parliament brought together nearly 100 young people from Euro-mediterranean partner countries. As in a genuine Parliament, the participants dealt with social issues around themes like "diversity, dialogue and solidarity", underlined recurring problems and suggested potential solutions based on the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation. Bernard Abrignani, who was invited by the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Günter Gloser, presented the "Youth in Action" and EuroMed Youth III Programmes as well as the key participants of the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation. The organisers also called on his expertise on the methodology of projects; then after visiting the different workshops, he was asked to give his opinion and to make suggestions concerning the reinforcement of skills of young elected people, leadership training and multipliers in Mediterranean countries.
Training Seminar for the Euromed Youth III Programme leaders	Ankara, Turkey	14-16 May 2007	Main characteristic: 3 small training courses in 1 : one for the representatives of the European Union Delegations, one for the 10 heads of Units and the third for the experts selected by the RCBS, with one half-day in common for the three groups. The objective of the seminar was to finalise the work plans, the communication strategy and to simulate the life cycle of a project in order to prepare all participants.
National Agencies/ Eurodesk/ SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres	Brussels, Belgium	27 June 2007	This meeting was organised by the <i>European Commission</i> . The heads of the <i>National Agencies</i> , the <i>8 SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres</i> and <i>Eurodesk</i> met to discuss the following points: the Youth Policy Development, Debriefing on Youth Week, Evaluation of the Youth Week, Valorisation strategy of the Youth in Action Programme.
VIVA Seminar	Injep, France	25-27 June 2007	Organised by the <i>French National Agency</i> for the European Youth in Action Programme, this seminar met the French-speaking representatives from the National Agencies, the <i>3 SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres - Inclusion, Participation, EuroMed</i> - the French-speaking NGOs and project builders. The aim was: - To provide project builders with efficient tools in order to enhance the visibility of the Youth in Action European Programme and strengthen the valorisation of their own projects,

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To create valorisation evaluation forms for the projects financed by the programme, to be used by the project officers in the National Agencies in order to decide whether or not to grant extra 10% agreed by the Commission. <p>A second seminar will be organised in <i>Luxembourg</i> by the <i>National Agency</i> in 2008; the aim will be to prepare a valorisation strategy of the projects by the National Agencies.</p>
Stakeholders meeting on European-level Training of/for Trainers	Budapest, Hungary	19-21 June 2007	Organised within the framework of the <i>Partnership</i> between the <i>European Council and the European Commission</i> and in co-operation with the <i>SALTO-YOUTH Training and Cooperation Resource Centre</i> , this meeting aims to contribute to the development of a common and coherent strategy to train the trainers at a European level, including trainers from Eastern Europe and Caucasus, South Eastern of Europe and EuroMed . Indeed, future trainings for trainers will adopt a common strategy while answering specifically to the needs of participants.
Evaluation meeting of « TATEM » (Training Active Trainers in Euro-Mediterranean Youth work)	Budapest, Hungary	18-19 June 2007	The long training course TATEM, organised within the framework of the <i>Partnership</i> between the <i>European Council and the European Commission</i> and in co-operation with the SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed Resource Centre , aimed to develop and strengthen the know-how and skills of trainers involved in projects in the Euro-Mediterranean region. The evaluation seminar was dedicated to the assessment of the process and the achievements of the 2-year training course, as well as to the development of additional individual skills, and the consolidation of networks and follow-up to the course. Following this working seminar an evaluation report will be published next. Two reports are already on SALTO-YOUTH Euromed website http://www.salto-youth.net/tcs/
Directory Meeting	Injep, France	20 September 2007	Reflection meeting in Injep on the actions to lead in the framework of the European Year on Intercultural Dialogue and the French Presidency during the second part of the year 2008.
7th Euromed Meeting	Marrakech, Morocco	2-6 October 2007	Organised under the aegis of the European Commission represented by DGEAC - Youth Unit and DG AIDCO, the Euromed Meeting - which brings together each year National Agencies and Euromed Youth Units - was held, for the first time, in a Meda country, Morocco. The aim of this meeting was: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To make a first assessment of the implementation of EuroMed

SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed	Place	Dates	Comments
			<p>Youth III programme, together with the representatives of the European National Agencies of the "Youth in Action" Programme, in the presence of the Euromed Youth Units and the European Commission representatives,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To meet experts and key actors of the Programme and the Euro-Mediterranean cooperation, - To make a first exchange possible in order to think about a potential cooperation of the Euromed Youth Units and the National Agencies.
SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres Informal Meeting	Bonn, Germany	23-24 October 2007	Prep-meeting where the 8 resource centres gathered to prepare their meeting with the National Agencies during the « TCP Meeting » ("Training and Cooperation Plan"), and their next internal meeting in November in Krakow.
« TCP Meeting » (Training and Cooperation Plan)	Bonn, Germany	24-27 October 2007	Annual meeting organised in Bonn by the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre, where the TCP officers of each National Agency and the 8 SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres met in order to prepare their next cooperation for the year 2008. This year, for the first time, the EuroMed Youth Units joined the meeting and could collaborate concretely with the National Agencies and integrated in their Work Plan 2008 the activities in which they wished to cooperate.
SALTO-YOUTH Resource Centres Meeting	Krakow, Poland	6-9 November 2007	Organised by SALTO-YOUTH EECA (logistical issues) and SALTO-YOUTH EuroMed (programme), in cooperation with Jonathan Bowyer as organizer and reporter, it was in Krakow that the 8 resource centres SALTO-YOUTH gathered for their annual internal meeting. This year, the meeting focused on SALTO « spirit » as a strong network. Thus, a number of transverse tasks were defined, making it possible to improve and enrich the services offer by the Resource Centres to the National Agencies. Moreover, it was the occasion <i>to continue a co-operation between the SALTO RCs on their common activities.</i>

6.2. Partnerships

- As a member of the of the follow-up group on Euromed, Human Rights and Intercultural Dialogue, Salto-Youth EuroMed continues its strong partnership with the partners involved in this committee: DG EAC and AIDCO of the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the EuroMed Platform, the Anna Lindh Foundation, the European Youth Forum and a selection of researchers and experts. This group meets twice a year.
- Salto-Youth EuroMed is still an active member of the Editorial Committee of the “Coyote Magazine” for Trainers.
- TCP Meeting: as the other Resource Centres, Salto-Youth EuroMed participates each year in the Training and Cooperation Plan Meeting in Bonn, to meet the National Agencies and to prepare the Workplan for the next year according to the specific needs of NAs.
- SALTO Meeting: each year all the Salto RCs meet in order to discuss on calendars, common activities and procedures, visibility of the programme. This year, Salto-Youth EuroMed was in charge of preparing the content of the agenda and the co-organization with Salto-Youth Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

In 2007, the Salto-Youth EuroMed showed its involvement in a common work with the other Salto RCs through:

- the common Brochure “Paths to the International field of youth”, with regional Salto RCs (EECA and SEE),
- the common event “Let’s meet our Neighbours and the World”, with regional Salto RCs (EECA and SEE),
- the educational report “Faith, Religion and Dialogue (publication in January 2008) following up the idea to join the two activities “Faith and Dialogue” done by Salto Cultural Diversity and “Inter-religious Dialogue” done by Salto EuroMed and Salto EECA.

In 2008, Salto-Youth EuroMed will continue its strong cooperation with the other Saltto RCs through common actions and activities.

7. ACTIVITIES 2007 IN NUMBERS

In 2007, Salto-Youth EuroMed carried out most of its activities, only the training course “Democracy in EuroMed context: illusion or reality?” had been postponed to 2008 because the Italian NA received its own contract too late.

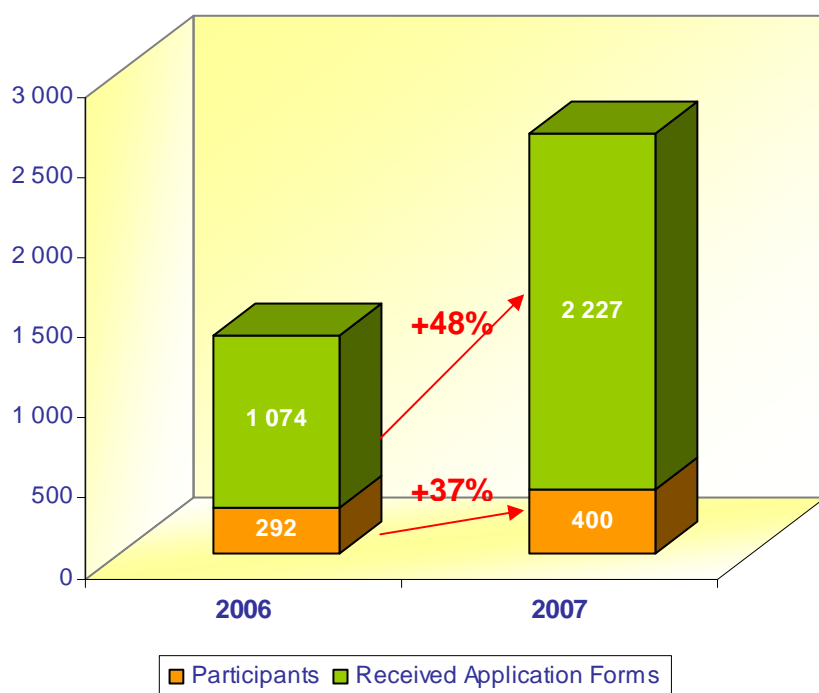
Year after year, the number of application forms increases and for 2007, Salto-Youth EuroMed received **2.227 application forms** and **400 trainees** on the whole of our activities.

This rise is particularly remarkable because the 1st step of the long term training course “Dialogue among civilizations” was, first, postponed to 2008, and it was only 2 months before the beginning of the training that we get the dates for the end of the year 2007.

The increasing number of applications for Salto-Youth EuroMed activities is the proof of the high quality brought by our team of trainers. That’s the reason why Salto-Youth EuroMed realized an **Evaluation of all the Trainings** done in 2007. The report is really helpful for us to further improve the quality of our training offers.

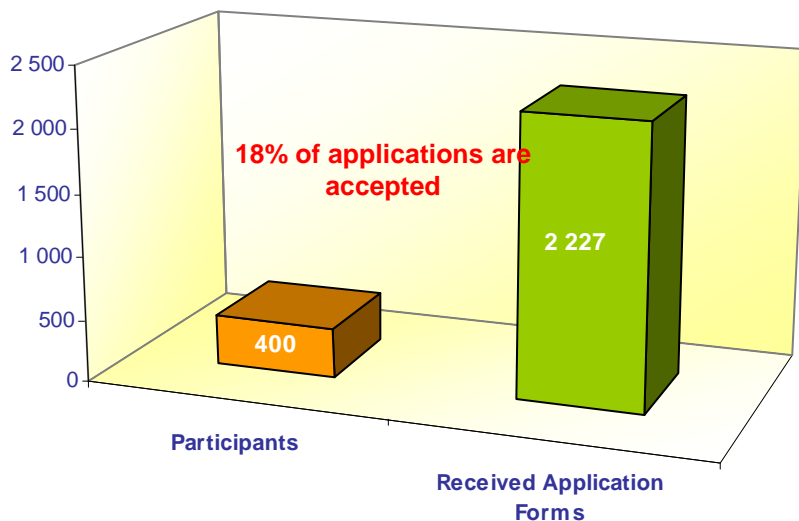
Activities 2007	Hosting country	Participants	Received Application Forms
« Let's meet our Neighbours and the World »	France, Injep	99	537
« EVS Odyssey »	Denmark	24	72
« Place and role of minorities in the EuroMed context: Ethnics, Linguistics and Religious »	Spain, Basque country	25	127
« Inter-religious Dialogue »	Turkey, Istanbul	28	302
« Let's meet the 3 cultures »	France, Paris	26	237
« Dialogue among Civilizations »	Greece	24	153
« EU Neighbourhood Policy and migrations: role of YIA & EMJ III programmes »	Tenerife, Iles Canaries	78	457
« TOOL FAIR »	Turkey, Antalya	96	252
Total		400	2.227

Applications 2006/2007



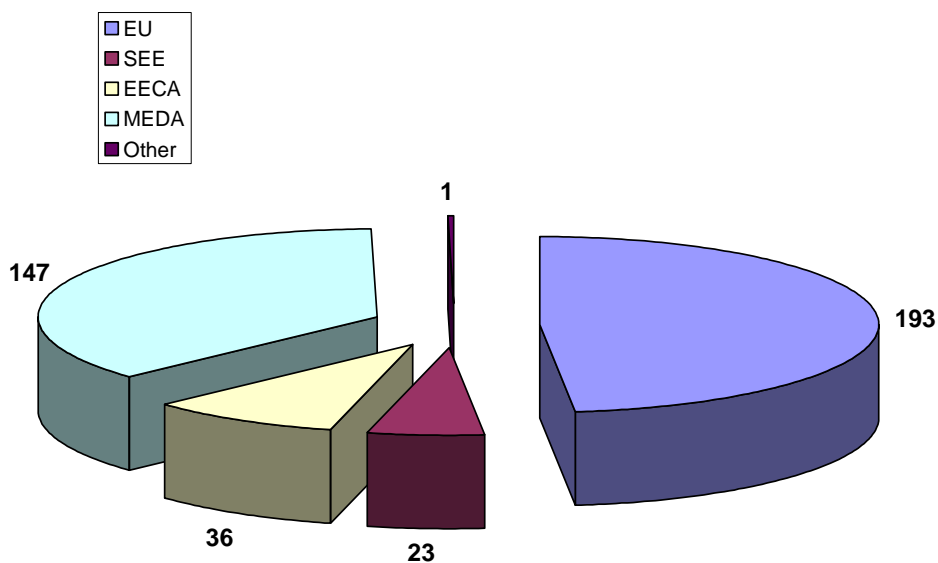
As we said above, the number of received application forms rises each year. Euromed Youth Units (EMYU), National Agencies (NA) and Salto-Youth EuroMed strengthen their cooperation to give to more and more trainees the opportunity to participate.

Applications 2007



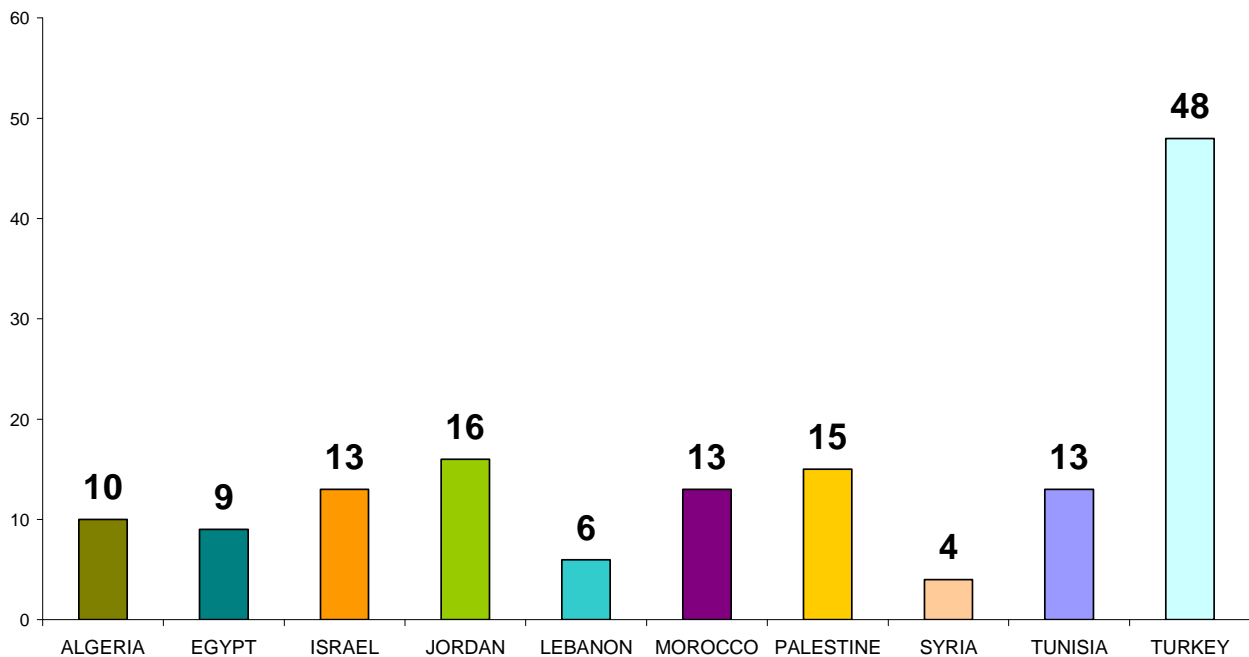
In 2006, the ratio between received application forms and participants was around 27%. This year, in spite of all the efforts done by NAs, EMYUs and Salto-Youth EuroMed, the ratio decreased to 18%. However, this represents **400 participants, i.e 108 more than in 2006!**

Participants per country 2007

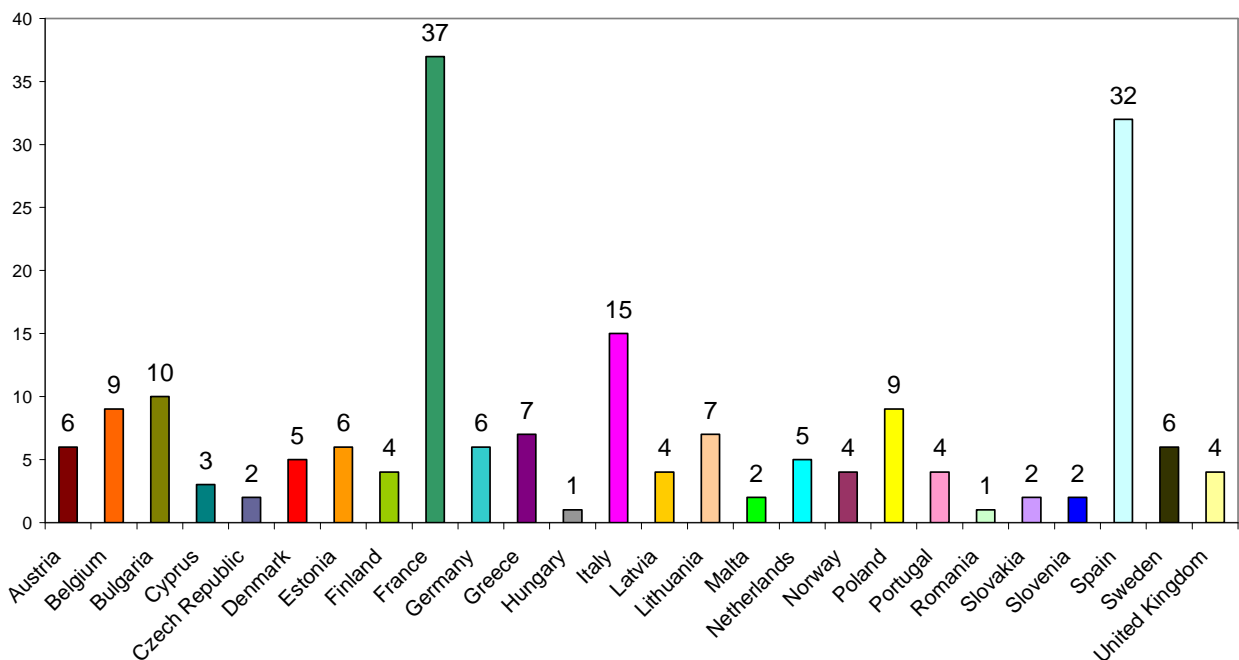


This graph shows the cooperation which is building between UE programme countries and neighbourhood countries...first evaluation of **“Paths to the International Cooperation – Youth in Action”**

Geographical Distribution of Meda participants

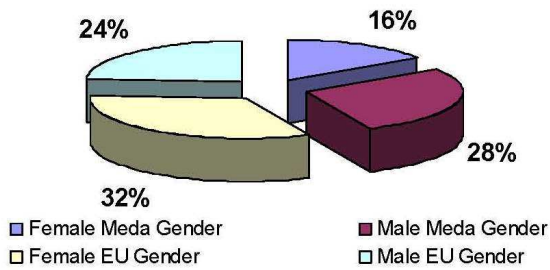


Geographical Distribution of EU participants

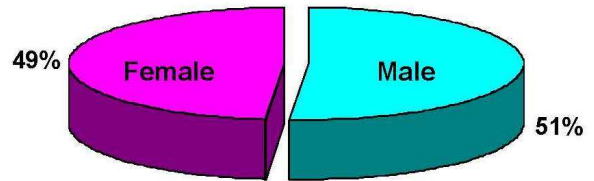


In 2007, 27 EU programme countries sent and fund participants from their countries. Comparatively with 2006 where were registered 23 programme countries, we can say that the cooperation between both sides of Mediterranean Sea grows surely.

Balance Gender of Participants

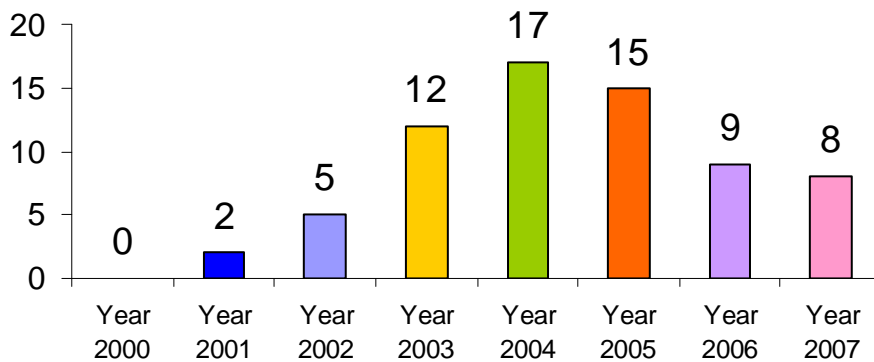


Balance Gender 2007

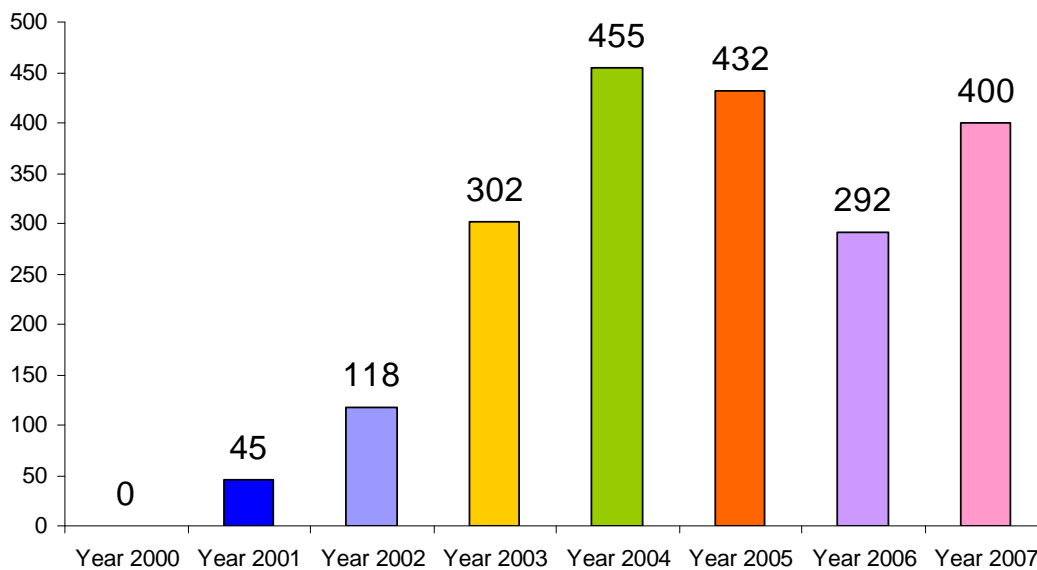


To ensure the balance between European and Meda participants, Salto-Youth EuroMed and some EuroMed Youth Units assumed the costs of the participants from the south border of the Mediterranean Sea when it was needed.

Number of Trainings since 2000



Number of participants since 2000



8. CONCLUSION

The year 2007 showed 3 main axes:

- The launching of the two new programmes « Youth in Action and « EuroMed Youth III »
- The awakening of the EuroMed Youth Units and the (re)connexion between National Agencies and the EuroMed Youth Units
- The necessity of improving the visibility of the “Youth in Action” programme and the “Dissemination and exploitation of result projects” granted through the realization of communication strategies.

For Salto-Youth EuroMed, the outcome of the year 2007 is quite positive:

- we produced new concepts, approached sensitive thematic and realized big events,
- we focused our strategy thematic on European Neighborhood Policy and EVS networking – as requested by the NAs and the Commission,
- we realized the whole of our activities (except for one training course postponed to 2008),
- the number of application forms and participants increases year after year,
- and for the first time, we produce an objective analysis of our trainings through the Evaluation 2007.

Moreover, we noticed that following the example of the European countries, Baltic and Northern countries showed a keen interest in the Mediterranean area.

Salto-Youth EuroMed continues the « Dissemination and Exploitation of result projects » through its publications, reports and magazine and the management of the Tool box. In 2007, we organized the 2nd edition of the Tool fair which is the unique event where youth workers and youth leaders can share their tools, skills and competences. The 3rd edition is already planned in Spain in 2008.

Lastly, Salto-Youth EuroMed shows a specific commitment to develop the Salto-Youth Resource centres as a strong and active network which supports the National Agencies for the “Youth in Action” programme. This year was illustrated with our close partnership with the regional Salto RCs. Furthermore, we work to improve and foster the cooperation and internal synergies between all 8 Resource Centres.