

27 January 2010
Tomasz Szopa,
tomasz.szopa@frse.org.pl

SALTO EECA analyses itself – 2009

The aim of this short research is to give an overview on SALTO EECA Resource Centre developments. Its primary target group is those, who work within the Youth in Action Programme: SALTOs, National Agencies' and European Commission's officers. Anyway, we hope that the following information can be useful for any youth worker from Programme and Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EECA) country.

Most of data used in the following evaluation report comes from SALTO internal on-line system, that manage our web-site (www.salto-youth.net) and its functionalities. Therefore some of soft, qualitative information (like age or nationality etc.) is based only on self-assessment of the user. Other data was collected from YouthLink (internal database of Youth in Action projects) and own, SALTO EECA statistics.

The short research below is only a presentation of gathered data and doesn't have ambitions to do cross-data research. Most of the conclusions honourable reader needs to make by him/herself.

Please remember, that the factual quantitative data might slightly be different from those presented below. The number of factors and data sources makes it very difficult to receive the final numbers. Anyway, the statistics and graphs give interesting overview on the Youth in Action Programme development in/with Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

If you have any questions concerning our work and statistics presented below, please contact us at: eeeca@salto-youth.net or by phone: (+48 22) 621 62 67.

Have a nice reading!

Basic information about EASTERN EUROPE AND CAUCASUS

7 countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine

Area: 18 106 443 sq. km.

Population: 218 418 000 citizens

Coverage: 10 time zones

Environment: 5 climate zones

Highest point: Elbrus mtn. (5,633 m)

Lowest point: Caspian See (-28 m)

... thousands of youth organisations and millions of opportunities!!!



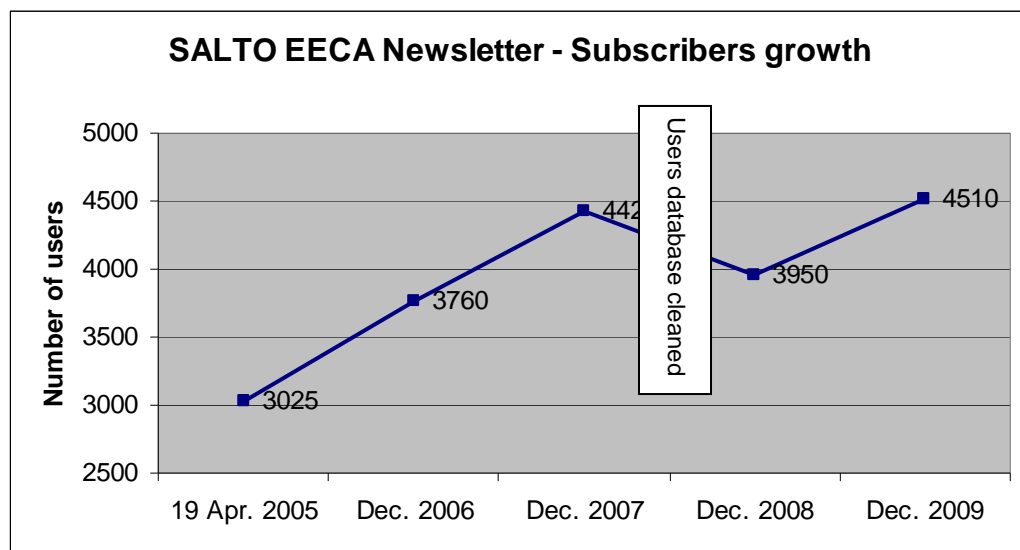
EECA Newsletter

www.salto-youth.net/newsletter

Since its beginning, SALTO EECA RC publishes electronic e-mail Newsletter. The Newsletter contains brief information about Resource Centre's developments and plans, information about activities of other institutions working in the field of EECA youth work as well as calls for partners from organisations and volunteers.

Number of users

First EECA electronic Newsletter was published on **19th April 2005** and reached **3025 subscribers**. At that time Newsletter was issued quarterly. Since 2007 we distribute the Newsletter every second month. In 2007 it reached over 4420 users. In the beginning of 2008 SALTO has cleaned-up the users database (to delete double e-mails, not active users etc.), but anyway since December 2009 our **SALTO EECA Newsletter reached the highest number of subscribers ever: 4510**, which is around 20% of all subscribers for different 8 Resource Centres' Newsletters.

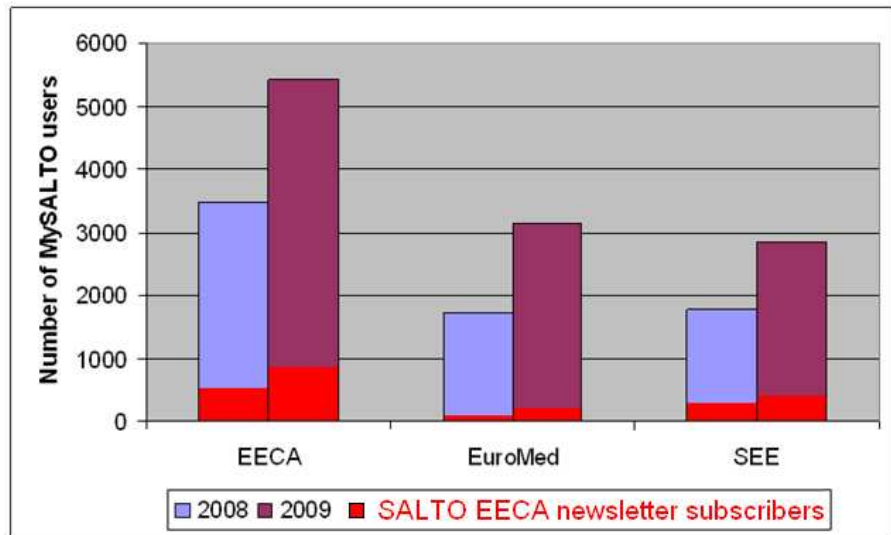


Nationality division

SALTO EECA Newsletter subscribers comes from ALL Programme and Neighbouring Partner Countries.

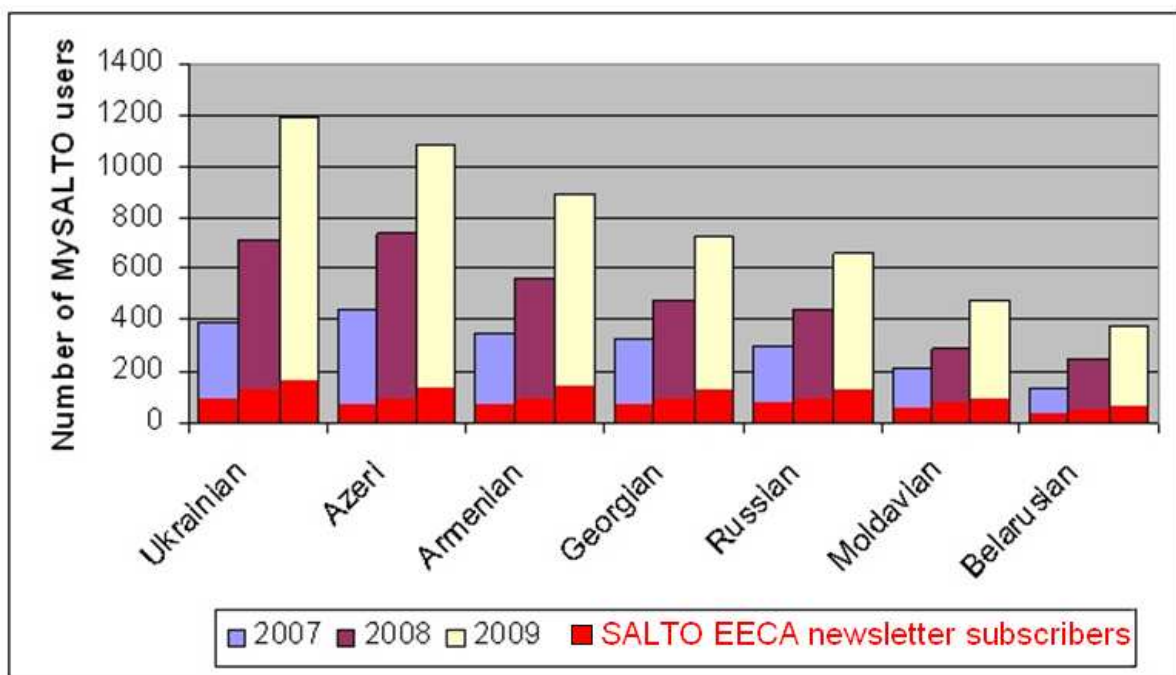
Overall number of MySALTO users grew with almost 40% (31500 MySALTO users in 2008 to 42800 in 2009). In 2008 there was 10300 any SALTO newsletters' subscribers (30% of MySALTO users). In 2009, despite the big growth in My SALTO users, there was only 1000 subscribers more (11300 any SALTO newsletter subscribers) . Italians, Poles and Turks remain the most popular subscribers of SALTO EECA Newsletter.

Other Neighbouring regions also read our EECA Newsletter. See on the right the graph with three Neighbouring Partner Regions MySALTO users growth 2008-2009 and in red the EECA newsletter subscribers.



... and finally Eastern Europe and Caucasus itself

- there is a big increase in MySALTO users from EECA region (over 150% in last 3 years) – in 2007: 2134 users; in 2008: 3465 users; in 2009: 5406 users – see the national graph below;
- the number of SALTO EECA newsletter subscribers (on the graph in red) among EECA users is also growing – in 2007: 534 subscribers; in 2008: 685 subscribers; in 2009: 856 subscribers, which is 60% growth in last 3 years)
- anyway, there is many MySALTO users from EECA region, who are not subscribed to EECA newsletter (85%)



Trainers On-line on Youth

www.salto-youth.net/toy

In the database of trainers that SALTO Network provides, there is currently **272 trainers in total**. Experience in work with or in Eastern Europe and Caucasus is expressed by **141 trainers** (122 in 2008; 107 in 2007) coming from many Neighbouring and Programme countries.

In TOY there is currently 16 EECA trainers:

- **5** trainers coming from **Ukraine** (no change)
- **4** trainers coming from **Armenia** (5 in 2008 and 2007)
- **3** trainers coming from **Russia** (no change)
- **2** trainer coming from **Georgia** (1 in 2007)
- **1** trainers coming from **Azerbaijan** (2 in 2008 and 2007)
- **1** trainers coming from **Belarus** (0 in 2007)
- **0** trainer coming from **Moldova** (no change)

Among trainers from EECA countries in TOY, there are several SALTO EECA Multipliers:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| ▪ Atom Mkhitarian, AM | ▪ Ekaterina Sherer, RU |
| ▪ Areg Tadevosyan, AM | ▪ Andriy Donets, UA |
| ▪ new in TOY: Lusine Simonyan, AM | ▪ Olena Yaremko, UA |
| ▪ Giorgi Kakulia, GE | ▪ Yaryna Borenko, UA |
| ▪ Ruzanna Ivanyan, RU | |

Toolbox for Training

www.salto-youth.net/toolbox

In the SALTO ToolBox with exercises, work methods, reports and others there is currently **997 items** (860 in 2008; 683 in 2007). There is already **35 items in EECA section** (22 in 2008; 16 in 2007).

Calls for participants / On-line applications

First event, when SALTO EECA used the on-line applications for participants recruitment was Training Course "Eastern Express" in Slovakia, 9-14 April 2005. There was 17 applicants from EECA and 7 from Programme countries who used the on-line form. Most of the applications came in .doc format.

In 2009 SALTO EECA with its partners announced several on-line calls for participants for various events. Below you can see number of applications received with basic information on final participants number.

<p>Study Visit "Youth work reality in Austria and Belgium" 22 - 29 March, Austria and Belgium</p> <p>24 EECA participants finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 43 applications received Azerbaijan: 33 Belarus: 11 Georgia: 24 Moldova: 13 Russia: 5 Ukraine: 49</p> <p>EECA Total: 178 EuroMed: 0 SEE: 8 (most from Macedonia) Programme countries: 10</p>	<p>Study Visit "Youth work reality in Belarus" 5 - 10 May, Minsk and Grodno, Belarus</p> <p>26 Programme Countries' participants finally supported</p> <p>EECA participants were not eligible, but anyway we received 23 applications (most from Azerbaijan)</p> <p>EuroMed: 1 SEE: 7 (from Macedonia) Switzerland: 1 Programme countries: 64 (most from Poland)</p>
<p>Training Course "EastWestEVS" 1 - 7 June, Vadul-lui-Voda, Moldova</p> <p>13 EECA and 11 Programme Countries participants finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 13 applications received Azerbaijan: 12 Belarus: 4 Georgia: 12 Moldova: 3 Russia: 7 Ukraine: 5</p> <p>EECA Total: 56 EuroMed: 3 SEE: 2 Switzerland: 2 Programme countries: 21 (most from Turkey)</p>	<p>"Let's Evaluate with our Neighbours" seminar 6 - 10 October, Warsaw, Poland</p> <p>8 EECA, 6 Meda, 9 SEE and 28 Programme Countries participants finally supported (additionally 19 representatives of NAs and SALTOs attended this seminar)</p> <p>Armenia: 6 applications received Azerbaijan: 6 Belarus: 1 Georgia: 9 Moldova: 4 Russia: 10 Ukraine: 8</p> <p>EECA Total: 44 EuroMed: 7 SEE: 27 (most from Serbia) Programme Countries: 37 (most from Poland and Turkey)</p>

<p>Study Visit "Youth work reality in Azerbaijan" 19 - 25 October, Baku and Ganja, Azerbaijan</p> <p>16 Programme Countries' participants finally supported (and exceptionally 1 from Ukraine)</p> <p>EECA participants were not eligible, but anyway we received 27 applications (most from Ukraine)</p> <p>EuroMed: 0 SEE: 1 Switzerland: 1 Programme countries: 68 (most from Turkey)</p>	<p>Training Course "Eastern Express" 25 - 31 October, Istanbul, Turkey</p> <p>13 EECA and 12 Programme Countries participants finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 9 applications received Azerbaijan: 27 Belarus: 10 Georgia: 14 Moldova: 9 Russia: 6 Ukraine: 24</p> <p>EECA Total: 99 EuroMed: 5 (most from Egypt) SEE: 8 (most from Albania) Programme Countries: 66 (most from Poland and Turkey)</p>																																																
<p>"ToolFair 4" - around the methods in youth work field 10 - 15 November, Evora, Portugal</p> <p>7 EECA, 2 from SEE, 13 EuroMed as well as 55 Programme Countries' participants finally supported (additionally 25 representatives of NAs and SALTOs attended this seminar)</p> <p>Armenia: 14 applications received Azerbaijan: 5 Belarus: 3 Georgia: 5 Moldova: 3 Russia: 3 Ukraine: 11</p> <p>EECA Total: 44 EuroMed: 41 (most from Jordan) SEE: 18 (most from Macedonia) Programme countries: 151 (most from Turkey)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TOTAL*</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="810 981 1377 1547"> <thead> <tr> <th>Applications from</th> <th>in 2007</th> <th>in 2008</th> <th>in 2009</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Armenia</td> <td>66</td> <td>84</td> <td>92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Azerbaijan</td> <td>68</td> <td>116</td> <td>96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Belarus</td> <td>10</td> <td>27</td> <td>29</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Georgia</td> <td>53</td> <td>82</td> <td>68</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Moldova</td> <td>9</td> <td>35</td> <td>36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Russia</td> <td>27</td> <td>42</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ukraine</td> <td>38</td> <td>82</td> <td>108</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>271</td> <td>468</td> <td>461</td> </tr> <tr> <td>on-line</td> <td>198</td> <td>468</td> <td>461</td> </tr> <tr> <td>doc format</td> <td>73</td> <td>0</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><i>* the numbers reflects all application forms, including those when EECA applicants were not eligible to apply</i></p>	Applications from	in 2007	in 2008	in 2009	Armenia	66	84	92	Azerbaijan	68	116	96	Belarus	10	27	29	Georgia	53	82	68	Moldova	9	35	36	Russia	27	42	32	Ukraine	38	82	108					Total	271	468	461	on-line	198	468	461	doc format	73	0	0
Applications from	in 2007	in 2008	in 2009																																														
Armenia	66	84	92																																														
Azerbaijan	68	116	96																																														
Belarus	10	27	29																																														
Georgia	53	82	68																																														
Moldova	9	35	36																																														
Russia	27	42	32																																														
Ukraine	38	82	108																																														
Total	271	468	461																																														
on-line	198	468	461																																														
doc format	73	0	0																																														

Finally SALTO EECA had provided educational opportunities to **66 youth workers** from EECA region (65 in 2008 and 47 in 2007).

Armenia	Azerbaijan	Belarus	Georgia	Moldova	Russia	Ukraine	TOTAL
13	12	8	10	5	6	12	66

Moreover, thanks to many National Agencies (mostly French and Polish), we had supported* in 2009 **40 EECA youth workers** for following activities:

- SOHO - Training Course for EVS Coordinators, 4-8 February, Helsinki, Finland
- SOHO - Training Course for EVS Coordinators, 11-15 March, Bulgaria
- SOHO - Training Course for EVS Coordinators, 1-5 April, France
- Q4Q - Quest for quality in training and networking projects, 15-19 April, INJEP (Marly-le-Roi), France
- Seminar on Youthpass and Inclusion, 18-22 May, INJEP (Marly-le-Roi), France
- SOHO - Training Course for EVS Coordinators, 27-31 May, Turkey
- BiTriMulti - newcomer training on Youth Exchanges, 24-28 June, Reims, France
- Traditional sports and games as a tool for Intercultural learning, 28 June - 5 July, Northern Basque Country, France
- RLB TC - Removing the Linguistic Barriers in English within Intercultural Community, 14-20 September, Annecy (Haute-Savoie), France
- SOHO in FRENCH language - Training course for EVS Coordinators, 23-27 September, Lathus (near Poitiers), France
- Training Course "Youthpass, yes we train" - on Youthpass in Training Courses, 3-8 November, Konstancin, Poland
- Training Course "Rural Youth", 9-13 November, Gresten, Austria
- SOHO - Training Course for EVS Coordinators, 18-22 November, France
- TicTac - Training Course to Support Quality in Training & Networking Activities, 23 - 29 November, Sweden
- European Citizenship Training Course, 23-29 November, Slovenia
- RLB TC - Removing the Linguistic Barriers in English within Intercultural Communication, 30 November - 6 December, Saint Malo (Region Bretagne), France
- Wind of Change - the Creativity and Innovation in Youth Projects, 7-12 December, Poland

Participants from	in 2008	in 2009
Armenia	4	5
Azerbaijan	3	3
Belarus	1	4
Georgia	3	6
Moldova	3	7
Russia	2	6
Ukraine	2	9
Total	18	40

* (in all these activities we had been involved in promotion, recruitment, pre-selection, visa support for NAs as well as final reporting)

Beside these open activities, we had organised 3 meetings with direct invitations:

- Annual meeting of the multipliers of the Youth in Action Programme in EECA, 17-22 February, Tbilisi, Georgia
- Seminar on Youth Policy development in EECA, 6-9 July, Konstancin, Poland
- Advanced meeting of those experienced in EVS in EECA region, 16-22 November, Tbilisi, Georgia

Participants gender

Among EECA participants 43 was female and 23 was male, which makes in total 2/3 woman and 1/3 man. Among Programme Countries participants, the ratio was similar: 92 female and 79 male. In 2008 the ration was the same: 2/3 woman and 1/3 man. In 2007 the proportion was almost 50/50.

SALTO web-site statistics, visit: www.salto-youth.net/webstats

Youth Exchanges, Training and Networking, European Voluntary Service

Currently, more and more actors within youth in Action Programme ask our Resource Centre for the statistical data on the projects realised in Action 2 and 3.1. We will try to provide this data separately, when it will be ready. The information will be available in late spring: www.salto-eeeca.eu/forum/dload.php?action=category&id=28

Multipliers Network in 2009

www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers

The main areas of multipliers intervention varies between the countries and individual multipliers. Different, regional realities and needs as well as diverse personal skills and abilities makes the Multipliers Network very flexible and lively. SALTO EECA believes that this approach is the only one possible on the vast area of Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

Evaluation meetings & queries - meetings and researches (international and local) concerning evaluation and impact of the Youth in Action Projects & multiplying activities.

Training Courses - own international projects within YiA Programme of Multiplier as organiser or partner as well as common / joint EVS Trainings in EECA region.

Contact Making Seminars / Partnership Building Activities / Study Visits - own international projects within YiA Programme of Multiplier as organiser or partner.

Youth Exchanges - own international projects within YiA Programme of Multiplier as organiser or partner.

Info seminars – national and local level seminars, presentations, meetings with youth workers on capacity building and YiA Programme development.

Presentations at international events - presentations of the YiA Programme, SALTO and Multipliers Network as a part of wider international events.

Consultations - consultations of projects and ideas of the local youth workers by meetings, phone, e-mail, web...

Youth policy development - meetings and activities with the official representatives of the youth policy sector in a country.

Networking - creating contacts with other multipliers, youth workers, youth organizations and EVS volunteers etc.

Field visits - visits to the projects within YiA Programme taking place in the country / region.

Publications - printed publications & articles about the youth work, YiA Programme, Multipliers Network and SALTO.

Newsletter, mailing & contact list - newsletters, databases, contact lists oriented at dissemination of the information about the Youth in Action Programme and SALTO opportunities.

Web-page - creation or development of the web-pages or sub-pages devoted to YiA Programme, SALTO and Multipliers Network.

Films & other - films, photo exhibitions, power point presentations and other electronic media on the youth work, YiA Programme and SALTO.

As practice shows, the number of people reached with information about the Youth in Action Programme doesn't necessary raise the number and quality of projects. Therefore, the general trend is to limit the number of info seminars and presentations (quantitative approach) and to focus on consultations, youth policy and networking (qualitative approach). This already brings positive changes. See more details in Annual Multipliers Meetings reports (Download section of the SALTO EECA Forum: www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/dload.php).

SALTO EECA support for Multipliers

SALTO EECA supports the Multipliers Network in different dimensions. The most important of them are:

- annual meetings,
- multiplying costs reimbursement,
- capacity building /development of multiplier and his/her organisation,
- visibility and recognition,
- communication environment.

The Multipliers Meetings are the possibilities to evaluate the work done in previous year and plan future activities individually, in the group of local/national multipliers. Those meetings are also possibility to consult multiplying activities with SALTO EECA officers and other experts. The multipliers Meetings may contain training elements, that aim at rising the capacities of the Multipliers.

Every Multiplier is offered the multiplying costs reimbursement up to 150 euro to cover his/her expenditures. Most of Multipliers use this possibility to partly cover their multiplying activities costs. Anyway, we are aware, that this amount is only symbolic and we hope to raise it in the future. Additionally 2 groups of multipliers implemented following activities reimbursed by SALTO EECA:

- “European Youth Week 2009, Photo Competition” (1432 euro) of Ukrainian multipliers
- “EVS training for Armenian SOHOs” (300 euro) of Anna Yeghoyan and Haykuhi Margaryan

During 2009 14 multipliers (11 in 2008 and 11 in 2007) were supported by SALTO EECA to take part in different kind of activities organised by SALTOs and National Agencies.

Study Visit "Youth work reality in Austria and Belgium"

22 - 29 March, Austria and Belgium

- *Pavle Tvaliashvili*
- *Aliaksandr Mazurkin*
- *Atom Mkhitaryan*

Training Course "EastWestEVS"

1 - 7 June, Vadul-lui-Voda, Moldova

- *Alesia Bialenik*
- *Olena Yaremko as trainer*

"Let's Evaluate with our Neighbours" seminar

6 - 10 October, Warsaw, Poland

- *Haykuhi Margaryan*
- *Lilit Simonyan*
- *Giorgi Kakulia*
- *Rusudan Kalichava*
- *Giorgi Kikalishvili*
- *Natalia Nikitina*
- *Olena Yaremko*
- *Areg Tadevosyan as trainer*

Training Course "Eastern Express"

25 - 31 October, Istanbul, Turkey

- *Andriy Donets as trainer*

"ToolFair 4" - around the methods in youth work field

10 - 15 November, Evora, Portugal

- *Yaryna Borenko*
- *Giorgi Kakulia*
- *Pavle Tvaliashvili*

Moreover, in 2009 we had opportunity to cooperate:

- with Belarusian Multipliers on the study visit to Belarus (May 2009)
- with Natalia Alexandrov on “EastWestEVS” Training Course (June 2009)
- with Shahin Bayramov and Emin Amrullayev on study visit to Azerbaijan (Oct. 2009)

Additionally we cooperated with Yaryna Borenko and Andriy Donets on "International Youth Projects Management" - Youth in Action Programme Guide (selection) in Ukrainian language as well as with Ruzanna Ivanyan on the same publication but in Russian language. www.salto-youth.net/eecapublications

Track record of multipliers participation in SALTO EECA activities in previous years:

2007	2008	2009
Andriy Donets	Anna Yeghoyan as trainer	Alesia Bialenik
Areg Tadevosyan as trainer	Areg Tadevosyan	Aliaksandr Mazurkin
Emin Amrullayev as trainer	Areg Tadevosyan as trainer	Andriy Donets as trainer
George Kakulia	Ekaterina Sherer	Areg Tadevosyan as trainer
Giorgi Kikalishvili	Giorgi Kakulia as trainer	Atom Mkhitaryan
Olena Yaremko *2	Gorgi Kakulia	Giorgi Kakulia *2
Olga Artsiukh *2	Haykuhi Margaryan	Giorgi Kikalishvili
Rouzanna Ivanyan *2	Katya Sherer as trainer	Haykuhi Margaryan
Tatevik Margaryan	Maxim Pijevskii	Lilit Simonyan
Viorica Topor *2	Oksana Bondar	Natalia Nikitina
Yaryna Borenko	Olga Artsiukh	Olena Yaremko
	Rusudan Kalichava	Olena Yaremko as trainer
	Shahin Bayramov	Pavle Tvaliashvili *2
		Rusudan Kalichava
		Yaryna Borenko
11 multipliers supported	11 multipliers supported	14 multipliers supported

In general, the overall financial support in 2009 for the EECA Multipliers Network reached 31 000 euro (20 000 – multipliers annual meeting, 6 000 – multiplying reimbursement, 5 000 - 13 multipliers travel costs for activities).

SALTO EECA works on rising the visibility and recognition of the Multipliers Network. The web-site works well (www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers). SALTO EECA promotes the Network during different kind of meetings with National Agencies' and European Commission's officers as well as other stakeholders.

Moreover, SALTO EECA creates the space for communication for the Multipliers. The Network has own part of the EECA Forum (<http://www.salto.org.pl/forum/index.php?c=12>), there is common mailing list created for the members (eeca-mult@salto-youth.net), the Resource Centre consults the multipliers activities by e-mail on the regular basis.
