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1. ABOUT THE PROJECT



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The SB YCGN PROJECT – The South Baltic Youth Core Groups Network Project was approved by the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg South Baltic Programme on 8-9 November 2017 in w Gustrow (Germany). The project has a total budget of 565 642,00 EUR and is implemented by 8 formal and 6

associated partners from 4 countries (Poland, Sweden, Denmark, Lithuania). The core partners represent local communities, an international association of communities (EUROREGION), academic sector and two foundations working with the local community and support of youth engagement. Its implementation period is January 2018-December 2019.

The overall idea of the project is to increase youth participation in decision making on the local level and strengthen the capacities of local and regional actors in the South Baltic Programme area in youth policy and sustainable development. In its lifetime the project has the ambition to create cross border network with joint capacity building events, based on analysis and research of partner countries with following international participatory campaign.

SB YCGN aims to increase capacity building of local actors working with youth, demonstrating the benefits of soft cross border cooperation in solving youth issues. The project will seek to achieve the enhancement of cross border cooperation of young people in partner countries through civil dialogue, to improve the capacity of local governments and their representatives, and to disseminate project results. The final outcome is the development of future plans for increasing youth participation in local and cross border issues in the South Baltic region.

2. PROJECT ACTIONS

14-16.02.2018 ELBLĄG - SB YCGN KICK OFF CONFERENCE



The first SB YCGN kick off conference took place from 14th and 16th of February 2018 in Elblag, Poland. A total of 32 people attended the event.

During the meeting, all project partners had the opportunity to meet f2f each other and had time to discuss in an enlarged group (taking into account both partners associated and full partners) project details. Partner discuss a number of issues related to the application itself and the context of cooperation as part of the future actions and activities of the SB YCGN network.

The Kick-off Conference enabled all project and associated partners to underpin the set project scope and scale to efficiently kick start the project, discussing our contributions, joint actions, events, deliverables and results, as well as exchanging experiences, needs and expectation in terms of creativity and youth cooperation that lead to stronger value chain and strengthen ability to support youth civic participation perspectives in South Baltic region.

15.02.2018 ELBLĄG - ‘YOUTH OF THE FUTURE’ DEBATE – LOCAL SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AS AN IMPULSE TO MULTI-LEVEL DEVELOPMENT IN THE EUROREGION BALTIC.



On 15th of February 2018 the debate “Youth of the Future” took place in Elbląg, Poland. During the meeting, problems related to everyday activities of ERB Youth Board, to the challenges this innovative cooperation may face and plans for the future were discussed. The possible involvement of all stakeholders with local representatives of youth, municipalities and politician as well as partners of international projects (CAYSPOT and SB YCGN) was taken

into consideration. It was a good opportunity to address new ideas and initiatives to shape the future of Euroregion Baltic.

12.03.2018 ELBLĄG – COOPERATION OF TWO SUPPORTING YOUTH INVOLVEMENT INTERREG PROJECTS – CaSYPoT AND SB YCGN MEETING



The meeting was aimed at creating synergy between two projects supporting young people in the Baltic Sea Region. SB YCGN project, share similar goals and values with CaSYPoT, and the research that will be developed in SB YCGN project will be compared to CaSYPoT’s results.

The aim of it will be support each other on creation feasible strategies which will have a positive impact for the beneficiaries and the young people in the municipalities involved. During the meeting, various tools and strategies to face the major challenges identified in the municipalities were proposed. More specifically, the participants prepared and present a list of tools and potential strategies that can be employed in the fields of Mobility, Development and Identity.

23.03.2017 IŁAWA - SEMINAR FOR POLISH ASSOCIATED PARTNERS



An introductory seminar on the subject of the project SB YCGN for representatives of civil servants from Polish municipalities acting as Associated partners of the SB YCGN project.

During the meeting, the specificity and character of cooperation between municipalities (authorities) and young people was presented.

The focus of the seminar was on the analysis of the current status of cooperation in each of the municipalities participating in the project. The way of participation and involvement of the commune was defined, work started on the harmonization of activities, the procedures of long-term work and methods of communication, including subsequent project events in the municipalities.

27.03.2018 VIMMERBY – DISCUSSION BETWEEN GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND POLITICIANS



solving youth issues and building mutual dialogue

Meeting was arranged in Fabriken - Allaktivitetshuset in Vimmerby between students and politicians who discuss the most important issues from both parts. They were related to mutual communication, ways of engaging both parties in joint events and ways of cooperation were discussed. The participants were presented with the assumptions of the project and the scope of the planned activities, which could include representatives of various environments aimed at

17-18.04.2018 VIMMERBY – PARTNER FACE2FACE MEETING



On April 17th the first SB YCGN meeting started in Vimmerby (Sweden), hosted by Vimmerby Municipality - Culture and Leisure Department. The meeting was aimed at presenting the partner organization, it's scope of its activities and ways of functioning in order to show good practices implemented in Sweden. It was combined with study visits. The purpose of the meeting were also to:

- monitor the progress of achieving the target values of the output indicators defined in the Application Form;
- monitor the progress of the implementation of the Partner's part of the project in relation to the content of the Application Form
- updating and development of Project SB YCGN Detailed Work Plan referred to as Calendar sets all the deadlines that need to be met in order to achieve the agreed outputs and deliverables in accordance with the Application Form
- set up quality criteria for the main outputs
- information by PP and AP to the Lead Partner about any factors that could lead to any deviation of division of tasks, especially those that could cause temporary or final discontinuation of the Project.
- elaboration of cooperation schemes between project management bodies and establishing ways of their communication and further functioning.

The participants were discussing about the general proceeding of the projects and about the further step that need to be taken in order to reach the expected outcome. They also had the chance to visit the Astrid Lindgren exhibition at Astrid Lindgren Nas and the youth center Fabriken.

18.05.2018 GDYNIA - SECOND SEMINAR FOR POLISH ASSOCIATED PARTNERS



Second meeting of Polish municipalities acting as Associated partners of the SB YCGN project, which was led by Work Package Leader Joanna Pietrasik from Civis Polonus Foundation and who moderated all discussion. Seminar was held in Wymiennikownia - Youth Center for Social Innovation

and Design in Gdynia. During the meeting, partners focused on:

- Actual participation of young people in decision-making processes – Inspirations, good practices,
- Way of support of development of project network and what can we done together in the project?
- Determine to what decision-making processes and what kind decisions can be shared with young people.

A representative of Gdańsk University of Technology presented the assumptions of pilot research in the project, expectations and plan for its implementation. The Seminar also cover identification issues on the methods of recruiting YCG teams from municipalities and plan for the next activities.

PILOT RESEARCH IN THE PARTNER COMMUNES AND MUNICIPALITIES



According to the assumptions of the project, pilot studies were prepared and disseminated by the two Partner Universities – Gdańsk University of Technology (GUT), Faculty of Management and Economics (FME) and Klaipeda University who play the major role, while other partners will complement the activities with their unique expertise.

This research will allow us to compare the local needs and conditions in respect to overall youth issues and youth policy in all PP countries. This activity is expected to complement the existing knowledge form the scientific approach, perspective of regular citizen and local authorities which act as decision makers on youth issues in each country to a slightly different degree. Finally, youth policy making issues will also be explored.

Pilot research which will help us to create final version of questioners on the state of art of youth civic participation are ongoing in all organizations involved in the project. An analysis of this results will be used to develop a questionnaire for a cross-border research.

3. WHAT IS HAPPENING NEXT?

11-12.06.2018, Gdynia: **Umbrella's first Awareness Raising Event and presentation of experience of SB YCGN and CASYPOT projects during workshop Don't let your youth go away from their cities for**

20.07.2018, Elblag: **Third workshop for Polish associated partners**

22-29.06.2018, Denmark or Telšiai: **Workshop for Scandinavian and Lithuanian partners**

End of June/Beginning of September 2018: **Research in Municipalities**

6-9.09.2018, Marseilles: **Conference "Brave new Worlds?! The Future of Democracy and Citizenship Education**

21-22.09.2018, Gdynia: **YCG Training**

End of September – **Finalization of scientific research in all project municipalities**

October 2018: **Study visit and workshop in one of the partner organization**

8-9.11.2018, Klaipeda: **Scientific Conference - Workshop for the Youth Participating in project Activities - Workshop for Scandinavian and Lithuanian partners**

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