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1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

South Baltic Youth Core Groups Network (SB YCGN) aims to:

- increase cross-border cooperation resulting in building capacity of local actors working with youth
- demonstrate the benefits of soft cross-border cooperation for solving common youth issues.

The project objectives are:

- enhancing cross-border cooperation of young people in partner countries
- improving capacity and competencies of local governments and their representatives to engage in civil dialogue with youth
- disseminating project results for development of future plans for increased youth participation in local and cross-border issues in the SB 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 Elbląg, Poland. A total of 32 people attended the event. During the meeting, all project partners had the opportunity to meet f2f each other for the first time and had time to discuss in an enlarged group (taking into account both partners of the Associations 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.

15.02.2018 ELBLĄG - 'YOUTH OF THE FUTURE" DEBATE - 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 well as partners of international projects (CAYSPOT and SB YCGN) was taken into consideration.

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.

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 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 was 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 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 d 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 solving youth issues and building mutual dialogue

17-18.04.2018 VIMMERBY – PARTNER FACE2FACE MEETING - on April 17th the first SB YCGN meeting started in Vimmerby (Sweden). The meeting was aimed at presenting the partner organization, its scope of its activities and ways of functioning in order to show good practices implemented in Sweden. It was combined with study visits. 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 and held in “Wymiennikownia” - Youth Center for Social Innovation and Design in Gdynia. 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 - 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. 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. Pilot research 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, Koge 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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