

2ND PROJECT NEWSLETTER 25.10.2018

GENERAL INFO ABOUT THE PROJECT:

AIMS:

- Increase cross-border cooperation by building capacity of local actors working with youth
- Demonstrate the benefits of soft cross-border cooperation for solving common youth issues

OBJECTIVES:

- 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

PROJECT ACTIONS

07.05.2018 - PARTICIPATION IN 16TH INTERNATIONAL WEEK 2018 – SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE “AREAS OF COMPETITIVENESS IN THE COMPETOTARY ECONOMY IN SIEDLCE Professor Rimantas Stasys, from our partner Klaipeda University, promoted YCGN among university and scientific staff during a scientific conference dedicated to citizenship and civic participation in the Baltic Sea, in early autumn 2018.

18.05.2018 - SECOND SB YCGN WORKSHOP FOR POLISH ASSOCIATE PARTNERS IN GDYNIA Polish municipalities, Associated partners of SB YCGN, gathered for their second meeting in Wymiennikownia - Youth Center for Social Innovation and Design in Gdynia. The seminar, led by Joanna Pietrasik (Civis Polonus Foundation), focused on:

- Actual participation of young people in decision-making processes
- Support and development of project network: what can we do together in this project?
- Which decision-making processes are suitable for young people.

12.06.2018 – JOINT WORKSHOP OF CASYPOT AND SB YCGN PROJETS DURING UMBRELLA AWERNESS RAISING EVENT “ON THE WAY OF COOPERATION IN SOUTH BALTIC SEA” During Umbrella project's first Awareness Raising Event a joint clustering project action was possible during one of the parallel workshops on Youth-dedicated issues. Representatives of the Association of Polish Communes of Euroregion Baltic working in SB YCGN and CASYPOT shared good practices from both projects in order to inspire those participants who consider to develop new project concepts.

16.06.2018 - A YOUTH CORE GROUP LAUNCHED ITS ACTIVITY N TELŠIAI - Samogitia Community Foundation organized a discussion with a group of youth living and working in Vilnius, who were visiting Raseiniai. Difference from other previous discussions, these young people were ambitious, employed and satisfied about their jobs, happy to live in the Capital City.

20.07.2018 – THIRD SB YCGN WORKSHOP FOR POLISH ASSOCIATE PARTNERS IN ELBLĄG Polish municipalities, Associated partners of SB YCGN, gathered for their third meeting in Elbląg Old Town City Hall. The seminar, led by Joanna Pietrasik (Civis Polonus Foundation), focused on:

- good practices for real participation of young people in decision-making processes
- assumptions and objectives of an international training that will be held in Gdynia
- future of Youth Councils in connection with the upcoming local elections and the end of the term of the functioning of existing YC Boards

20.07.2018 – SB YCGN PROJECT PARTNER MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES AND AUTHORITIES OF ELBLĄG MUNICIPALITY - YCGN's Lead Partner (STG ERB) and Civis Polonus Foundation met representatives form Municipality, local government's employees and of individual city departments of Elbląg. Purpose of the meeting was to identify needs of the local community and possibilities of satisfying them as part of the project. During the meeting direction of future work was defined as the reactivation of the youth council, which will be one of the pillars of Polish YCG Network group in the future.

16.08.2018 - DANISH PARTNERS' VISIT IN TELŠIAI Two partnership's from Køge Kommune - Eric van Leenen and Jon Pejtersen- visited Telšiai with the purpose of meeting municipality's administration and visit several youth organizations. Guests visited Telšiai group of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union (a paramilitary non-profit organization supported by the state). Open Youth Centre in Telšiai town and its Experiential training site in Džiuginėnai; a Youth Football Training Centre; and a Mummy's Club in Telšiai town.

25.08.2018 - A YOUTH DISCUSSION IN ŠILUTĖ Laučiai community has an active board and regularly organizes various activities and events for its residents and youth. The community has been participating in a project funded by the Interreg South Baltic Programme Baltic Stories. The event attracted several municipality representatives, former school students and teachers, as well as one university's student who had recently moved to the capital city of Lithuania.



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30.08.2018 – SB YCGN PROJECT PARTNER MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES AND

AUTHORITIES OF GDYNIA MUNICIPALITY A project partner meeting was held in City Hall of Gdynia with the authorities and representatives of the City Council, also with local youth organizations and institutions acting for the benefit of youth participated. This meeting was devoted to the development coordination of YCGN project-related activities in Gdynia Municipality. During this event, local authorities decided to appoint their coordinators and youth representatives to be involved in the project.



01.09.2018 - A YOUTH DISCUSSION IN RASEINIAI

Samogitia Community Foundation organized a discussion with a group of young people living and working in Vilnius, who were visiting Raseiniai. These young people were ambitious, employed and satisfied about their jobs. They shared their angles about strengths and challenges of youth and they commented of the importance of education, government's support to young families. Majority of the group admitted, that they participate in elections, but that is probably not enough. Further actions will involve these youth, who will join an on-line meeting with other young people from the Baltic states organized by YCGN project.



06-09.09.2018 – PARTICIPATION IN NECE CONFERENCE 2018 - BRAVE NEW WORLDS?!

THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY AND CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION IN MARSEILLE YCGN's Partners met in the NECE Conference - Networking European Citizenship Education, held in Marseille. Individual workshops, panels and discussions aimed at contributing to the better achievement of YCGN project results, concerning civic education of young people, raising awareness, knowledge and skills of project participants about civic participation, and democracy for young people.



09.09.2018 - SB YCGN STERRING COMITTE AND PROJECT TEAM MEETING IN

MARSEILLE A project management team meeting was held in Marseille during NECE Conference. The aim of this activity was to monitor the progress of the implementation of the Partner's part of the project in relation to the content of the Application Form. Project members updated LP about implemented project activities and achieved indicators. After this partners worked together on 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.



19.09.2018 – SCIENTYFIC SB YCGN PARTNER MEETING AND CONSULTATIONS IN

GDĄNSK Klaipeda University and Gdansk University of Technology consulted on the preparation of a scientific research foreseen by the project. A joint conference in Klaipeda is expected to complement the existing scientific knowledge about decision-making processes for local authorities and regular citizens on youth issues in each country.



21-22.09.2018 - YCGN INTERNATIONAL CIVIL PARTICIPATION TRAINING AS A PART OF

YOUTH CORE GROUPS TRAINING Civis Polonus Foundation organized a Youth Training in Gdynia, whose main goal was to prepare teams from the municipalities for the implementation and realization of the project in their own local communities. The training took place in Wymienikownia and was organized with the help of the representatives of the City of Gdynia.

Goals of the whole training were:

1. Discussing different dimensions of youth participations;
2. Sharing experience and good practices;
3. The preparation for further work in local realities. Each participant from different Nations had a task to describe law and definition regarding youth, youth structures, general context for youth participation and some good practice.

30.09.2018 – PREPARATION OF QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE RESEARCH SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH- DEVELOPMENT OF TWO FINAL VERSIONS OF QUESTIONNAIRES FOR YOUTH AND INSTITUTIONS

The aim of this survey is to identify local youth's needs, their civic participation and opinion on local social, economic, cultural, ecological and political environment. This research will allow to compare the situation of young people and opinions on a cross-border scale in Lithuania, Poland, Denmark and Sweden. Planned start of survey submission and data collection: beginning of November 2018.



18-19.10.2018 – PARTICIPATION OF POLISH ASSOCIATED PARTNERS IN EXTERNAL

TREINING IN IŁAWA Two-day training organised by Civis Polonus Foundation with the local authority of Iława Municipality as a part of the project "Young people in Dzierzgoń, Elbląg, Gdynia, Iława and Nowe Miasto Lubawskie participate in the decision-making process (public)" co-financed from the funds of the civic initiative fund program 2018 in which all Polish representatives of the affiliated partners of the SB YCGN project took part. This event was convergent with the activity 4.7 of the SB YCGN project - modelling of examples of citizens' participation processes and the aim was increasing the knowledge, abilities of both careers and members of youth cities and communes councils about the functioning of youth boards, good practices and joint solving problems through the exchange of experiences.

