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Eastern Partnership

civil society:

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Eastern Partnership civil society: cooperation, development, challenges

This year's Congress of Eastern Europe Initiatives was full of interesting events. One of them was the debate "Eastern Partnership - civil society: cooperation, development, challenges" organized by Regional Centre of International Debate in Lublin.

The debate took place on 2nd October 2013 in Centre of Culture in Lublin. The participants were: Marcin Żochowski (Head of Department of Eastern Partnership and EU Policy towards Eastern Europe of Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Kamil Wyszowski (Director of Project Office of UNDP in Poland) and Tomasz Różniak (Chairman of European Meeting Centre - Nowy Staw Foundation). Moderator was Dr Tomasz Stępniewski from Institute for Central-Eastern Europe in Lublin.



The representative of the Ministry said that Eastern Partnership became an integral element of EU policy. This was confirmed by Kamil Wyszowski who also stated that it is worth observing the policy of Turkey that tries to benefit from this Programme for its own purposes.

Tomasz Różniak expressed the role of Eastern Partnership and the need to continue the Programme. He pointed out the need to build compatibility between countries of Partnership as each of them is different.

The debate was a part of Congress of Eastern Europe Initiatives that took place for the second time. The Congress creates a space for dialogue between European Union and the countries of Eastern Partnership.

The organizers were: President of Lublin, Marshall of Lubelskie Voivodship and the Director of UNDP in Poland.

A partner of the Congress was Regional Centre of International Debate in Lublin.



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On 1 May we started a new project „Start a business „. Participants are unemployed women with disabilities living in Lubelskie Region in chełmski, hrubieszowski, włodawski, lubartowski and opolski districts who want to start a business.

Participants of the project receive the following support: individual counseling and consultation training in basic entrepreneurship, specialized training, grants for setting up a business for 36 participants, bridge support

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START TO BUSINESS

new project

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NGO MASTER great success

NGO Master project which started in previous year is going to the end. Almost 120 participants have graduated with great success.

Over 120 nongovernmental organizations from the whole country took part in the project NGO Master in Wrocław, Poniatowa and Ciechanów. In each place seven sessions were organized. Training courses were about fundraising, promotion, finances, evaluation and monitoring for NGOs. Contributors gained new competences and essential wisdom in order to manage a NGO in an effective way.

They hammer out new standards and implementing documents for their organizations. Effects of participating in project NGO Master have practical and theoretical value.

Specialized tutors were providing individual and online consultations for each participant, they were watching on value of standards and its implementation.

On 12th October formal closing dinner took place in Warsaw, Lublin and Wrocław. Certificates and thematic books were invested to graduates.



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Moreover, two additional course meetings were organized for participants from first edition of the course. The aim of these meetings was to enlarge contributors' knowledge, meet again and find new partners for future projects.

In next days we are going to organize last sessions for every participant from first and second edition.

Thanks to project NGO Master over 120 nongovernmental organizations and their members could enlarge their cognizance and introduce new standards.

We would like to thank all people who were involved in project NGO Master!

The „NGO Master” is co-financed by the European Union under the European Social Fund



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PROFESSIONAL COURSES AND INTERNSHIPS FOR THE DISABLED

Thanks to our project "Professional courses and internships for the disabled - II" all project participants of the first and second edition are conducting their internships.

In June 2013 most of our participants of the first edition have extended their internships for an additional 3 months. In 2 July 2013 all project participants of the second edition finished their vocational workshops of computer graphic and office administration. The certificates of completion of their vocational workshops and of raising their professional qualification were issued. Following this, our participants were looking for internships consistent with their vocational courses. The majority of them started their internships in July 2013. On 28 August 2013 the last internship contract and scholarship was signed. All our participants are conducting their internships at the employers whom they chose. They will acquire practical skills to work in positions of office administration and computer graphics. After conducting inspections, we noted that employers are satisfied with their interns. September is the last month of internships for

those participants of the first edition who extended their internships. Internships for the second edition participants will run until February 2014. Four of our participants have been hired.

The project "Professional courses and internships for the disabled - II", is aimed at helping 60 disabled people (40 women and 20 men) aged 15-64, unemployed or not active in the working field in the Podkarpackie Voivodship.

The goal of the project is to increase the employability and chances in the working field of 60 disabled and unemployed people. The project takes place between 1st March 2012 and 28th February 2014.

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INTERNATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST

„Lublin and Münster in the lens – churches”

We cordially invite for the opening of the exhibition of the 50 best photos of the churches from two partner cities – Lublin and Münster. The exhibition will be opened on Wednesday 13th November at 10.00 in Lublin City Hall. During the ceremony we will give awards to authors of 3 best photos.

The exhibition will be open until 30th November. The same photos will be presented at the same time also in an exhibition in Münster.

The competition took place parallel in Lublin and in Münster. The competition aims to strengthen cooperation between the partner cities as well as promote Lublin in Germany and Münster in Poland.

The prize for the author of the best contribution is a month course of digital photography with possibility to exchange it for a discount of 500 zł for other courses in the Lublin School of Photography. The second and third place winners get the prize in kind. Authors of 1,2 and 3 place photos will get an opportunity of photo-consultation in LSF School. All authors of 25 best photos will get a 20% discount for trainings and workshops at LSF School.

Prizes are sponsored by Lublin School of Photography and the Civil Association Lublin-Münster.



Competition under the honorary patronage of the Mayor of Lublin, Mr Krzysztof Żuk.

The organizers of the contest are:

Civil Association Lublin-Münster
The Lublin School of Photography
Lublin City Hall
European Meeting Centre - Nowy Staw Foundation
Förderverein Münster-Lublin



European Centre
for Youth Cooperation

Creation of partners activities - project “Dialogue – Wanted!”

Between 10 and 15 October European Meeting Centre hosted 12 youth workers from all over Europe. Our Foundation organized Partnership Building Activity financed by Youth in Action Programme.

Our project "Dialogue-Wanted!" aimed at building solid, long-term partnerships. Together we can more. Motivation among different partners, each from different European country – raised our awareness concerning youth and allowed us to make concrete plans for future. This means we created together melting pot of culture tradition, and what is the most important - we shared our work experience, thorough team-building methods in order to understand Youth. Our aim was to learn the most we can from one another, share experience about skills which helps working with Youth. Additionally we had organized coaching sessions which helped us to understand our potential, and potential of the organization.

During the project we made certain plans for future project which will be held in 2014.

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Youth Media Activation – the beginning!

International youth exchange „Youth media activation” is organized by European Meeting Centre - Nowy Staw Foundation in order to promote dialogue between Polish and Lithuanian nation as well as promote active attitudes among young people.

The project gathered about 12 participants from Poland and Lithuania. The main goal was to build connection between two different national groups who learned from each other to overcome stereotypes and use media as an innovative way of communication which breaks the prejudices.

During the exchange participants learned basic knowledge about media. They worked together to create a special TV magazine about youth life in their countries. They got technical knowledge and learned about producing video material.

Different journalistic styles like report, interview, story was created in order to make interesting final product which was shown on a special event.

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European Centre for Youth Cooperation

“Common Past, Common Future” – Polish-Czech youth exchange

Between 13th and 19th September in European Meeting Centre in Nasutów a youth exchange took place.

The project “Common Past - Common Future” involved and established international cooperation and understanding of common slavic roots of the two nationalities - Polish and Czech. The project involved 18 people aged between 17 and 25 years old. During nine days participants were able to make new friends and get to know the common traditions.

During the project the participants had the opportunity to work in small project groups, took part in artistic workshops and creative training. Another attraction was a quest – field historic game and a lot of outdoor activities.

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The Media Camp brought together people from different countries in Europe (Ukraine, Poland, Germany and Spain) to get the following objectives: to obtain new media skills related to video camera, films, sound and editing and to make aware all the citizens in the world about the current problems related to racism and discrimination.

The project took place between 19th and 26th of June 2013 in Nasutów (Poland). At the beginning of the project, the participants were divided in three different groups: two film groups and sound group. The three teams were formed with participants from different countries for meeting new people and to know new cultures. All the activities from the workshops were related to media. The participants had to use the media for transmitting a message about tolerance and respect for everyone. Respect, tolerance and no racism are values that everybody, young and old people, must keep in mind.

This project is a very good way for getting new skills easily; for meeting people from different countries; for learning to respect other cultures and learning new personal values; and for obtaining information and conclusions about the real situation related to discrimination nowadays in Europe. MORE

Media aga- inst discrimina- tion – internatio- nal media youth exchange



Economic Forum of Young Leaders

Polish foreign policy from youth's perspective

The project entitled 'Foreign policy in youth's perspective' is directed at young people between 18 and 30 years old from all Poland's voivodeships. The participants of the project consist of young leaders of non-governmental organizations, informal groups, social organizations, young scientists, young entrepreneurs and representatives of youth's associations cooperating with political parties.

The aim of the project is to encourage a public debate concerning Polish foreign policy among the youth. At the moment, the debate is missing opinions, visions, and young generation's stance. The subject matter of debates will regard the introduction of the euro, European integration, the role of European institutions, Poland's position in the European Union, Eastern Partnership, the prospects of visa-free movement for Eastern Europe citizens, cross border cooperation and so called 'non-Europe' costs.

In July we launched a website oczamimlodych.pl, that creates space for exchanging views, gathering opinions and voices of young Poles about Polish foreign policy.

Some debates in July and August took place to prepare the youth for 8th Economic Forum of Young Leaders.

After the completion of the project a publication expressing opinions and views of Polish young generation about foreign policy, European integration and the future of Europe will be issued.

**The project is co-financed by
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.**

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Regional Centre for International Debate Europe Direct in Lublin

XIII Regional Conference of European School Clubs "European Year of Citizens"

European School Clubs met in Lublin for the 13th time already. Conference took place at 8th October and was devoted to European Year of Citizens. Teachers and students of schools from Lubelskie Region took part in the meeting.

Participants learned about European Year of Citizens, which rights do European citizens have and what is the Charter of Fundamental Rights.

The conference visited Mr. Rafał Rudnicki from the European Commission Representation in Poland who told about the offer of European Commission for school clubs and encouraged young people to vote in elections for the European Parliament.

Other guests of the conference were 2 Spaniards who are making European voluntary

service in Lublin that is possible thanks to the European Union.

At the end Mateusz Małyska, vice-president of the Foundation Sempre a Frente presented youth initiatives that are taking place in Lublin and encouraged young people to get involved in many interesting and developing initiatives.

In the programme there were also some competitions on the knowledge about European Year of Citizens and general knowledge about the EU.

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The conference was organized by:
Regional Centre for International Debate in Lublin,
Europe Direct – Lublin Information Centre
Lublin Provincial Office.

Patronage

Mrs. Jolanta Szołno-Koguc Governor of Lubelskie Region and Mr. Krzysztof Babisz Superintendent of Schools in Lubelskie Region.



8th ECONOMIC FORUM OF YOUNG LEADERS Coverage

Youth Entrepreneurship, business management, youth employment package, education and European perspective for the Balkans and Ukraine. All these topics were covered at the 8th Economic Forum of Young Leaders, which took place from between 3rd and 6th of September in Nowy Sącz, Poland.



3-6 września 2013
Nowy Sącz

Almost 350 young leaders from 39 European countries took place in the Forum. Among special guests the summit hosted: Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine Oleksandr Vilkul, Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Janusz Piechociński, Former President of Latvia, Georgian State Minister on Europe and European Integration of Georgia Alex Petrashvili, Former President of Serbia Boris Tadic, Jarosław Gowin and EU Commissioner on Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Laszlo Andor.

Polish Deputy PM Janusz Piechociński claimed that if this generation is not able to spawn enough entrepreneurs, the young people will be endangered by the unemployment.

"It does not matter if in the future you will be living in London, Madrid, Kiev or

Budapest, 50% of you will be doomed to become unemployed".

Mr. Piechociński also stressed that Poland is the most entrepreneurial nation in Europe. *"We are the nation of exceptional individuals but at the same time we struggle to build a rich society on these individuals."*

Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine Oleksandr Vilkul claimed that Ukraine did more over the last three years to foster the relations with the EU than in the previous 20 years. He also stressed that Ukraine aspires to Free Trade Zone with the EU.

"We are sure that the association between Ukraine and EU is beneficial for both parties. It is a choice of progress and the catalyst for reforms, which we are currently conducting, these reforms vary from juridical ones to changes in the education system."

Boris Tadic, president of Serbia from 2004 to 2012 stressed that European integration of the Balkan countries depends not only on determination of those countries, their political will and readiness for change but the readiness of the EU to accomplish its mission to bring peace and welfare is of equal importance.

"I understand that the EU must solve its own problems. But I am deeply convinced that Europe will achieve its full potential only when the Western Balkan countries are admitted to the EU. I feel personal satisfaction that this process is currently under way. It was the priority of my presidency and I am extremely glad that the current president Tomislav Niko-

lić has expressed his stance on the issue. Serbia has very close relations and connections with Russia but because of our culture and civilization we belong to the EU. For decades we have been oriented towards the West and that will not change".

EU Commissioner Laszlo Andor assured that the project of "youth guarantee" is the answer to the problem of unemployment among the youth. However, the implementation of this policy does not mean that the young people can sit aimlessly and wait for the employment. Mr. Andor encouraged young leaders to incessant education, self-development, mobility and self-entrepreneurship.

The Forum, which has been regularly organized since 2006, is one of the major international events for the youth. Today, the Form is a network of over 2330 young people, among whom are: heads of NGOs, social, economic and students' organizations, youth wings of political parties as well as scientists, journalists and entrepreneurs.

The Forum's mission is to create ideas for the future of Europe. The Forum's organizers are European Meeting Centre Nowy Staw Foundation, Foundation for the Development of the Education System and the Eastern Studies Institute. Małopolska is the main partner of the event.

We kindly encourage you to see our photo relation of the event.



Europe Direct in Lublin

European Languages Day in Lublin



Lublin onion breads instead of stars on the flag of the European Union? Yes, it's possible, if they will not be replaced by... oscypki before.

Around 100 persons fought against the time and supported this great Lublin idea by taking part in the September city game "A bit of culture!" on the occasion of the European Languages Day.

„A bit of culture!” is an outdoor game for teams of 4-5 persons at every age, that faced tasks of ten languages (English, Belarusian, French, Spanish, German, Russian, Romanian, Ukrainian, Italian ... and Mandarin) and get to know customs and culture of European countries.

The game took place
on 21st September 2013.

Organizer –
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