

Stepping stones - January and February 2018

27/03/2018 - News from Europe Goes Local



Many steps contribute to a journey, towards quality youth work at the local level. The strength of Europe Goes Local lies in the synergy between European and local interventions. A lot of the discussions happen at national meetings and events, inspired by the work at European level. This way Europe trickles down to the local level.

The Croatian Erasmus+ National Agency consulted **21 local self-governance units** (mayors, deputy mayors and heads of department of 21 towns and municipalities) who are actively involved in Europe Goes Local. They received a self-evaluation questionnaire about their capacity, potential and needs for **establishing a system of local youth work**. The initial **analysis of the questionnaire** was presented to a preparation group composed of 2 representatives of the Erasmus+ National Agency, 4 EGL working group members and 2 trainers. Together they prepared the central EGL activity for 2018: a **national seminar on youth work** for local governance units (towns and municipalities). The trainers were present to develop the concept of the seminar. And deliver it later in the year.

10 youth work representatives from **Latvian municipalities** visited Tartu City Government and two youth centres in Tartu (one municipal youth centre and one NGO). The participants discussed **youth work structures** in place, **funding schemes**, the work of the **youth council**, mobile youth work

and influence patterns in local youth work (lobbying).

The Latvian delegation also went out to a youth centre in Rõuge in the south-east of Estonia to discover how youth work is done in a more **rural setting**. There were enlightening discussions about the definition of youth work, the different **types of youth work organisations** and **youth work legalisation** in Estonia.

Because comparing is caring.

The **Italian Erasmus+ National Agency** invited 50 youth workers and local administrators from all over Italy to discuss the **European Charter on Local Youth Work**. In smaller working groups the delegates elaborated a **national consultation plan** for the charter.

The participants were introduced to the Europe Goes Local project from a European and national perspective, but they also became familiar with **national research on youth work** and the youth worker profiles that exist in Italy and Europe.

A nice mix of input and action.

The **Estonian Erasmus+ National Agency** gathered 10 youth work specialists from 3 active municipalities to discuss the work on the **European Charter on Local Youth Work**.

The participants also made a **need analysis** of youth work in their municipality and possible activities to strengthen local youth work. Each municipality will develop their **action plan** by the end of March 2018.

From talking to action!

Share your EGL steps!

Send your updates to Judit Balogh, EGL coordinator.