

## “Participation of Young People in Youth Information Work”

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<p><b>DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE OR PROJECT INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTLY IN AN ASPECT OF YOUTH INFORMATION WORK</b> included in Compendium of Projects prepared for the European Seminar</p>
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Ref: **06-26**

Organisation: **YIC, Komotini**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA + Eurodesk** (via GSY)

1. **Name of Initiative** (project, activity, service or product):

**26 - GREECE: Voluntary Groups, the Power behind Komotini YIC  
+ “AmA Thelo Boro” – DVD Magazine (“If I want, I can”)**

2. **Description of Initiative or Project** (*please give a short but complete description, including the aim of the initiative or project*):

Since the first steps of the Youth Information Centre (YIC) of Komotini (2001), many young people have expressed their interest in participating in its actions. The result was the creation of a voluntary group network that is constantly active and supports the actions of the YIC. The innovative character of its function relies upon the dynamic participation of young volunteers who currently number up to 15 different groups dealing with various matters, such as European issues, human rights, social inclusion of less advantaged youth, NGOs and International Organisations, drug dependencies etc. One of the most notable is the group that works with and for young people with disabilities who produced an e-magazine via the E.U. YOUTH Programme. This magazine is an innovative form of communication among young people with disabilities by contributing to their information and active participation in community life. It has four sections: general news, special reports, education and sports.

3. **Form of Youth Participation in Youth Information Addressed by This Initiative :**

*(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)*

This is:

- a) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in the identification of the information needs of young people in their locality or field of interest**
- b) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in the designing and preparation of information magazines and materials** (for a young public)
- c) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in informing or advising other young people**
- d) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in managing or evaluating youth information centres or other services** (such as a youth card)
- e) An initiative or project that addresses **another aspect of youth participation in youth information work** (please specify the aspect):

<b>4. Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:</b>	
Name:	Voluntary Youth Group for Young People with Disabilities
Address:	YIC of Komotini, 5, M.M. Vassiliou St., GR-691 00 Komotini
<b>5. Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact (for information about this initiative):</b>	
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<b>6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?</b>	
YIC of Komotini volunteers, young people with disabilities and young experts in medicine, psychology and journalism.	
<b>7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative?</b>	
<i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i>	
Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regional <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National <input type="checkbox"/> European <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken</b> <i>(please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):</i>	
Started in February 2004, and it is still continuing.	
<b>9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?</b>	
<p>a. The functioning of the YIC of Komotini as such, by being relying upon voluntary support since its establishment, has been enriched, with increasing numbers of young volunteers offering to participate in all its activities.</p> <p>b. The DVD project became a useful tool offering information and participation to young people with disabilities, along with active involvement of the voluntary youth group in all stages of the making of it.</p>	
<b>10. Report – Publication – Other Product</b> <i>(if there is a report, publication or other “product” relating to this initiative, please state where it can be obtained or consulted, and in which language):</i>	
The following material is available concerning this initiative:	
<i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i>	
Report <input type="checkbox"/>	Publication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Product (specify) ..... <input type="checkbox"/>
Title:	“AmA thelo boro” (“If I want, I can”)
Language(s):	English – Greek - Turkish
Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site:	.....
Can be obtained from (address of organisation):	YIC of Komotini, 5, M.M. Vassiliou, GR-691 00 Komotini
<b>11. Additional Information:</b>	
The Youth Information Centre of Komotini is situated in a very sensitive North-Eastern border area of the country, amidst one of the largest university student communities, Muslim minorities, army youth and repatriated young people from Central Eastern European countries.	

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