

“Participation of Young People in Youth Information Work”

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<p>DESCRIPTION OF INITIATIVE OR PROJECT INVOLVING YOUNG PEOPLE DIRECTLY IN AN ASPECT OF YOUTH INFORMATION WORK included in Compendium of Projects prepared for the European Seminar</p>
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Ref: **06-09**

Organisation: **OIA**

European Affiliation: **ERYICA**

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

09 - BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA: “Active Youth” – From Action to Impact

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

The aim of the project is to empower youth and to increase their participation in decision-making, producing impact on overall youth policy development in selected regions in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Peer educators from 6 Regions in BH (educated as peer educators in field of youth activism through an intensive year-long course) provided workshop “Active Youth” in secondary schools (90 minutes workshop that in an interactive way provides young people with information and advice on all kinds of opportunities for active participation in society). For a certain number of students, there was a follow-up workshop on how to articulate youth issues and needs. As a final stage meetings were organized with students and local authorities.

The added value of this project is that, not only are young people involved in informing and advising other young people, they also have the possibility to gain knowledge and skills needed for a fuller participation and involvement in society, and to practice them.

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:

c) An initiative or project that **involves young people directly in informing or advising other young people**

4. **Name and Address of Organisation Responsible for This Initiative:**

Name: Youth Information Agency BH (OIA)

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5. **Name and E-mail Address of Person to Contact** (for information about this initiative):

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<p>6. Who Participated in This Initiative ?</p> <p>42 peer educators from 6 regions in BH who implemented the “Active Youth” workshops. 6,432 secondary school students who participated in “Active Youth” workshops, 745 students took part in follow-up workshops, and in the preparations for meetings with local representatives.</p> <p>More than 30 representatives of local authorities who participated in meetings with secondary school students.</p>
<p>7. What Was the Scope of This Initiative? <i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i></p> <p>Local <input type="checkbox"/> Regional <input type="checkbox"/> National <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> European <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>8. When Was This Initiative Undertaken<i>(please state the date when the activity was started, when it finished, or if it is still continuing):</i></p> <p>Project was implemented from February 2005 until January 2006, and is continuing in 2006.</p>
<p>9. What Were the Results Obtained by This Initiative?</p> <p>Established pool of 42 peer educators who organized 291 “Active Youth” workshops in 85 secondary schools all over Bosnia and Herzegovina with 6,432 secondary school students. 745 secondary students also took part in follow-up workshops and real debates at meetings with representatives of local authorities (30 meetings organized of school students and local authorities). To understand of these results, we have to say that Bosnia and Herzegovina has around 3,8 million inhabitants, of which 23% are youth (ages 15-26), and there are around 300 secondary schools.</p> <p>Production of Manual “How to be Active, Young and Attractive/Sexy?” focusing on general aspects/issues of “Active Youth” workshops and providing additional information and advice – emphasised by students feedback during workshops (elections, how to register a youth organization, how to participate in an international youth event, how to communicate with local authorities, where to find more information, etc.).</p> <p>The Manual is available on-line at www.porno.ba (PORNo is an abbreviation of the local language title, meaning “Manual for Youth Workers”), and has been produced in 8,000 copies, distributed to young people.</p>
<p>10. Report – Publication – Other Product <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></p> <p>The following material is available concerning this initiative: <i>(please click on / activate the box which corresponds to your answer)</i></p> <p>Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Publication <input type="checkbox"/> Other Product (specify) Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Title: Report – Annual Report of OIA; Manual “How to be Active, Young and Attractive/Sexy?”</p> <p>Language(s): Report available on request in English; Manual in local language</p> <p>Can be consulted / downloaded at this web-site: www.porno.ba (Manual)</p> <p>Can be obtained from (address of organisation): oiabih.info</p>

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