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JANUARY 2016

January 11-18

ERASMO+ Empower Rural Areas: Seed More Opportunities

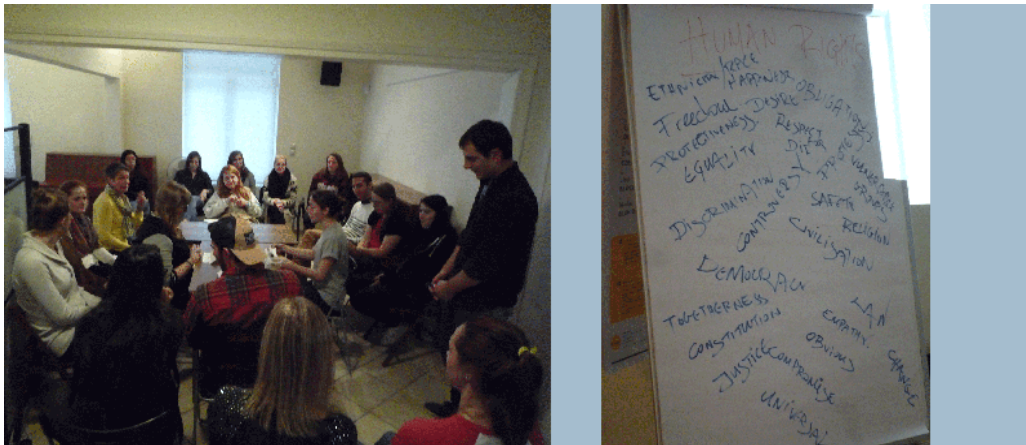


Training course aimed at empowering rural areas and increasing opportunities for young people. It focused on the development of rural areas, youth participation in rural life and ways to overcome a variety of difficulties that young people face.

It was a fruitful discussion and exchange of ideas about the problems young people face in rural areas and especially about the ways life in rural areas for young people is organised. Opportunities for training and learning available to young people in rural areas were also discussed. Participants developed intercultural and communication skills and designed future projects and cooperation.

January 20

European Youth Citizen Position Project Estonia & Greece: Youth Exchange in Athens



Inter Alia hosted a Youth Exchange involving 2 teams of 10 youngsters from Estonia and Greece in the framework of the “European Youth Citizen Position” in the framework of the Erasmus+ programme (KA2).

The activities of the Exchange were all based on non-formal learning and revolved around 2 central ideas: rights and responsibilities of citizenship and human rights education. That was the successful conclusion of a series of activities that took place within the “European Youth Citizen Position” Project coordinated by Opilasesinduste Nookogu, Estonia.

January 22-30

Social Project to Enterprise: Learning how to make a change, the British way!



The Youth Exchange was organised by the Dojo Organisation UK, in Watford Hertfordshire UK under KA1 of the Erasmus+ Programme. The Social P2E project was designed to educate participants to set up and carry out a micro-level social enterprise project. It used the principles, philosophy, ethos and fundamentals of Martial Arts (MA) as a metaphor and teaching tool for developing self-confidence, self-control self- aspirations, self & public leadership, presentation skills, social intelligence and business competency.

FEBRUARY 2016

February 20

Visit to the Hellenic Parliament



Inter Alia invited a diverse and international group of 25 youngsters from Greece, the US, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kosovo, France, Germany, Palestine, Serbia and Turkey to visit the Hellenic Parliament.

February 24

CREATING LOUDNESS: Destabilizing political silence with discussion and democracy



Inter Alia and the Arcadia University of Athens gathered German, Russian, Greek, and American youngsters in order to discuss the implications of differing government bodies and structures, the opportunities, and challenges of civic engagement as well as voting registration processes.

February 24

The “Self – Determination Movement” of Kosovo: Tear gas and street action as way of reaction

Analysis by Zociana Stambolliu (student of International and European Studies, University of Piraeus) on the aims, the demands, and the impact of the Vetevendosje Movement (Self-Determination Movement) in the political scene of Kosovo as well as its social development.

MARCH 2016

March 4 & 7

Teambuilding in Corporate Setting



Inter Alia facilitated a series of team building activities for IT solution company, SiEBEN. The significant outcome had to do with the fact that interaction in an informal environment and openness towards different approaches to labour, working methods and learning tools can have an important impact on how each side perceives its routine and how it can improve its work environment, effectiveness and sustainability.

March 11

Ask the Locals! (ALO!) Info-Day in the region of Arta



Inter Alia and its ALO! working group conducted the #ALocal! info day raising awareness among the locals in the region of Arta about its aims and forthcoming activities. Due to the region's geography, the info day was more of an info tour, with the ALO! team wandering the area and informing locals in common places and public spaces like cafes, restaurants, local businesses and the main commercial streets of Arta city and the villages.

March 12 – 23

A.N.T.Y.G.O.N.E. – Acquiring New Tools for Youth to Get Out NEET and Exclusion



Inter Alia was one of the 13 partners from 12 different countries in the ANTYGONE project, run by Teatro alla Guilla in Palermo, that involved 68 participants. By using the Greek drama play (Antigone) and by putting into practice different methods of non-formal education (e.g. groups building simulations, debates and discussions) the project discussed issues of democracy, participation, and social inclusion.

March 24

The Young Side of the Moon: The final booklet for youth workers and community development around the World.

The booklet signals the completion of the project “The Young Side of the Moon”, co-financed by the ERASMUS+ programme of the European Union, Key Action 2 Capacity building in the field of youth, having involved 8 different countries (Italy, Senegal, Kenya, India, Vietnam, Latvia, Greece, Cyprus) and having taken place in 5 local communities (Caltanissetta - Italy, Ziguinchor - Senegal, Vijayawâda – India, Hanoi – Vietnam and Kisumu – Kenya).

March 30

Youngsters in Greece: Lost Generation?



A focus group organised by Erin Worden, Inter Alia's intern during this time, dealing with what it is like to be a young person in contemporary Greece. Eight Greeks huddled around the tables at our offices and shared their experiences offering generational feelings of frustration, disillusion, hope, resilience, empowerment, confusion, and activism, among countless other emotions.

Each one of them had a unique approach and connection with the crisis and its aftermaths. It was a dialogue that deliberately contributed to conversations dedicated to appreciating the role, value, and importance of youth in contemporary Greek society.

APRIL 2016

March 29 – April 5

Youth ImpACT



Inter Alia hosted a youth Exchange in Athens in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme. It was an 8-day youth exchange with 24 participants from Greece, Germany, and Russia, dealing with democracy, politics, and participation. Its aim was to empower participants with cultural awareness and enhance their skills in dealing with active citizenship and active participation within the society.

Imagination, creativity, and non-formal ways of learning were the main tools of the programme in order to discuss about democracy and active participation as well as to break the borders in all participants' way of thinking.



Different aspects of the city of Athens, such as archaeological, health, diversity, democracy, have been discovered by the participants through various tasks that they had to do lively in the town. Besides, the participants had the opportunity to meet with one member of the Greek Parliament, Christos Dimas, as well as to have a guided tour in the Parliament.

April 28

Migrations, Integration and Co-Development in Europe: THE FINAL BOOKLET

This booklet presents final recommendations on a common European policy on migration and asylum, summarizing the conclusions of a participatory project that involved 16 civil society organizations from 15 European countries and local communities from Italy, Cyprus, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Latvia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary and Bulgaria. The project, funded with the support of the "Europe for Citizens" programme, has created an intercultural platform for dialogue and lively cross-border debate among European citizens on policies related to migration and asylum in Europe.

April 29

A Gendered Analysis of Youth Identity Negotiations in Post-2009 Greece

An opinion article by Erin Worden, student at the Denison University and student in the Arcadia University in Athens, discussing the various narratives of a Greek generational reality of “non-belonging”. The article suggest that “instead of exploring how Greek youth are “lost,” new discourses must focus on how these young people are coping with their identities and actively negotiating what it means to be a young person during this moment in Greece.”

MAY 2017

All through May

Ask the Locals! The production of the documentary “The Poor Cousin”



Inter Alia completed a series of activities for the ALO! Project (funded by the Europe for Citizens programme) and proudly presents its first film documentary production “The Poor Cousin”.

A documentary road movie that investigates the causes of corruption in a context of poverty, ignorance, and frustration. The “Poor Cousin” captures the realities and challenges of small communities in different European countries that are considered problematic in comparison to an EU norm – real or imagined. Local citizens from small municipalities of Greece, Bulgaria, Serbia, Macedonia – FYR, Romania and Italy share their thoughts about the impact of EU funds on their communities and the allocation processes and habits. Somehow, the very real problems of fund mismanagement and corruption seemed secondary when placed in a context of poverty, frustration, inequality and ignorance...

May 23

The Panama Papers: Wealth Inequality and Tax Havens

An analysis by Karla Esesarte Mauleón, a graduate student in Political Sciences at Tsinghua University on the inequality wealth issues that arise out of the rapid growth of fortunes in tax havens.

JUNE 2016

June 3 - 7

Mission Responsible



Inter Alia hosted the first activity of the MR project, a kick-off meeting between all partners in Athens. During the kick-off meeting partners discussed the project plan, set ways of functioning within the consortium, and signed bilateral agreements.

MR is a 24 months Capacity Building project aiming at the establishment of quality standards for youth work through the exchange of experiences between 7 youth organizations from Greece, Italy, Senegal, Togo, India, Nepal and Vietnam. "Mission Responsible" will enhance partnerships with youth organizations from Africa, Asia, and Europe through the exchange of know-how and will strengthen the position of youth workers and organizations to deal with contemporary challenges by utilizing inputs from youth professionals.

It is a project funded by the European Commission, under the programme Erasmus+ KA2 – Capacity Building in the Field of Youth.

JULY 2016

July 3-6

Inter Alia in the Civil Society Forum



Inter Alia was happy to participate in the Civil Society Forum in Paris, supported by the European Fund for the Balkans and organised among others from the Erste Foundation and European Alternatives. Different actors and stakeholders from the EU and the Western Balkans region sat together with a view to shape and discuss policy proposals regarding the future of the continent and push them forward to decision makers and politicians.

July 5

YouthMetre Presentation



The YouthMetre study group event for the city of Athens was hosted in our offices on the 5th of July 2016. 10 Young people living in Athens and Patras, the YouthMetre team, was informed on the needs and interests of young Greeks and got feedback and insights on the YouthMetre tool and its use in the Greek context.

July 7

Primary School Twinning between Skoulikaria (Greece) and Ziguinchor (Senegal)



Inter Alia has implemented a school twinning programme between the primary school in Skoulikaria, Arta, Greece and a primary school in Ziguinchor, Senegal. The pupils of the two schools exchange letters in English with the assistance of their teachers. As a result, both the pupils and the teachers practice in English and share stories of their school and everyday lives, thus enabling cultural exchange, expansion of knowledge and making new friends. In the framework of the twinning programme, Inter Alia has collected children's books that are sent to the primary school in Ziguinchor for the opening of a small library there, in order to offer the opportunity for reading to all pupils in the school and the neighbourhood.

For more information, you can contact Boyka at boneva@interaliaproject.com

July 12 – 15

Kick-off meeting of the “Building knowledge of new statehood in Southeast Europe: Understanding Kosovo’s domestic and international policy considerations”



Inter Alia’s Nikos Pasamitros attended the kick-off meeting of the “Building knowledge of new statehood in Southeast Europe: Understanding Kosovo’s domestic and international policy considerations” organised by the Kosovo Foundation for Open Society (KFOS). The meeting coordinators Dr. Ioannis Armakolas (University of Macedonia, ELIAMEP) and Denion Galimuna (KFOS) introduced 16 young researchers to the project and offered the guidelines for their individual research work on various facets of politics and society of Kosovo.

July 15

Sustainable Growth and Strengthening Social Participation



Inter Alia took part in one of the sessions organised in the framework of the 4-day debate on Sustainable growth and ways to strengthen the social participation among youngsters. We had the opportunity to present our Mission and Vision along with some of our on-going projects. The event took place at the Europe Direct room in Athens. The atmosphere was calm and the programme was engaging, including energisers and non-formal elements during the conversation. Involved speakers came from diverse fields and backgrounds, in order to offer to the youngsters attending a wide scope of views and possibilities for action at different levels.

August 2016

European Youth Weeks 2016



For a second consecutive year Inter Alia supports and participates in the “European Youth Weeks” organized by Haus am Maiberg, in Heppenheim, Germany.

It was a week full of engaging activities, from debates, talk shows, workshops, and games, to the opportunity to discuss with a MEP and visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

One of the participants shared with us: “it helped us to form new ideas, attitudes and beliefs about many crucial European matters, ourselves, the stereotypes that we have and the way we judge people from general ideas. It resulted in us becoming a team and not only some random people from all around Europe”.

August 8-16

Share the Right Story



Inter Alia was a partner organisation of a Training Course for youth workers, at Sluňákov Center, Olomouc, Czech Republic based in the technique of storytelling. 25 people from 13 countries around Europe gathered in the Environmental Education Center of Sluňákov, to write their own stories and share them in an intercultural group of storytellers.

SEPTEMBER 2016

September 5

The Way of the Council



Inter Alia with the support of Kreuzberger Kinderstiftung, designs a civic education project and addresses high school students of the first and the second class of lyceum (15-17 years old), from Greece and, in specific, from the greater region of Arta in Epirus.

The project aims to bridge on one hand, the extensive theoretical knowledge on the history, roots and values of democracy offered by the school and on the other the scarce opportunities for application of democratic practice in the everyday life of the young people.

Inter Alia will visit the high-schools of Arta, conduct an awareness campaign and facilitate students in organising a regional youth council that would be an example of democratic, self-managed, non-partisan decision-making body. The "Way of the Council" will also provide the resources and guidance to the youth council in order to implement its first project.

September 23 - 25

INTER ALIA at the meeting of the national network of the Anna Lindh Foundation



Inter Alia participated in the meeting of the national network of the Anna Lindh Foundation where a variety of issues concerning previous and future action of Anna Lindh Greece were discussed. The network discussed courses and tools for action and the needs of each member-organisation and the ways they can be better served through the function of the network.

OCTOBER 2016

October 7 – 14

Training Course on Eco Gamification



A Training Course organized by Isla CreActiva under the Erasmus+ programme with participants from Greece, Czech Republic, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania and were of course immersed into the local culture of the village Guia de Isora in Tenerife, Spain. The main aim of the Green Gaming TC was to give the participants the chance to experience the connection between human and nature, through outside activities in the breathtaking volcanic scenery of Tenerife, team building activities and non-formal education activities.

October 10 – 14

Way of the Council: Awareness Campaign



Inter Alia travelled to Epirus to the region of Arta and the surrounding areas for the Awareness Campaign of the “Way of the Council” project in local high schools. We offered training sessions and discussed issues of democratic participation with the 1st and 2nd grade of the lyceums of Arta (2 sessions), Thesprotiko, Kompoti and Ano Kalentini. We introduced the participants the concept of Youth Council. We constantly provide the volunteers to create such councils with know-how and problem – solving support. The results are to come!

October 19 – 29

Child Rights Programming and Community Development Training Course



A Training Course in Caltanissetta in Sicily organized by PRISM under KA2 of the Erasmus+ Programme. The program involved youth workers from Italy, Kenya, Greece, Peru, India, Senegal and Spain and focused on the Human Rights and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as well as on ways in order to design community –based projects in the context of the Child Rights, following the Project Cycle Management (PCM) process.

October 22 – 30

Be Sporty Be Happy



A Youth Exchange organized by Pozitiva Doma under the KA1 of the Erasmus+ programme in Latvia and involved 25 youngsters from 4 different countries (Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland). Inter Alia sent 6 young people in Latvia to live the experience of getting to know 8 different sports: floorball, martial arts, beach volleyball, running, swimming, hiking, yoga, motocross.

NOVEMBER 2016

November 3

The Poor Cousin at Trianon Cinema



Inter Alia presented “The Poor Cousin” on a proper setting – on the big screen. A mixed crowd of friends, supporters, stakeholders, partners, contributors and interested individuals was present. The audience generally welcomed and warmly applauded our first audio-visual venture. The insights of the film raised intense informal debates that took place along with drinks and snacks in the celebration that followed. A big thanks to all of you who joined and supported our movie in the beginning of its promising journey!

November 9

EVS with Inter Alia

An article by Manon Bodren, our first EVS volunteer, which explains the reasons she wanted to get this experience, her feelings during her staying in Athens, her thoughts about neighbourhood Exarchia which is “ renowned for being anarchist and dangerous, Exarchia is anything but dangerous” and finally the reasons behind her choice of this particular city and Inter Alia in particular.

November 10 - 18

Training Course: Mission Responsible – The 5 Stages of Policy Making



Mati & Athens, 10-18 November 2016

A Training Course that took place in Mati and Athens. The TC combined formal, non-formal and informal learning through various activities. It offered to the participants (youth workers) knowledge on how to conduct research and how to initiate a policy reform at any level. Participants were familiarized with the status and achievements of youth work in all partners' communities, emphasizing on the challenges faced by partner organizations at local level and the available tools for addressing them.

November 11

The Poor Cousin: Screening at MIT University in Skopje



Youth Alliance Krusevo organized the first of two local event aiming to raise awareness of local communities through the screening of the documentary "The Poor Cousin". After the screening of the film, a fruitful discussion took place on the theme of the film. Strong impressions evoked great interest among students. As a result of the screening they seemed to have been motivated for being better informed and more actively involved in controlling the allocation of EU funding in their communities.

November 16

Open Event at Europe Direct in Athens, 16 November 2016



The launching event of the “Mission Responsible” project was organized on 16th November at the Europe Direct in Athens. It was an open event to youth professionals, local authorities, and other relevant stakeholders. The participants from the Training had the opportunity to share their policy proposals by presenting them to the guests of the event receiving suggestions and answering questions.

November 27

The Poor Cousin in Cine Pallas Arta



“The Poor Cousin” was screened at a full house at Cine Pallas in Arta, Greece. The event involved the local community, stakeholders and policy makers and featured a discussion after the end of the screening. Participants discussed with the movie’s producers about the possibilities offered to small communities to be involved in the decision making process. The importance of ownership on behalf of the citizens and accountability of decision makers regarding the allocation of funds came up as a central factor for the well-being of communities along with the challenges that come with them, especially in a time of crisis.

DECEMBER 2016

December 5

Restorative Circles for Citizens in Europe



Inter Alia is delighted to have started, just before the end of this fruitful 2016, the meetings for its new project “Restorative Circles”. This is a unique method of dialogue resulting in an efficient emotional and conflict management. This method develops a sense of community and builds relationships upon the leverage of common visions and values. Each participant can talk or express himself freely and uninterrupted, while empathy and the in depth listening are further promoted.

December 6

Degrowth: “What Sorcery is this?”

An analysis by Amerissa Giannouli, junior project manager at Inter Alia, BSc in Economics and a MA in European Economic Policy. Amerissa explains how degrowth is related to socio-ecological and economic transformation which is characterised by lower consumption and production - without implying the decrease of well-being and she further introduces the concept of Post Growth, which is about redefining the meaning of good life.

December 8

Building Knowledge of New Statehood in Southeast Europe: Understanding Kosovo's Domestic and International Policy Considerations



On the 27th of October, Inter Alia member Nikos Pasamitros attended the meeting of the “Building knowledge of new statehood in Southeast Europe: Understanding Kosovo’s domestic and international policy considerations” junior researchers’ team, at the Orion Conference Center in Pristina, Kosovo.

