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## **Ask the locals!**

January 14<sup>th</sup>

Presentation of the final report of the project "Ask the locals! Enhancing Resource Accessibility through Local Empowerment" a civil society project that since August 2015 has been developed with the aim of empowering informal social networks of small communities in order to intensify local action against corruption and mismanagement of public funds.

## **Mission Responsible**

February 26<sup>th</sup>

*Opening of the call for papers for the international conference "The Future of Education and Youth Work: Approaches and Practices around the world" that will take place in late November in Athens. An attiring conference that aim to analyse different conceptions of Youth Work bringing a debate on how distinctive social, political or historical realities shape a different perspective on Youth Work.*

## **Nepal Study Visit**

22<sup>nd</sup> February – 14<sup>th</sup> March

As part of the project Mission Responsible, Nikos Pasamitros represented Inter Alia on a visit of three weeks to the Nepalian cities of Kathmandu, Pokhara, Butwol and Lumbini and the villages of Waling and Hungi for job shadowing, field research and support on the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> local event of the project. The study visit offered as well the chance to get in contact with youth local leaders and women's group of activists.

## **Mission Responsible – Study Visit Reports from Senegal, Togo, Greece, India, Italy & Vietnam**

April – November 2017

A collection of reflections from Inter Alia's youth workers' study visits in Vietnam, Senegal, India, Italy, Togo and Greece along with photographic and video materials.

## **Building Knowledge of New Statehood in Southeast Europe: The Challenge of Building State Institutions in Kosovo**

17<sup>th</sup> March

Inter Alia's member Nikos Pasamitros presented his work in the frame of the meeting "Building Knowledge of New Statehood in Southeast Europe Understanding Kosovo's Domestic and International Policy Considerations" at the Political Science and International Relations Department of the University of Peloponnese. Nikos Pasamitros talked about his research on the cultural heritage policies of Kosovo and the contested perceptions and strategies on them.

## **Child Protection and Development training course**

19<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> March

Nikos Papachristodoulou represented Inter Alia as a participant in the training course about child deprivation and human rights violation in Vijayawada, India,

organized by the pioneer NGO NewBeginning Charitable Trust. The training subject concentrated on child rights violation and on gender inequality issues, with special focus on Indian female children.

### **Antygone on Tour: Acquiring New Tools for Youngsters against Social Exclusion and Extremism**

20th- 27th March

Inter Alia in collaboration with Proposito Inadiavel planned and coordinated this training bringing together youngsters from 10 different countries with the aim of using Antygone tragedy by Sophocles to tackle issues such as migration or extremism. Tolerance, non-violence and active citizenship were the principle lines of this Youth Exchange.

### **Bridging the gap**

17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021

European and African youth organisations presented a non-formal training module on youth work, based on the number of issues raised by all involved youth organisations, including the needs of African youth workers.

### **OPEN Education: Own the Potential of Environment in Non-formal Education**

4<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> April

Revekka Kefalea and George Skitsos took part in a three-day training course in Cyprus where they worked on the creation and presentation of activities focused on the learning needs of the trainees. Furthermore, they explored new training methods and tools to be used both in formal and non-formal education.

### **Travel broadens the youth's mind**

6th April

Manon Bodren, an EVS from France that stayed 6 months in Inter Alia, presented her research, a comparative analysis between the European Voluntary Service and the Erasmus Exchange Student's program aiming to focus on ways to involve more European youngsters. The event attracted Greek students to get familiar with existing opportunities at EU level.

### **Identity Issues and Europeanisation Process: Who "Tagged" the Balkans?**

19th April

Veroniki Krikoni, project manager at Inter Alia, published a thought-provoking analysis arguing on the construction of Balkan identity in opposition to European one, as a result of a Eurocentric cultural logic.

### **Women's rights in Greece and Turkey**

27<sup>th</sup> April

Merve and Melten, our two short term volunteers from Turkey presented the results of their research, a comparative analysis on women rights in Greece and

Turkey. From a historical perspective towards the current situation of the issue a valuable discussion raised on the status of women rights as well as on future perspectives of the gender agenda in both countries.

### **Youth Ambassadors for Change**

9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May

This Youth Exchange took place in Cascais, Portugal with a focus on human rights, migrants and refugees. Through a non-formal methodology dynamic and active participation from the participants contributed to the discussions trying to define hate speech and ways to prevent it.

### **Experiential Lab: Child Rights Programming and Nonviolent Community Development**

18<sup>th</sup> May

Training course for youth workers on "Children Rights" in Caltanissetta, Sicily. The focused was on "refugee children", their rights and how this is projected in our local communities, with the aim to raise awareness and to provide further topics for discussion among participants. A fulfilling experience that offered the chance to experiment with different tools and methodologies such as the child right based analysis, the logical framework planning, the forum theatre, or the reciprocal maieutic approach.

### **Anna Lindh Foundation national network meeting**

19<sup>TH</sup> May

Inter Alia participated in the meeting of the national network of the Anna Lindh Foundation, that was carried out in Rhodes and it included discussions of a variety of issues regarding the future actions of Anna Lindh Greece, as well as cultural events.

### **Mobility Fair 2017**

22<sup>nd</sup> May

Inter Alia, represented by Nikos Pasamitros and Veroniki Krikoni, participated in the Mobility Fair 2017 that aim to promote mobility opportunities for youth and students, educators and researchers as well as to all the people who are interested in developing their skills or in living an educational experience abroad.

### **Healthy for Life**

1<sup>st</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> June

Youth exchange project that took place in Poiana Negrii, Romania. The main aim of this youth exchange was to raise awareness about the importance of leading an active and healthy life style and its benefits.

## **Unknown Balkans**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June

Inter Alia co-organised with KFOS and ELIAMEP the “Unknown Balkans” Event. The event hosted discussions with distinguished experts specialising on the Balkan region, photo exhibitions and presentations as well as screenings of award winning films.

## **SALAAM: Preventing the rise of radicalism and islamophobia through art**

11<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> June

Albesa Aliu and Revekka Kefalea joined together with youth workers from Bulgaria, Portugal, Poland, Spain, Italy, Turkey, Albania, Montenegro, Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina this training course in which the current situation on radicalization, islamophobia and migration were investigated, presented and compared through creative activities.

## **ENGAGE Towards a Volunteering Based Society**

14<sup>th</sup> June

Inter Alia’s team had an enriching Skype meeting with “ENGAGE: towards a volunteering based society”, a new partner organisation based in Nepal. This unique intercontinental and intercultural exchange offered the opportunity to discuss about volunteering and its challenges as well as youth work on both contexts.

## **Grapes of Wrath project kicks off at the African Fest 2017**

1<sup>st</sup> July

On the occasion of launching the Grapes of Wrath project organised and implemented by Inter Alia, migrant communities, civil society organisations, citizens and neighbours joined forces to celebrate co-existence and diversity. The event, proposed by the African Network of Greece, offered a breath of cool air to the evening of Friday, July 14 and gave the citizens of Athens the opportunity to taste some typical summer drinks of Africa and attend a program of African dance and music.

## **International Conference “In Retrospect”**

1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> July

Inter Alia as part of the working team participated and co-organized a 2-day conference in Novi Sad, Serbia, on the role of media, public opinion and EU policy during the ex-Yugoslavia conflicts in the framework of the “In Retrospect”, project that had the aim of exploring core European values through activities of remembrance and collective reflection. More than 100 media workers, activists, artists and students engaged with the Balkans and the Yugoslav wars had the opportunity to attend stimulating debates and discussed with experts.

## **European Youth Week 2017**

23<sup>rd</sup> July- 5<sup>th</sup> August

Kostas Loukopoulos took part on the European Youth Weeks as a teamer, through this project an enriching interaction with up to 40 participants from all around Europe took place on European citizenship.

### **One day in Athens with a Group of youngsters from France**

28<sup>th</sup> July

Inter Alia team spent a day with a group of youngsters from the "Centre Social et Culturelle la Grande Bastide" of Aix-en-Provence, a social centre where youngsters receive support with the development of their personal and educational path for social and professional integration. During the day the group visited the National Archaeological Museum of Athens and the Greek Parliament as well as the National Garden where a simulation game on the European Citizens' initiative was played.

### **EU-NET: Enhancing a Universal Guide and NETWORK for the Youth Workers of the Future**

Identifying the need for setting quality standards in youth work, EU-NET aims to enforce, promote and standardise the quality and methods used by youth workers and EVS institutions in different realities in European Union. EU-NET supports the exchange of transversal skills and empowers present and future youth workers, by directly involving them in the development of useful e-tools, online forums and networking with the final scope of enhancing their professional skills and matching them with the needs of the labour market. In addition, the project improves the quality of youth work and recognizes the educational and professional framework of youth workers and youth leaders among Europe.

### **You have one new friend request: Mother Earth Youth Exchange**

1<sup>st</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> September

Young participants from various countries met up in Ljubljana for a unique Erasmus+ experience on environmental issues, in particular on ways to protect efficiently the environment.

### **Grapes of Wrath Training Course: Community Building and Development**

11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> September

Participants from Ghana, Kenya, Sudan, Afghanistan, Somalia, Tanzania, Italy, and Greece took part in this Community Building Training Course in Skoulikaria and Athens organised by Inter Alia. *The training focused on how to manage crises through building communities.* The training was a great occasion to exchange experiences and life stories upon three interconnected issues: crisis, community and education.

## **Info day at Inter Alia**

29<sup>th</sup> September

Inter Alia doors were opened to all those interested and willing to know more about the mobility opportunities in Europe and beyond both for short and long term training courses as well as for seminars and exchanges that the organisation offers. A big success event in which we had the chance to get in contact and discuss with a new audience into youth matters.

## **8th Edition BBB Short Film Festival, Brussels**

13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> October

This year Inter Alia has co-organized together with Balkans Beyond Borders (BBB) the 8<sup>th</sup> Edition of BBB Short Film Festival titled: ENTER/EXIT, films from the new generation of Balkan film-makers were presented in the heart of Europe, Brussels for three nights with a prominent success.

## **Don't Fear the Refugee training course**

28<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November

Twenty young people from nine countries of Europe and the Middle East met in Cascais, Portugal for a one-week training course on migration, refugees, integration and active citizenship organized by Rota Jovem. The understanding of the key-elements of the project was successful thanks to the variety of workshops and activities.

## **European Remembrance: Media, Public Opinion & the EU's Role during the Yugoslav Wars in the 1990s**

10<sup>th</sup> November

Inter Alia presented the outcomes of the "In Retrospect" project for European Remembrance. The documentary movie "In Retrospect" was screened for the first time in Greece and a photo exhibition, created as part of the project, was as well displayed.

## **Education to say Goodbye... to the Culture of Growth Analysis**

6<sup>th</sup> November

The fast pace of reality and the highly competitive markets, the economic crisis and unemployment, the sociopolitical challenges, radicalization and extremism, all these make people wonder if they are doing something wrong, if somebody else is doing something wrong to them, if somewhere along the way of growth and "human wonders", people managed to lose themselves and with it their humanity... *Analysis by Amerissa Giannouli, project manager at Inter Alia*

