



## EVS volunteers to promote DfP values in local communities

**Eugenia Barbu, president of ACTOR Romanian organization, is one of the beautiful members of Drums for Peace network through whom so many successful projects came to life. She is also very experienced with European Voluntary Service (EVS) programme and helped many young people experience different cultures while improving their skills. Eugenia thinks that using EVS in DfP will bring a great number of benefits to the network.**

*Eugenia:* Using EVS can lead to a better collaboration on a long term between network's members and to more diverse projects that will enrich the collaboration area between partners.

If until now the DfP main activity was focused on youth exchanges, in the next period is expected an opening towards volunteers exchanges projects, volunteers to work in each of the hosting organizations to promote DfP values in the local communities they belong to.

This newsletter is an example and a beginning. It is made by Maria, EVS vol-

unteer since October and is the result of research, cooperation between DfP organizations and analyze of the methods to promote the new ideas born at the last general meeting. EVS volunteers from the network can develop strategies for fundraising campaigns or large promoting campaigns on national or European level.

The volunteers we can exchange between DfP members can gain during their projects from two up to twelve months not only a wide range of special competences, but also a deep and complex understanding of their hosting organizations. With these information,



competences and cultural insights, the communication between DfP partners can lead to much more new project opportuni-

ties, but also to enriching the qualities and services the volunteers bring to their local communities.

*My EVS experience was like living in a happy bubble for 8 months, working just on things I love, with nice people and learning a lot about myself and about how to do things in a different way: the Danish way*  
*Daniela, former EVS volunteer*

*If it were to express my EVS experience with a metaphor, I would say that the EVS experience opened new roads in me, gave me something I needed in order to start conquering new dreams.*  
*Andreea, former EVS volunteer*

## National Agencies afraid of not being able to spend all the money available for Eastern Partnership Youth Window

For the next 2 (and last) deadlines for Youth in Action Program there is still a possibility of applying for this additional amount of money available for Action 3.1 projects together with at least 2 of following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Belarus, Ukraine & Moldova.

It is possible to implement youth-exchanges as well as all supplementary measures such as seminars, trainings etc

and Bo Otterstroem, chairman of Drums for Peace board, who recently participated in a training in Ukraine organised by Danish & Finnish NAs together with SALTO for EECA tells: "I represented Artrain in a training on quality in youth-exchanges and as an outcome of this, and in order to establish cooperation with these countries, we are now applying for a youth-exchange to take place in Georgia in Oc-

tober with partners from the 3 Caucasian countries + a Forum Theatre training in Ukraine in September. Both projects will be based on Drums for Peace methodology, but the exchange will not be able to pay any workshop-leaders, as the countries are so poor, that it is difficult even to manage with 30% of transportation costs.

This about participation-fees / 30% of travel-costs must especially be taken into account,

if you will consider including these countries in one of your coming projects, such as we will do for at least VIBES in Nykoebing in 2014. Concerning the above mentioned project in Georgia we will also apply for an APV to take place ultimo August and at that time I will know much more, if you are interested in applying by 1st October."

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