

Europe and Migration -Through Dialogue to Understanding Different Experience of Migration in Eastern and Western Europe Seminar for young active Europeans

When: 3rd - 9th December 2010

Where: International Youth Meeting Centre in Krzyzowa (Poland)

Who: politically and socially active people at the age between 19 and 29 from the following countries: Poland, Germany, Georgia, Moldova, Romania, France, Portugal, Ukraine and Czech Republic.

Participants' fee: 30 euro – non-EU member states, 50 euro – EU member states

The project

40 young people from Eastern and Western European Countries meet together in order to discuss the meaning of migration for the life of their countries, communities and themselves. The main question is how the vast migration movements in the late 20th and early 21st century have influenced the societies of both Western and Eastern Europe. In what sense is migration seen as a positive phenomenon? How do both hosting and sending societies use the potential of migration? What are its negative effects on societies and what are the means of dealing with them? How will migration develop in the near future?

The project consists of three main steps:

Step 1 Starting point is a biographical element: Ahead of the project the participants prepare short essays on the following topic: Migration – a problem or a chance for future Europe. What is your personal opinion based on your experience? The essays will create a basis for further discussions.

Step 2 Through theoretical input, study visits and discussions during the meeting participants discover various perspectives of migration. The programme of the meeting on the one hand comprises of lectures given by experts on migration, study visits and meetings with migrants and on the other hand of presentations and discussions of the participants themselves. Topics to be discussed in detail are:

- Eastern and Western Europe and its different perspectives on migration.
- Why do people migrate? – Problems of emigration in Eastern Europe and ways of dealing with them.
- Problems of immigration in Western Europe and ways of dealing with them.
- Possible means of fostering dialogue and understanding

This part sets a ground for *Step 3*, during which - having analysed the complexity of migration in contemporary Europe, motivation of migrants, social processes resulting from migration – in working groups participants develop micro-projects stimulating sensitivity to migration issues in their local communities.

Three most applicable micro-projects will get organizational support from the project coordinator and its partners.

Deadline for applications: 25th October 2010

To apply please send the following:

1. filled in and signed application form
2. CV
3. personal essay of about 1200 words on "How I see migration"

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