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Narrative report for 2017

In the past 2017, CYA KRIK actively worked on offering educational youth programs, both at European and local level. The educational programs included various workshops, trainings and methods from non-formal education, useful for personal and professional development of young people with disability and without. Also, young people had the opportunity to meet different people cultures and meet peers with whom they share the same interests, but also challenges, in more countries across Europe. As part of the activities, for the first time we organized three youth inclusive camps in Ohrid, in which young people with and without disabilities took part. This year we adapted and opened the Krikni Youth Center, with help of the Move Your Finger initiative, which is led by the National Youth Council of Macedonia, Krikni is located in the settlement Przino, where the new offices of Krik are.

Within the building there are a training center, a youth center and the offices of CYA KRIK.

Through the Erasmus + program of the European Union, this year we sent 50 youth in educational programs abroad, which include youth exchanges, training courses, transnational meetings, seminars, as well as short and long European projects Volunteer Service, in projects that are included in the three key actions of Erasmus + the program. In the first months of next year we have room to send 10 more young people on similar programs abroad.

In 2017, 4 EVS volunteers (2 from Germany, 2 from Poland) successfully completed our projects in KRIK, and we received another volunteer from Germany. In the short term we received 5 EVS volunteers 2 from France, 2 from Slovenia (volunteers from Slovenia were with intellectual disability and with them came a support person) and 1 volunteer from Turkey. Next year we expect about 20 volunteers to arrive in Macedonia, in the short term starting from February 1st. The volunteers who will arrive, will come from Turkey and France, while in the long run is expected in September 2 volunteers from Italy also arrived.

In addition to receiving, we also send volunteers to EVS projects. This year we sent 3 EVS volunteers in the short term in Turkey.

We sent our social exclusion coordinator Irena Krsteva and 2 people to Italy.

At the local level we offered about 15 youth programs, 3 youth inclusions camps, 2 large conferences and various workshops. Participate in local events took more than 500 young people with and without disabilities, and the activities were aimed at developing soft skills and motor skills.

The target groups remained the same as in previous years, but this year we had the opportunity to offer more opportunities and involve more young people.

Participation in national networks and local networking.

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This year CYA KRIK actively participated in activities in national networks in which KRIK figures as a full member.

National Youth Council of Macedonia

In 2017, KRIK members actively participated in the work of The National Youth Council of Macedonia. Irena Krsteva, coordinator for Social Inclusion in KRIK participates as a member of the Supervisory Board of the NYCM.

Elisaveta Buloska, who works in KRIK as a technical-logistics assistant and EVS mentor, was a delegate to the General Assembly of the NYCM held in the second half of November in Skopje. Oliver Andreevski, Assistant for Creation and Development of youth programs in KRIK, participates in the work of the Youth Inspiration Group, working in the field of youth unemployment and policies. Mila Karadafova, The CEO is part of the network of trainers on the network.

Y-Peer Macedonia

This year CYA KRIK joined the network by participating in information sessions and promotion of the United Nations global goals for sustainable development, which this network promotes and monitors implementation around the world. Also takes part in workshops in the field of gender issues.

Union for Youth Work

As in previous years, CYA KRIK takes an active part in the work of the union for youth work, through participation in the project United Youth Workers. With this project has significantly contributed to the advancement of the status of youth workers aimed at recognizing youth work and gaining the status of occupation, the procedure of which is ongoing. CYA CEO KRIK to the event Assembly this year was President of the Union for Youth Work, and in the work of the union actively involved several members of KRIK.

Participation in international networks

This year we started cooperation with the Youth Social Rights Network. YSRN is an international network that promotes the social rights of young people from environments with fewer opportunities. CYA KRIK is involved in the Cinema for Social project rights, which consisted of a training course, held in Georgia, the second part held in Greece and an evaluation event held in Ohrid, Macedonia.

As part of the CYA KRIK project, KRIK led an advocacy campaign, which consisted of multiple activities: First a workshop was held with the presentation of recommendations for activities and measures aimed at improving the social rights of young people from environments with less opportunities provided by the Council of Europe. Then on the day of young people, a letter with the recommendations of the Minister of Labor and Social Policy, Mila Carovska was handed over. After reviewing the recommendations, we held a meeting with the Minister and with the

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Director of the Agency for Youth and Sports on the ways in which these recommendations and measures can be applied to improve the social rights of young people persons.

Organizations that KRIK collaborated with in 2017.

Union of Scouts of Macedonia;

SMR Youth Work Union;

National Youth Council of Macedonia NYCM;

Y PEER Macedonia;

Youth Social Rights Network;

17 organizations from Slovenia, Poland, Czech Republic, Turkey, Greece, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Portugal, Romania, Great Britain, Germany, Italy, France and Serbia in Erasmus + program framework.

Business sector

New Office - donation of office supplies.

State institutions

Ministry of Labor and Social Policy

Agency for Youth and Sports

Educational institutions

DSU for education and rehabilitation "St. Naum Ohridski" - Skopje;

DUCOR "Partenija Zografski" - Skopje;

Institute for Rehabilitation of Children and Youth Topansko Pole - Skopje;

Special Primary School POU "Idnina" - Skopje.

Donors (funds and in kind)

UNICEF

Erasmus +

National Agency for European Programs and Mobility of Macedonia

National Agency of Turkey

National Agency of Italy

National Agency of France

National Agency of Slovenia

National Agency of Germany

National Agency of Poland

Krikni Youth Center

In 2017, the Krikni Youth Center was opened in the Przino neighborhood. Where the CYA KRIK offices are located, as well as a training area are functioning within the building for holding workshops and trainings. Equipping and opening the center were supported by the Move Your Finger initiative led by the National Youth Council of Macedonia. Opening a youth center is an important part of KRIK's work, space is provided for young people to express themselves freely. To sum up, KRIK has made tremendous progress this year fulfilling the goals of the association.

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Realized activities during 2017

Project "See You Watching Me" funded by the United Children's Fund Nations, in cooperation with the Union of Scouts of Macedonia. The project "See You Watching Me" consists of 10 youth programs that took place in 6 cities throughout Macedonia, namely: Gevgelija (1), Sveti Nikole (1), Tetovo (1), Kicevo (1), Prilep (1) and Skopje (5). Each youth program consisted of 10 workshops throughout various institutions and organizations. 200 participated in the youth programs young people with disabilities and without whom through the workshops they gained knowledge and soft skills.

Furthermore, 3 youth inclusive camps were realized in the Scout Center Ohrid. The camps were attended by about 100 young people who participated in educational workshops and outdoor activities aimed at team building, sports and reconnaissance activities.

The final event of the project was a conference on "Young people with disability in everyday life", which was spoken by participants in the camps and programs and shared their impressions. It was presented at the conference publication listing methods / activities of non-formal education which are suitable or adapted for work in mixed groups of young people with and without disabilities. The whole project involved more than 20 youth workers and 20 young people in program teams.

Youth exchange "The Future is Equal" funded by National Agency for European Programs and Mobility of Macedonia. From the 12th to the 19th, a youth exchange was held in the Scout Center Ohrid, in organization of the Center for Youth Activism KRIK, in partnership with 4 organizations from Spain, Romania, Belgium and Italy. 25 young people from these took part in the exchange countries, including Macedonia, and the topic of the exchange was gender equality. During the exchange, the situation of gender equality in the countries was presented by workshops on gender, gave birth to initiatives for action in the local community, and as a final product a video was made with material from the course of the exchange.

The Krikni Youth Center opened on February 26, 2017.

This is an important day for CYA KRIK, with 4 years of youth opening a center where young people can freely create and spend their free time. The center was renovated by 20 young people who applied to volunteer for renovation of the center. Also, a training room was opened within the center offices of the organization. From the opening until the end of the year were held large number of workshops and events in the center in which more than 50 young people participated.

In Skopje, a dissemination event was held at the Krikni Youth Center of the Erasmus + key action 2 project, Strategic Partnership- ERASMUS4VIP. The dissemination event took place on May 30th and 31st, and at the event there were presented compendium, a manual with activities for working with visually impaired people. The Compendium and the manual were developed by the project partners.

Such dissemination events have also occurred in Greece, Cyprus, Romania and Bulgaria where



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educators and youth workers from Macedonia were sent to meet project results.

Internationally this year we sent 50 young people to educational opportunities abroad through the Erasmus + program. We worked on finding and concluding new partnerships to ensure a greater supply of educational programs abroad. We have successfully established new contacts and partnerships. The young participated in various training courses, youth exchanges, seminars, EVS projects, transnational meetings, meetings, etc. Where they gained knowledge in the field of non-formal education and the topics it covers.

At the local level, in the first half of 2017, we offered three youth programs, in cooperation with special schools and institutions such as DSU "St. Naum Ohridski", DUCOR "Partenija Zografski" and the Institute for Rehabilitation of Children and youth "Topansko Pole", all from Skopje. The youth programs were composed of 10 workshops, and the workshops were attended by young people with disabilities and without the activities were aimed at developing creative expression and developing motor skills. In the youth programs there were included about 50 young people.

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EVS volunteers who were part of KRIK in 2017 also organized and realized activities at the local level.

Barbara and Agatha, from Poland, organized 20 creative and inclusive workshops in DUCOR "Partenija Zografski", 5 workshops in the State School for children and youth with impaired vision Dimitar Vlahov - Skopje.

Together with the volunteers from Germany, Norma and Peter, and the volunteer from Turkey Leuven, organized creative workshops with young people with Down Syndrome and young people with typical development.

Peter from Germany, Barbara from Poland and Juven from Turkey, organized 10 dance workshops involving young people with and without disabilities.

Activities on the occasion of European Anti-Racism Week (live library, online campaign, watching movies and discussing them, comic book workshop on the topic of racism, etc.)

Film evenings that lasted for 2 months, in Krikni Youth Center, multiple films were presented each week at the choice of volunteers, followed by a discussion of the film with the audience.

Dog cafe, an event attended by young people who keep dogs, which they are shared experiences about their pets.



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Simulation - a three-day event that simulated solving conflicts and dealing with natural disasters such as earthquakes, floods, fires, etc. The event took place in Demir Kapija and was in cooperation with the Union of scouts of Macedonia.

Norma from Germany held 10 workshops at the youth center on the topic creative writing. The workshops aimed to foster creativity and freedom of expression in young people. Different methods were used in the workshops and non-formal education techniques.

For 2 months, Norma and Peter held workshops in which German culture, language, history, life and habits were presented. Through various creative methods participants had the opportunity to get acquainted with German culture, language and habits.

Norma and Peter during their stay also held a presentation of Erasmus + program in several high schools in Skopje, where they shared their experience and knowledge gained during participation in the program.

The volunteer from Turkey, Juven, during his project in Skopje held 8 workshops of which 2 in the Institute for Rehabilitation of Children and Youth Topansko Pole and 6 in DSU for rehabilitation and education St. Naum Ohridski - Skopje. The workshops are consisted of various methods and games of non-formal education for the purpose of development creativity, motor skills and life learning.

Barbara and Agatha from Poland were actively involved in Project 10 activism of the Y - Peer network, where they participated in events related to youth participation, youth activism and shared their experience.

In the activities for 2017 we had a coverage of about 800 young people with disability and without.

"See You Watching Me" - 400 young people;

Youth exchange "The Future is Equal" - 30 young people;

Youth programs - 300 young people at the local level;

Erasmus + - 60 young.

KRIK Media

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