



CENTER FOR YOUTH ACTIVISM CYA KRIK

Narrative report for 2018

In the past 2018, CMA Creek 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.

This year, for the first time in Macedonia, youth policy is conducted by government institutions in partnership with youth organizations. The Youth Guarantee began to be implemented in Macedonia. Ministry of Labor and Social Policy together with The Agency for Employment and the National Youth Council of Macedonia implements the activities of the Youth Guarantee. While the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and The Agency for Employment was led by employment measures, the National Youth Council was responsible for the field work. The field work takes place in the municipalities on the territory of Skopje, Municipality of Strumica and Municipality of Gostivar. In each of these municipalities, there are 2 field workers which inform the young people about the Youth Guarantee and ease the process for access the Agency for Employment. Throughout the field work, we are mapping young people who are out of the educational process, are not employed and are not in the process of training them. CYA Krik is coordinating 5 municipalities on the territory of the city of Skopje, where there are 9 field workers.

The summer program this year was very interesting and instead of training and workshops we decided to appear at the youth festivals that take place and to organize educational activities in the places where young people are. We organized activities of the EXIT festival in Novi Sad Serbia, D festival in Dojran, Bob Marley's Day in the City Park in Skopje and we were even at the World Scouting Jamboree in Skrebatno, Ohrid.

Through the Erasmus + program of the European Union, this year we sent 40 young people in educational programs abroad, which include youth exchanges, trainings, transnational meetings, seminars, as well as short and long term European Volunteer Service projects, in projects that are included in the three key actions of Erasmus + program. In the first months of next year we are ready to send more 10 young people on similar programs abroad.

This year, we also attended the biggest youth event at European level European Youth Event-YO FEST which was held at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France. At the festival, in addition to active participation, we implemented a workshop for participants on how to communicate with people with disabilities.



2018 so far is the year in which Krik received the biggest number of volunteers. Lydia from Germany successfully completed its EVS, she spent 12 months with us. 20 volunteers from Turkey joined us throughout the year, someone for a month, someone for two months. On short term, we received additional 4 EVS volunteers, 2 from France, 2 from Slovenia (The volunteers from Slovenia were intellectually disabled and a man arrived with them for support). On long term, 2 volunteers from Italy are expected to arrive.

Insted of receiving, we also send volunteers to EVS projects. This year on short-term we sent 4 EVS short-term volunteers to Turkey, Slovenia and Bulgaria and 1 long-term volunteer in Italy.

At the local level we offered 7 long-term integrative youth programs in 4 special schools, 1 youth program for programming, 2 conferences, we organized 1 training in Ohrid and we started with the long-term program for mentors of youth for self-employment and we coordinated field work in 5 municipalities on the territory of the city of Skopje whitin Youth Guarante. Attended local events more than ----- young people with and without disabilities, and the activities aimed to develop their soft skills and motor skills.

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

Participation in national networks and local networking

This year CYA Krik actively participated in activities in national networks in which we fare a full member.

➤ National Youth Council of Macedonia

In 2018, Krik's members actively participated in the work of The National Youth Council of Macedonia. Irena Krsteva, coordinator for Social Inclusion in CYA Krik still participates as a member of the NYCM's Supervisory Board. Oliver Andreevski, who works in CYA Krik as a coordinator for local programs and networking, was a delegate to the NYCM General Assembly in November in Skopje. Simona Petrovska, Finance Manager participates in the work of the working NYCM's group on youth law. Mila Karadafova, Executive Director and Oliver Andreevski are part of the network of trainers on the network.

The National Youth Council of Macedonia this year is a partner of the implementation of the Youth Guarantee. The Youth Guarantee is the first youth policy which the institutions implement together with the youth organizations. Ministry of Labor and Social Policy and the Agency of Employment are working to implement employment measures and the NYCM conducts field work on the territory of the municipalities of the city of Skopje, Gostivar and Strumica. Creek coordinates 5 of the 10 municipalities in Skopje and there are field workers in the municipalities of Saraj, Butel, Aerodrom, Gjorce and Kisela Voda.



As an important youth policy this year took place the process of preparation of youth law. The Law on Youth is operated by a working group composed of 30 members (MPs and representatives of NYCM and SEGA). The NYCM also started with a special working group composed of members whose consultations are sent to the official working group.

Simona Petrovska was part of this working group. In the period from September to December, the NYCM also conducted a consultation process in various cities throughout Macedonia in order to gather information for the needs of the youth. This process was led by a trainer from the Pool of trainers. Mila and Oliver were part of the trainers in this process.

➤ **Y-Peer Macedonia**

This year CYA Krik actively continued to be a member of the network. In 2018 the network was officially registered as a citizens' association in the central register in Macedonia.

➤ **Union for Youth Work**

As in previous years, CYA Krik takes an active participation in the work of the Union for Youth work. This year the process with the classification standards of youth worker and still ongoing. The union for the first time received funding for implementation of a consultative process for the need for a youth portfolio worker and quality standards. We also expect the formation of a secretariat that will work at Krik's offices.

Oliver Andreevski is part of the Management Board of Union for Youth work.

Participation in international networks

This year we continued our 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 has joined the Rights to go project, which is consisted of several trainings. In support of the activities, Krik led the finances for implementation of project activities for training in Macedonia.

Organizations that Krik collaborated with in 2017

- Union for Youth Work;
- National Youth Council of Macedonia NYCM;
- Y PEER Macedonia;
- Youth Social Rights Network;
- 17 organizations from Europe: Poland, Czech Republic, UK, Italy, Cyprus, France, Spain, Bulgaria, Turkey, Lithuania, Malta, Romania, Germany.

Business sector

In 2018, we implemented a long-term program for programming languages supported by the SAP company from Slovenia.



State institutions

Ministry of Labor and Social Policy;
Agency for Employment of Macedonia;
The cooperation with these institutions was conducted during the implementation of the field work from the Youth Guarantee.

Educational institutions

State Special School for education and rehabilitation "St. Naum Ohridski" - Skopje;
State Special School "Partenija Zografski" - Skopje;
Institute for Rehabilitation of Children and Youth Topansko Pole - Skopje;
Special Primary School POU "Zlatan Sremac" - Skopje
Montessori Kindergarten

Donors (funds and in kind)

Mladiinfo;
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 Bulgaria.

Krikni Youth Center

Krikni Youth Center is functioning with an offer of activities in 2018 as well. This year the center functioned as:

- Corner for preparation of participants in European mobility programs;
- Space for the work of EVS volunteers;
- Training program for EVS volunteers;
- Workshops on various topics such as program for coding, the program for autonomous employment
- The center was given to other youth organizations for use it, such as Y PEER Macedonia, Equalis Association, NYCM's working group on the law on youth and the like.

Realized activities during 2017

- Project "Youth participation for all" funded by Mladiinfo as regranting from their current IPA project for Youth Banks.



The project "Youth participation for all" consists 3 youth programs that took place in 3 special schools in Skopje. Every youth program consisted of 10 workshops. Within the youth programs 60 young people with disabilities participated and without which through the workshops they acquired knowledge and soft skills.

Furthermore, we began to work on research and preparation of a database for daily care centers and youth organizations operating in their geographical area. In the following period we will organize many other activities.

➤ Services to support young people - implementation of field work for the Youth Guarantee funded by the USAID Civic Engagement Project the program. The project is implemented in the period August 2018 to February 2019 year and takes place in mapping young people who are not employed, are not in training and not in education in order to enroll them in the Youth Guarantee.

➤ KA2 OPEN Strategic Partnership coordinated by the National Association of Resource Teachers from Bulgaria

This project is implementing in the period September 2017 to March 2019. This year as part of the project we organized the training in Ohrid which focused on improving of the capacities of the employees in the youth organizations which are working with people with disabilities. The training was fully prepared by Krik's office and led by Mila and Oliver.

We also started with the first webinar that took place in December 2018 and we are actively working on the OPEN platform which will be a platform-resource for youth workers working with people with disabilities. We also sent people to transnational meetings and training.

➤ KA2 PYLE Strategic Partnership coordinated by the Manipura Institute from Slovenia

This project is implementing in the period from September 2017 to December 2019. As part of the project activities this year we conducted a survey of employees in Krik on the topic of autonomous employment. We started implementing the long-term program for mentors for autonomous employment in December 2018. The program continues next year.

➤ On International level this year we sent 40 young people to educational opportunities through the Erasmus + program. We worked on finding and concluding new partnerships to ensure a greater support of educational programs abroad. We have successfully established new contacts and partnerships. The young participated in various trainings, youth exchanges, seminars, EVS projects, transnational meetings, meetings, etc. where they gained knowledge in the field of non-formal education.

➤ At the local level, in the first half of 2018, we offered 4 youth programs, in cooperation with special schools and institutions such as State Special School for education and rehabilitation "St. Naum Ohridski" - Skopje, State Special School "Partenija Zografski" – Skopje, Special Primary School POU "Zlatan Sremac" – Skopje and the Institute for rehabilitation of children and youth "Topansko Pole", all from Skopje. Youth programs were composed of 10 workshops, and the workshops were attended



by young people with disability and without, the implemented activities aimed to develop the creativity and to developing their motor skills. The youth programs involved more than 50 young people.

➤ EVS volunteers who were part of Krik in 2018 also organized realized activities at the local level and were part of the summer program that took place at festivals organized in the region.

In the activities for 2018 we involved about 600 young people with disabilities and not directly involved in Krik's activities and additionally around 900 mapped and registered youth in Agency for Employment with the Youth Guarantee.

"Youth participation for all" - 60 young people;

KA2 OPEN, training for working with people with disabilities - 12 young people;

KA2 PYLE, long-term program for mentors for autonomous employment - 10 young people;

Youth programs in special schools in the first half of 2018 – 80 young;

CodeInnovateCoonect Program 25 young participants in the training and 40 guests at conferences;

Summer program - 325 participants;

International Scout Jamboree - 25 participants;

EXIT Festival - 200 young people;

D Festival - 50 young people;

Bob Marley's Day - 50 young people;

Erasmus + - 40 young.

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