

## REPORT

### STUDY VISIT 17-23.02.2019, SERBIA

#### AIMS:

The aims of the visit were space for exploring organization of youth work, types of youth work practiced within country (health education, active citizenship and political awareness, environmental protection and social exclusion), cooperation with youth field institutions and youth workers occupational standard. Study visit included joint sessions for presentation on youth work realities in Serbia and Estonia with the main aim to introduce institutional and legal framework on national, regional and local level, developed country mechanisms for quality of youth work, validation and education of youth workers in relation to occupational standards as well as on sight visits to youth work practiced among organizations in the field in order to explore methods and tools used within youth work practice. During the study visit participants had opportunity to met and get to know more about member organization of NAPOR, National Youth Council (KOMS), Ministry of youth and sports and OPENS.



## PROGRAMME:

Study visit to Serbia\*\*\*Sremski Karlovci \*\*\*17th to 23rd February 2019

Sunday, February 17th	Monday, February 18th	Tuesday, February 19th	Wednesday, February 20th	Thursday, February 21st	Friday, February 22nd	Saturday, February 23rd
	Breakfast 8-9 AM	Breakfast 8-9 AM	Breakfast 8-9 AM	Breakfast 8-9 AM	Breakfast 8-9 AM	Breakfast 8-9 AM
	Getting to know Expectations Intro to the study visit	Leaving to Belgrade at 9AM  Serbian Palace, Ministry of Youth and Sports	Leaving to Novi Sad at 9AM  OPENS- Novi Sad European Youth Capital 2019	Leaving to Sombor at 8.30  Visit to Local Youth Office and youth club		Individual youth work with vulnerable groups
	Youth and Youth Work in Serbia and Estonia	National Youth Council Serbia and National association of youth offices	Organisation: Know How Center (Outreach Youth Work)	Organisation: Educational centre Sombor		Ethics in youth work
Arrival day	Lunch 1PM	Lunch in Belgrade 1PM	Lunch in Novi Sad 1PM	Lunch in Sombor 1PM	Lunch 1PM	Departure day
	Overview of participant's organisations  Organisation: Pokret Gorana and WS about edu-gaming in youth work	Organisations: Group Lets..., Centre for positive development of children and youth and Organization of Creative Grouping  Walk around city centre	Organisation: BalkanIDEA Novi Sad (Living Library)  Tour around Novi Sad and free time	Leaving to Becej  Becej's youth organisation - BUM and WS about youth journalism		Analysis of practices. Methods, tools  Evaluation of the SV and closing
Dinner at 6PM	Dinner at 6PM	Dinner in Belgrade at 6.30PM	Dinner at 6.30PM	Dinner at 7PM	Dinner at 6PM	
		Leaving to S.Karlovci at 9PM	ICL evening			

## VISITS:

During the study visit participants had opportunity to see different types of youth work used by organizations. The visits included presentation, practical work and discussion. During the visits participants had opportunity to see how youth workers use board games in working with youth, or Living library. Also participants had opportunity to participate in different workshops such is recording TV and playing games. The participant met organizations that work with Roma, young people from vulnerable groups, youth. Here is the list of visited organizations during the study visit.

## KOMS

National Youth Council of Serbia (KOMS) was established in 2011 as the highest independent representative body of youth in Serbia. KOMS is an advocacy platform that represents the interests of youth, develops partnership with the public institutions, promotes intersectoral collaboration and international cooperation in the field of youth policy, encourages active youth participation and develops organizational capacities of its member organizations. Besides youth participation, KOMS focuses its work on other relevant programme areas, such as: youth employment, equality and social inclusion, youth security, media literacy and sustainable development. KOMS gathers 108 member organizations in its membership in 2019.

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## National Association of Youth Offices

National Association Youth Office is the umbrella federation of cities and municipalities from the territory of the Republic of Serbia that have established a Youth Office and are actively working on the development of local youth policy. It was established with the aim of ensuring the quality of youth policy at the local level. National KZM was formed in March 2014 with 56 Office of Founders, and currently it has 109 members - cities, municipalities and city municipalities.

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## Vojvodina Environmental Movement



Vojvodina Environmental Movement is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in 1960. Our main aim is creating space for active and responsible participation of local communities in sustainable development through education, volunteering, promotion and advocacy on local, national and international level. We are achieving this goal through three programmes:

1. Educational for sustainable development programme;
2. Programme of local sustainable development;
3. Public Advocacy programme;

Main topics of the three programmes are focusing on development of the three main pillars of sustainable development

1. Environmental protection (energy efficiency, climate change, waste management, water pollution & biodiversity);

2. Social development (children & youth, volunteering);
3. Economic development (ecotourism, youth center)

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### **"Hajde da..." Group**

We began working in 1999 and is officially registered as an NGO. We're working with various target groups (youngsters, NGO activists, marginalized groups, such as people with disabilities, sexual workers, war veterans, LGBT...), mainly delivering different kinds of projects, trainings, awareness raising campaigns, networking and publishing. Projects that the "Hajde da..." Group implements are from the fields of youth work and youth policy development, non-formal and peace education, psychological and social support, social inclusion, and training methodology.

We are working mainly in field of active participation, human rights, social inclusion, art activism, conflicts resolution... Also, we are using different methods (performances, short movies, social engage theatre...).

"Hajde da..." Group was organizing 6 National trainings for organizer of Living libraries and some members of organization are counsellor in Council of Europe, helping more than 30 local organizations to organize Living libraries.

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### **OKO**

"Organization of Creative Grouping" – OCG was founded in 2005. with the goal of promoting and enhancing culture and art, education, protection of human rights and the environment. We strive to have international cooperation and develop contemporary performing forms, internet culture and preserve spiritual values. Our programs include drama education, volunteering and youth work and non-formal education where we often use theatre techniques as both teaching and expression tools. We have four certified youth workers. We created and participated in more than 50 local, national and international projects. We always seek new partners.

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### **CEPORA**

Center for Positive Youth Development (founded in 2011). Our mission is to implement current prevention science knowledge in order to improve emotional and social development of children and youth. We realise a great number of programs for youth (in and out of schools) and one special program for children and youth without parental care in institutions. We use preventive strategies and applied drama in our work. Our team consists of experts in special education, social protection and behaviour problem prevention. We have a base of over 100 trained volunteers. Over 7.500 young people participated in our activities so far.

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## **OPENS2019 – NOVI SAD, EUROPEAN YOUTH CAPITAL**

In the year of 2019. Novi Sad is set to be the center of young Europe.

The city of Novi Sad is the one formally carrying the title of European Youth Capital, but in fact the title belongs to all its inhabitants from the age of 15 to 30 years. And OPENS (Serbian abbreviation meaning: European Youth Capital Novi Sad) is the Federation of Associations that is here to implement the program on which the Novi Sad is the holder of flattering title, along with its partners.



OPENS2019 in the first place encourages the active participation of young people in society. Using different mechanisms, programs, advocating, working together and using any other possible method at our disposal, until the end of 2020, we plan to Color the city with OPENS colors and *open the door* to all young people who have a dream and a vision of a better Novi Sad.

The aim of OPENS2019, as the European Youth Capital is to create opportunities for young people. Given the fact that young people face many challenges in everyday life, OPENS2019 aims at creating space where the youth's energy is celebrated, creativity is encouraged, ideas are being developed and where young people further improve discussions with policy makers. The project OPENS2019 was supported by the Cabinet of Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia and declared as a project of importance for the Republic of Serbia and the City of Novi Sad.

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### **Know How Center (CPZV)**

Based in Vojvodina province, **Know How Center (CPZV)** is largely synonymous with high quality work with both organizations and institutions contributing to the welfare of Roma population.

The most extensive program that we implement is the PGF program (Project Generation Facility). The program was launched in 2012/2013 and is still ongoing. The donor is Open Society Foundation

Within the Roma program, we have been continuously contributing to strengthen the capacities of Roma NGOs and institutions dealing with Roma, through a variety of small projects you can read about on our website : <https://cpzv.org>

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## BalkanIDEA NOVI SAD

BalkanIDEA Novi Sad is youth non-governmental organisation founded in 2000 in Novi Sad with the help of European Youth Foundation. BalkanIDEA Novi Sad is dealing with capacity building and active participation of young people in the society, and its work is founded on the principles of equality, non-formal education, voluntarism and intercultural learning with the focus on individuals and organisations in Balkan and in Europe. We are youth lead ngo with sustaining programs of Youth mobility, Prevention of on line buying and Living library.

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## SOMBOREDUCATIONAL CENTRE



Sombor Educational Centre is a non-profit organization founded in 2009 with the main purpose to improve position of children, youth and vulnerable groups on local, national and international level through non formal education, charity, affirmation of culture, promoting values of youth work and protecting as well as promoting human rights and nonviolence. During 10 years of experience, SEC has implemented many projects on different topics in the field of inclusion, violence, human rights, communication, youth participation, youth unemployment, volunteerism and activism, ecology, interculturality etc. SEC is member of three national and two global networks and has around

150 members, 20 active volunteers, 4 employees and 3 youth workers among staff.

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## BUM



Becej Youth Association - BUM is a non-governmental organization dealing with youth work. The idea of BUM is that by writing projects, organizing thematic events, activities that encourage creativity, ecological awareness, sports spirit, educate and entertain, we awaken our city and strive to create the brand of a young organization that gathered the energy of the youth and decided to create it on its own programs that will become recognizable and traditional in time.

The Becej Youth Association exists since 2010, and is a member of the NAPOR and KOMS network. It has about 60 members - young people who are ready to launch changes in our municipality.

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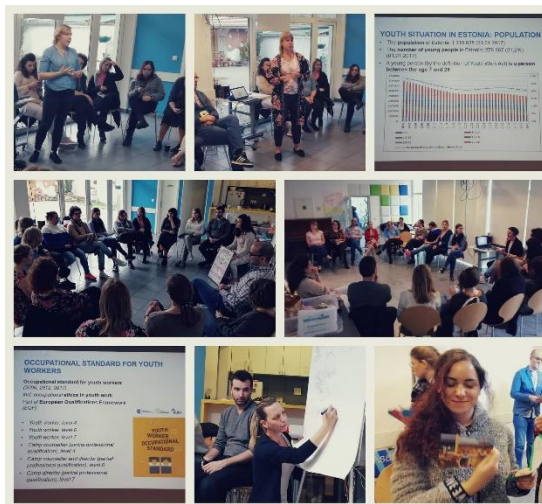
## WOMEN PEACE GROUP

Women peace group (WPG) was founded in 2001. The goal was to gather and organize female anti-militarists and mission was developing and affirming a culture of peace and non-violence and equal rights.

Since then, the context and the area of work have significantly changed, on local, regional and governmental levels. WPG shifted it's work towards human rights. WPG organized various educational activities for the youth (youth with disabilities, LGBT youth and other vulnerable groups) in the local community, with the goal of empowering young people to provide support to their peers which belong to vulnerable groups and raising awareness about the serious issues of peer violence and gender-based violence among the youth.

We believe that every person is entitled to a safe environment, a dignified life and support for personal growth and development.

Our mission is developing a culture of peace and non-violence based on feminist values, inclusion and the principles of youth work.



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## EVALUATION:

On the question how will you rate the variety in types of youth work during the SV, participants replay that they "explored very different YW organisations and got an overview of good practices. It was good to travel to various places.

It was so fully, but very interesting. We got to see a variety of programs and working metodologies in a lot of organizations, which I liked and found usefull."

On the question What did you find the most useful during the study visit participants replays were: "Learning about different types of youth work. New contacts, nice talks- walks I got many ideas for projects and contacts for cooperation. Intercultural dimension of the study visit: evening, communication and learning. Also, how youth work is structured in Estonia is also valuable information for me. Getting insight of some organisations and the way they are working, also connecting with different people from different organisations and exchanging exsperience about youth work. Living library was one things that is still in thoughts! Contacts insight into another system, for comparing."

On the question How you will use this experience in your future work, participants replays were: I will make sure to apply all the methods of youth work that I found interesting and useful during the SV in our association's youth work. I will keep in contact for future cooperation. I will play more similar games with my youths I got really great ideas from Estonian participants which I do plan to implement in my future work. Raising awareness. Understanding its importance, in future work, even if it is not working with young people, I will implement many of the things that I have learned. Everything is connected in some way. I can be happy, because in Estonia is so good youth work system and government recognizes it.

Logistics: They were satisfied with logistics and accommodation and food.