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## **SALTO EECA analyse itself - 2007**

The aim of this short evaluation research is to give an overview on SALTO EECA Resource Centre developments. Its primary target group is those, who work within the Youth in Action Programme: SALTOs, National Agencies' and European Commission's officers. Anyway, we hope that the following information can be useful for any youth worker from Programme and Eastern Europe and Caucasus (EECA) country.

Most of data used in the following evaluation report comes from SALTO internal on-line system, that manage our web-site ([www.salto-youth.net](http://www.salto-youth.net)) and its functionalities. Therefore some of soft, qualitative information (like age or nationality etc.) is based only on self-assessment of the user. Other data was collected on the base of Youth Link and own, SALTO EECA statistics.

The short analysis below is only a presentation of gathered data and doesn't have ambitions to do cross-data research. Most of the conclusions honourable reader needs to make by him/herself.

Please remember, that the factual quantitative data might slightly be different from those presented below. The number of factors and data sources makes it very difficult to receive the final numbers. Anyway, the statistics and graphs give interesting overview on the Youth in Action Programme development in/with Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

If you have any questions concerning our work and statistics presented below, please contact us at: [eeca@salto-youth.net](mailto:eeca@salto-youth.net) or by phone: (+48 22) 621 62 67.

**Have a nice reading!**

Basic information about EASTERN EUROPE AND CAUCASUS

**7 countries:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine

**Area:** 18 106 443 sq. km.

**Population:** 218 418 000 citizens

**Coverage:** 10 time zones

**Environment:** 5 climate zones

**Highest point:** Elbrus mtn. (5,633 m)

**Lowest point:** Caspian See (-28 m)

**... thousands of youth organisations and millions of opportunities!!!**



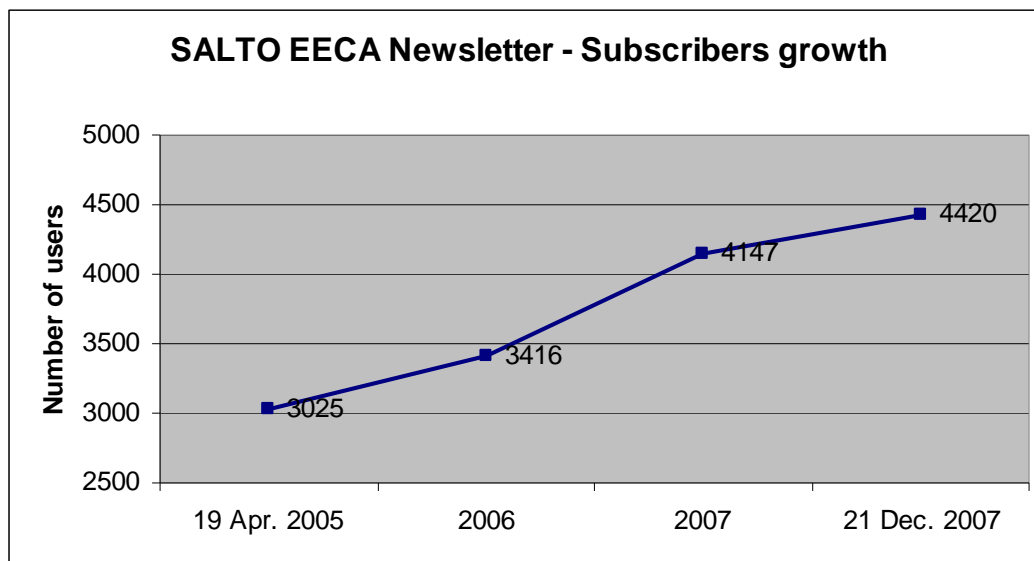
## EECA Newsletter

[www.salto-youth.net/newsletter](http://www.salto-youth.net/newsletter)

Since its beginning, SALTO EECA RC publishes electronic e-mail Newsletter. The Newsletter contains brief information about Resource Centre's developments and plans, information about activities of other institutions working in the field of EECA youth work as well as calls for partners from organisations and volunteers.

### Number of users

First EECA electronic Newsletter was published **19<sup>th</sup> April 2005** and reached **3025 subscribers**. At that time Newsletter was issued quarterly. Since 2007 we distribute the Newsletter every second month. Last one on **20<sup>th</sup> December 2007** got to **4420 users**, which is around 20% of all subscribers for different 8 Resource Centres' Newsletters.



### Age and gender diversity

The oldest subscriber of EECA Newsletter was born in **1932**, comes from United States and works for a famous international charitable organisation. There are six youngest users of our Newsletter born in **1990**. Only one male from Lithuania and 5 females from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Russia as well as Macedonia and Albania.

Only half of subscribers had defined their gender. The general trend is that there is slightly more female than male users.

### Nationality division

SALTO EECA Newsletter subscribers comes from ALL Programme and Neighbouring Partner Countries (except Syria). It is important to note that total number of (EECA) subscribers by nationality is only a half of all (EECA) subscribers / users, as other half of users didn't defined their nationality or didn't subscribed for any Newsletter. So below numbers are only orientation, to be more real they should be probably **multiply by 2!** Also understanding of Nationality differs among cultures and varies from strict Citizenship of one country to Ethnic background of person.

The highest number of subscribers of different SALTO Newsletters are Turkish (1756), Italian (926) and Polish (892). **Out of them 180 Italians, 173 Polish and 130 Turkish users subscribed specifically for EECA Newsletter, which is also the biggest number among all.** The percentage part of EECA Newsletter among other SALTO ones varies **around 15%**.

Other Programme countries + Switzerland subscribers data below (total subscribers or users / EECA specifically = percentage of subscribers of EECA Newsletter among the total for nationality):

Romanian – 696 / 122 = <b>17,5%</b>	Swedish – 186 / 16 = <b>8,6%</b>
Spanish – 640 / 63 = <b>10%</b>	Slovenian – 169 / 31 = <b>18,5%</b>
French – 629 / 92 = <b>14,5%</b>	Irish – 165 / 23 = <b>14%</b>
German – 563 / 101 = <b>18%</b>	Austrian – 162 / 26 = <b>16%</b>
Portuguese – 514 / 89 = <b>17,5%</b>	Cypriot – 136 / 18 = <b>13%</b>
British – 450 / 47 = <b>10,5%</b>	Slovak – 126 / 23 = <b>18,5%</b>
Lithuanian – 391 / 50 = <b>13%</b>	Finnish – 100 / 19 = <b>19%</b>
Latvian – 370 / 43 = <b>11,5%</b>	Norwegian – 100 / 9 = <b>9%</b>
Estonian – 335 / 25 = <b>7,5%</b>	Czech – 86 / 16 = <b>18,6%</b>
Greek – 316 / 71 = <b>22,5%</b>	Danish – 65 / 11 = <b>17%</b>
Bulgarian – 307 / 72 = <b>23,5%</b>	Swiss – 25 / 2 = <b>1%</b>
Belgian – 259 / 48 = <b>18,5%</b>	Luxembourgian – 21 / 6 = <b>3%</b>
Hungarian – 233 / 32 = <b>13,5%</b>	Icelandic – 18 / 2 = <b>1%</b>
Dutch – 199 / 38 = <b>19%</b>	Lichtenstein – 6 / 2 = <b>3,5%</b>
Maltese – 192 / 31 = <b>16%</b>	

Other Neighbouring regions also read our EECA Newsletter:

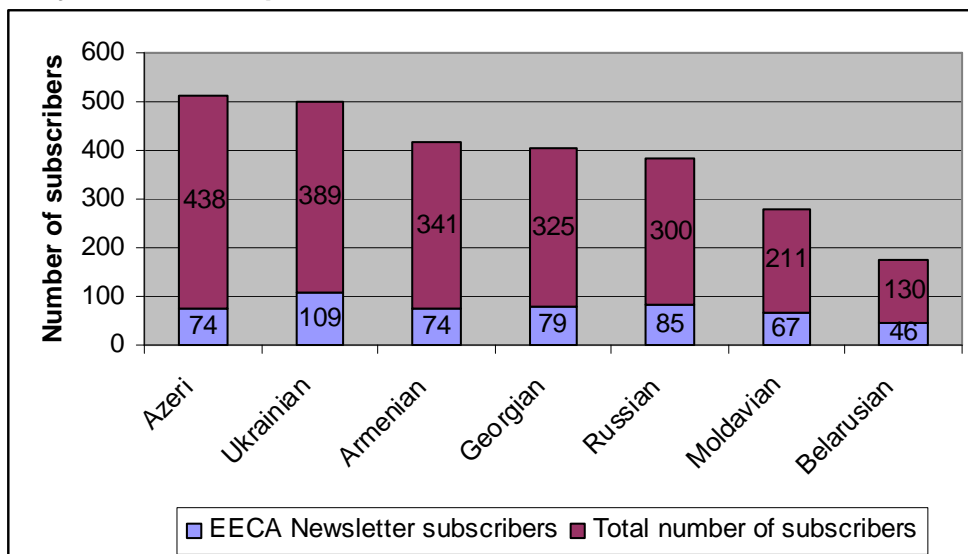
**EuroMed**

	Palestinian	Algerian	Jordanian	Egyptian	Lebanese	Tunisian	Israeli	Moroccan	Syrian
Total	434	305	276	247	170	134	133	26	8
EECA	9	16	13	18	9	19	4	2	0

**South East Europe**

	Albanian	Serbian	Macedonian	Bosnian	Croatian	Montenegrin
Total	580	452	355	222	124	35
EECA	71	67	64	42	30	4

... and finally Eastern Europe and Caucasus itself:



### **Trainers On-line on Youth**

[www.salto-youth.net/toy](http://www.salto-youth.net/toy)

In the database of trainers that SALTO Network provides, there is **266 trainers in total**. Experience in work with or in Eastern Europe and Caucasus is expressed by **107 trainers** coming from all Neighbouring regions and many Programme countries.

In TOY there is currently living or being of the following nationality:

**5** trainers coming from **Armenia**

**5** trainers coming from **Ukraine**

**3** trainers coming from **Russia**

**2** trainers coming from **Azerbaijan**

**1** trainer coming from **Georgia**

**0** trainers coming from **Belarus**

**0** trainer coming from **Moldova**

### **Toolbox for Training**

[www.salto-youth.net/toolbox](http://www.salto-youth.net/toolbox)

In the SALTO Network ToolBox with exercises, work methods, reports and others there is currently **683 items**. Recently we had opened an area devoted for Eastern Europe and Caucasus. There is already **16 items in EECA section**.

### **Calls for participants / On-line applications**

First event, when SALTO EECA used the on-line applications for participants recruitment was Training Course "Eastern Express" in Slovakia, 9-14 April 2005. There was 17 applicants from EECA and 7 from Programme countries who used the on-line form. Most of the applications came in .doc format.

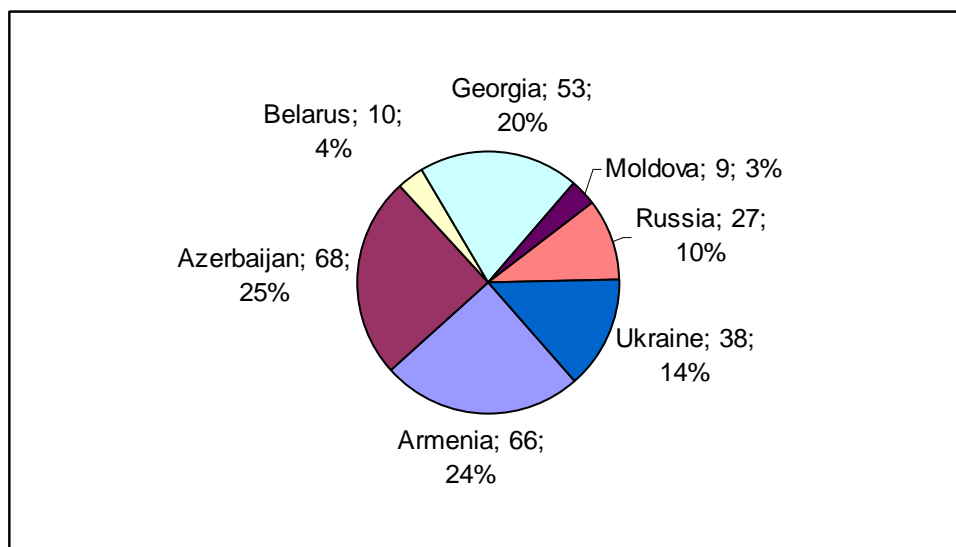
In 2007 SALTO EECA with its partners announced several on-line and .doc format calls for participants for various events. Below you can see number of applications received from both sources with basic information on final participants number and way of recruitment.

<p><b>Seminar "Let's meet our neighbours and the world: paths to international cooperation within Action 3 -Youth in the World"</b> 30 May – 3 June, Marly-le-Roi – France</p> <p>20 EECA, 18 EuroMed, 17 SEE, 54 Programme Countries' participants (including NA officers) finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 27 applications received Azerbaijan: 16 Belarus: 2 Georgia: 8 Moldova: 2 Russia: 10 Ukraine: 17</p> <p>EECA Total: 82 EuroMed: 64 (most from Palestine) SEE: 51 (most from Albania) Programme countries: 121</p> <p><i>All recruitment was held with on-line application forms.</i></p>	<p><b>Study Visit for participants from Programme Countries "Youth work reality in Caucasus countries"</b> 23 June – 1 July, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Armenia</p> <p>23 participants finally supported (including NA officers)</p> <p>Programme Countries: 52 applications received</p> <p>National Agencies officers: 5</p> <p><i>All recruitment was held with on-line application forms</i></p>
<p><b>Training Course on project management within Action 3 "Eastern Express"</b> 9-15 July, Lviv – Ukraine</p> <p>8 EECA and 6 Programme Countries participants finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 22 applications received Azerbaijan: 14 Belarus: 3 Georgia: 13 Moldova: 2 Russia: 8 Ukraine: 11</p> <p>EECA Total: 73 Programme countries: 22</p> <p><i>Recruitment of EECA participants was held on .doc forms send by e-mail or fax, Programme Countries' applicants used on-line forms.</i></p>	<p><b>Training course on "Inter-religious dialogue"</b> 6-14 October, Istanbul – Turkey</p> <p>7 EECA, 9 EuroMed and 13 Programme Countries participants finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 6 applications received Azerbaijan: 18 Belarus: 4 Georgia: 11 Moldova: 1 Russia: 4 Ukraine: 3</p> <p>EECA Total: 47 EuroMed: 39 (most from Algeria and Palestine) Programme Countries: 86</p> <p><i>All recruitment was held with on-line application forms.</i></p>

<p><b>International conference "EU Neighbourhood policy and migrations: Role of YIA and Euromed Youth programmes"</b>                  27 November – 2 December, Canary Islands, Spain</p> <p>7 EECA participants finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 9 applications received                  Azerbaijan: 10                  Belarus: 1                  Georgia: 10                  Moldova: 1                  Russia: 2                  Ukraine: 4</p> <p>EECA Total: 37                  EuroMed: 54 (most from Jordan)                  SEE: 11 (most from Serbia)                  Programme countries: 182</p> <p><i>All recruitment was held with on-line application forms.</i></p>	<p><b>Good practice event "ToolFair 2<sup>nd</sup>"</b>                  12-16 December, Antalya – Turkey</p> <p>5 EECA participants finally supported</p> <p>Armenia: 2 applications received                  Azerbaijan: 10                  Belarus: 0                  Georgia: 11                  Moldova: 3                  Russia: 3                  Ukraine: 3</p> <p>EECA Total: 32                  EuroMed: 50 (most from Palestine)                  SEE: 7 (most from Bosnia and Herzegovina)                  Programme countries: 62</p> <p><i>All recruitment was held with on-line application forms.</i></p>
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Summary number of applications from EECA region in 2007

Below you can see all EECA applications from the above 6 events presented by country, with a number of applications and percentage among total EECA applications. **75% of all EECA applications had been submitted through on-line forms.**



Participants gender

Among EECA participants 27 was female and 20 was male, which makes in total 57% woman and 43% man. Among Programme Countries participants 66 female and 65 male, which gives **almost perfect gender balance!**

## **SALTO EECA web-site statistics**

[www.salto-youth.net/eeca](http://www.salto-youth.net/eeca)

As there is many different statistics for our Network web-site, we would like to present only those, which are directly related to our EECA Resource Centre.

EECA web page was requested more than 20 000 times during 2007, which gives us 10<sup>th</sup> position among all salto-youth.net sub-pages and 1<sup>st</sup> place among the regional SALTOs sub-pages.

Among 20 most popular documents downloaded from SALTO webpage, only one from EECA, .doc format application form for "Eastern Express" TC has 15<sup>th</sup> position.

On-line application forms for "Let's meet our neighbours and the world: paths to international cooperation within Action 3 -Youth in the World" Seminar bears 8<sup>th</sup> position (1 477 hits), "EU Neighbourhood policy and migrations: Role of YIA and Euromed Youth programmes" International conference 10<sup>th</sup> place (1 216 hits), "Inter-religious Dialogue" TC 15<sup>th</sup> place (846 hits) and "ToolFair 2<sup>nd</sup>" event bears 19<sup>th</sup> position (616 hits) among 20 most used forms at our SALTO webpage.

The [www.salto-youth.net/EECA](http://www.salto-youth.net/EECA) was a first, entrance page for 1000 persons who started they surfing on common web-site exactly from our EECA sub-page. This gives us 6<sup>th</sup> place among all the first pages, gates for our common SALTO website and 1<sup>st</sup> one among the regional SALTOs.

Our website was also last one, exit page for around 7500 persons, who finished their surfing on common SALTO webpage with our EECA subpage. This gives us 7<sup>th</sup> position among all last, exit pages and 1<sup>st</sup> one among the regional SALTOs.

Our EECA sub page was searched through all different kinds of searching engines (yahoo, google etc.) with "salto eecca" term. Our web-site is 22<sup>nd</sup> among all SALTO Network web-pages to be searched via the engines. SALTO EECA is also the 3<sup>rd</sup> one among regional SALTOs to be looked for through the searching engines.

## **Youth Exchanges, Training and Networking**

Currently, more and more actors within youth in Action Programme asks our Resource Centre for the statistical data on the projects realised in Action 3.1. We will try to provide this data separately, when we will have the human resources available for this task (planning to host an internee). The information will be available on demand since July 2007.

## **European Voluntary Service**

SALTO EECA supports the EVS Training Cycle in EECA region. Therefore we track the hosting projects in the region since 2006. The first database was only provisional (time-taking problems with receiving data about the granted EVS projects) and served the trainers at the experimental phase to develop the EVS Trainings Cycle in Eastern Europe and Caucasus (read more here: [www.salto-youth.net/EVStrainingsEECA](http://www.salto-youth.net/EVStrainingsEECA)). The overall data about EVS is defined on the base of Youth Link and Inter Agency Consultation, so we can not proof the accuracy of the final information.



Nevertheless, we can try to do some conclusions, which may be especially interesting, in comparison to the data from 2007 – the outcomes of the structural changes in the Programme.

### 2006 - EVS hosted in EECA

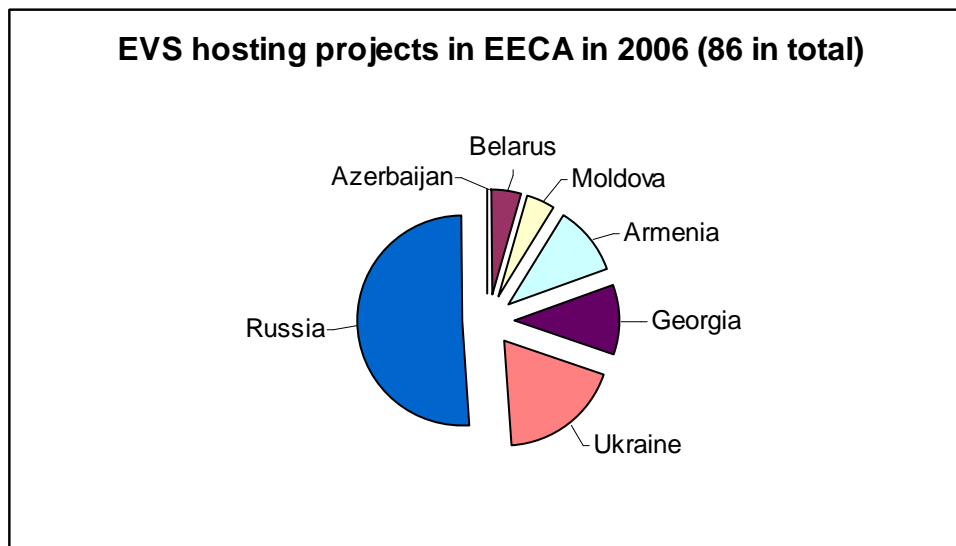
Number of volunteers in bilateral projects applied at 3 available selection rounds in 2006 within Youth Programme, **by sending country:**

<b>Russia</b>	
Poland	12
Germany	9
France	5
Belgium / Flanders	3
Spain	2
Slovakia	2
Austria	2
Great Britain	4
Hungary	2
Lithuania	1
Estonia	1
Finland	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>

<b>Ukraine</b>	
Poland	11
Germany	3
Lithuania	1
Estonia	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16</b>

<b>Armenia</b>	
France	5
Germany	1
Lithuania	1
Hungary	1
Poland	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Georgia</b>	
Poland	3
Lithuania	2
Estonia	2
Sweden	1
France	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>

<b>Moldova</b>	
Sweden	2
France	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Belarus</b>	
Germany	3
Portugal	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Azerbaijan</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>



*Please note, that those are projects granted in 2006. Most of those volunteers had undertaken their service in 2007. The statistics here shows only calculation of the granted projects in 2006.*

A bit more than half of the all EVS projects in EECA region in 2006 were hosted in Russia (44 out of 86)

A bit more than half of the all EVS projects hosted in Russia took place in Sankt Petersburg (24 out of 44)

The most active Russian organisations in EVS in 2006 were Sankt Petersburg's "Perspektivy" (12) and "Mir Tesen" (5). In Nizhny Novgorod: "Nizhny Novgorod Volunteer Service" and "Sfera" (5 together). Other popular destinations, where different organisations hosted EVS volunteers were Moscow (5) and Samara (4).

In Moldova, only one organisation hosted and coordinated EVS projects: "Advit" (4 out of 4).

In Armenia, Federation of Youth Clubs of Armenia (FYCA) hosted highest number of volunteers (3 out of 9).

In Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine, organisations were diverse and they hosted in average 1 or 2 volunteers.

For Azerbaijan there was no projects applied in 2006 at all (0 out of 86).

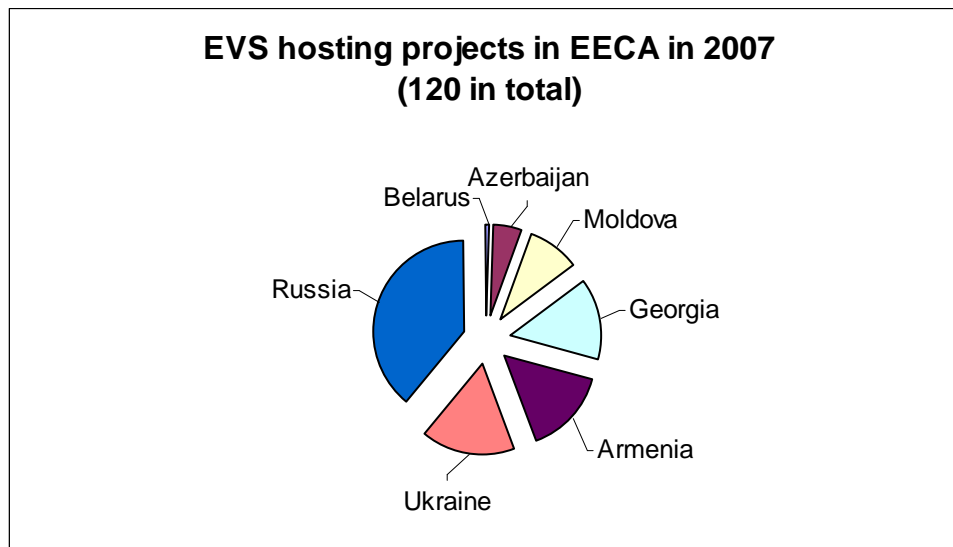
Number of volunteers TOTAL in the EECA region, in bilateral projects applied at 3 available selection rounds in 2006, **by sending country**, with information on the most popular sending organisations:

<b>Volunteers from:</b>		
Poland	27	<p>The first three countries' organisations sending to EECA:</p> <p>From <b>Poland</b> mostly sending to EECA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wspólnota Kulturowa BORUSSIA - 6 vol.,</li> <li>• Polska Fundacja im. R. Schumana - 5 vol.,</li> <li>• Fundacja Krzyżowa dla Porozumienia Europejskiego - 5 vol.</li> </ul> <p>From <b>Germany</b> mostly sending to EECA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aktion Sühnezeichen Friedensdienste (ASF) e.V. - 6 vol.</li> </ul> <p>From <b>France</b> mostly sending to EECA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter Echanges - 3 vol.,</li> <li>• Association SENOÏS - 2 vol.,</li> <li>• Presse Purée - 2 vol.</li> </ul>
Germany	16	
France	13	
Lithuania	5	
Estonia	4	
Great Britain	4	
Sweden	3	
Hungary	3	
Belgium / Flanders	3	
Spain	2	
Slovakia	2	
Austria	2	
Finland	1	
Portugal	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86</b>	

**2007 - EVS hosted in EECA**

Number of volunteers in bilateral projects applied at 5 available selection rounds within Youth in Action Programme in 2007, **by sending country:**

<b>Russia</b>		<b>Ukraine</b>		<b>Georgia</b>		<b>Azerbaijan</b>	
Germany	13	Poland	13	Poland	8	France	3
Poland	6	Netherlands	2	France	3	Finland	2
France	5	Germany	2	Lithuania	2	Belgium/Flanders	1
Austria	4	Finland	1	Latvia	2	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>
Italy	4	Lithuania	1	Netherlands	1		
Belgium/Flanders	3	Spain	1	Spain	1	<b>Belarus</b>	
Finland	3	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	Poland	1
Netherlands	2					<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>
Estonia	1	<b>Armenia</b>		<b>Moldova</b>			
Lithuania	1	France	4	France	3		
Sweden	1	Poland	4	Italy	2		
Slovenia	1	Lithuania	2	Germany	1		
Latvia	1	Spain	2	Austria	1		
Hungary	1	Italy	2	Sweden	1		
Bulgaria	1	Austria	1	Estonia	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	Germany	1	Netherlands	1		
		Portugal	1	Poland	1		
		Estonia	1	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>				



*Please note, that those are granted projects in 2007. Most of those volunteers will undertake their service in 2008, some of them will come back to their home countries even in 2009. The statistics here shows only calculation of the granted projects in 2007.*

Comparing to 2006, the number of volunteers in Russia is still the highest among all EECA countries (47 out of 120), it didn't changed much from 2006 (44 in 2006 and 47 in 2007), but because of general activation of the Caucasian countries, the percentage of the EVS projects hosted in Russia in overall number of EECA projects decreased from 51% to 39%.

The most active Russian organisations in EVS in 2007 were Nizhny Novgorod: “Nizhny Novgorod Volunteer Service” and “Sfera” (17 together). Other popular organisations in Russia, were Samara’s “Swallows” (4) and “Regional Agency for Creative Initiatives (RACI)” from Yaroslav (3). Other trendy destinations, where different organisations hosted EVS volunteers were Moscow (6), Sankt Petersburg (4), Voronezh (3), Irkutsk (2) and Ufa (2).

In Ukraine there was small increase in the number of EVS volunteers (from 16 in 2006 to 20 in 2007). The most popular organisation was “Education Initiatives Centre” from Lviv (4). EVS in Ukraine is quite decentralised, where many different organisations host volunteers in different cities: Kyiv (5), Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Vynnitsa, Artemovsk (2 each).

In 2007 in Moldova, like in 2006, only one organisation hosting and coordinating EVS projects was “Advit”. There was high increase in the number of volunteers in Moldova (from 4 in 2006 to 11 in 2007).

In Armenia, still Federation of Youth Clubs of Armenia (FYCA) hosted highest number of volunteers (5 out of 18). In Azerbaijan Association of Young Azerbaijani Friends of Europe -AYAFE was the most active (3 vol.). The situation in Georgia is similar to Ukraine, where projects are quite decentralised, and many different organisations host volunteers. Anyway, those projects take place primarily in Tbilisi (12 vol. out of 17), but also in Rustavi (3) and Zugdidi (2).

It is important to highlight, that in general, the Caucasus region became very active in EVS projects in 2007:

- Armenia **9** in 2006 to **18** in 2007
- Azerbaijan **0** in 2006 to **6** in 2007
- Georgia **9** in 2006 to **17** in 2007

In 2007 the number of EVS volunteers in Belarus decreased to 1 (4 in 2006). The only organisations involved were Polish sending “Fundacja dla Wolności” and Belarusian hosting “Caritas Vitsyebk”.

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<b>Volunteers from:</b>		
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France	18	
Germany	17	
Italy	8	
Netherlands	6	
Austria	6	
Lithuania	6	
Finland	6	
Belgium / Flanders	4	
Spain	4	
Estonia	3	
Latvia	3	

Sweden	2	
Portugal	1	
Slovenia	1	
Hungary	1	
Bulgaria	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	

### **2007 - EVS sent from EECA**

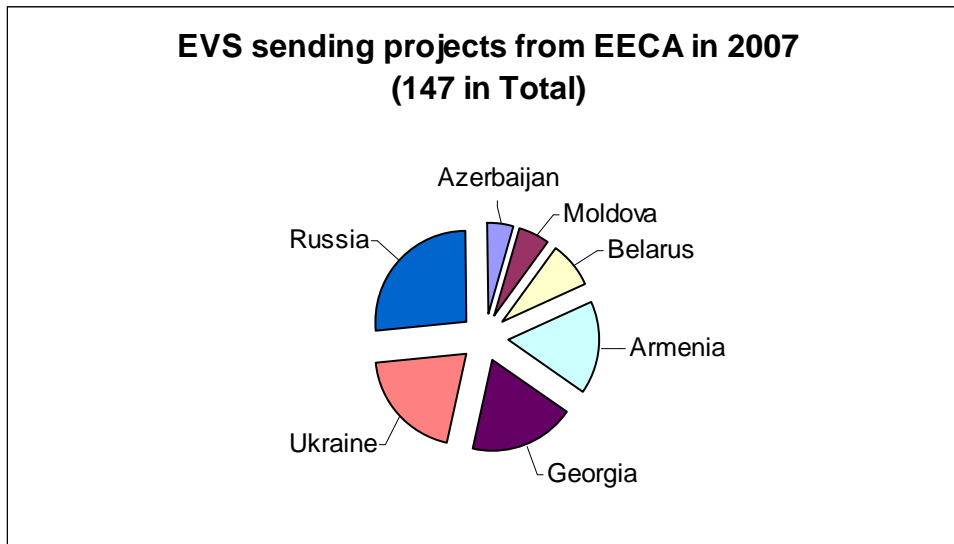
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<b><u>Russia</u></b>	
Germany	18
Netherlands	5
Poland	3
Romania	2
Estonia	2
Belgium/Flanders	1
Bulgaria	1
Denmark	1
Great Britain	1
Greece	1
Italy	1
Lithuania	1
Spain	1
Sweden	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>

<b><u>Ukraine</u></b>	
Romania	8
Germany	3
Denmark	3
Hungary	3
France	3
Estonia	2
Slovakia	2
Austria	1
Czech R.	1
Luxemburg	1
Poland	1
Spain	1
Sweden	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30</b>

<b><u>Georgia</u></b>	
Poland	10
Romania	7
France	3
Slovakia	2
Czech R.	1
Estonia	1
Germany	1
Greece	1
Lithuania	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>27</b>
<b><u>Armenia</u></b>	
Latvia	5
Poland	3
Lithuania	3
Romania	3
Germany	2
Estonia	2
Hungary	2
Bulgaria	1
Czech R.	1
Denmark	1
Italy	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24</b>

<b><u>Belarus</u></b>	
Romania	6
Poland	3
Portugal	2
Sweden	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>
<b><u>Moldova</u></b>	
Denmark	2
Estonia	1
France	1
Germany	1
Ireland	1
Lithuania	1
Netherlands	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>
<b><u>Azerbaijan</u></b>	
Romania	6
Finland	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>



*Please note, that those are granted projects in 2007. Most of those volunteers will undertake their service in 2008, some of them will come back to their home countries even in 2009. The statistics here shows only calculation of the granted projects in 2007.*

Russia has the highest number of sending projects in 2007 (39). The Samara's "Swallows / ICYE Russia" sent 5 volunteers.

In Ukraine, among 30 sending projects, Chernihiv's "Our Generation" – sent 6 volunteers (within one large scale Romanian project, including also Belarusian partner), Kyiv's "YMCA" 5 vol. and also capital's "Alternative-V" 4 vol.

Among 27 EVS sending projects from Georgia, 6 volunteers were sent from Tbilisi's "Academy for Peace and Development" as well as Zugdidi's DRONI.

In Armenia, the most popular host organisation, Federation of Youth Clubs of Armenia (FYCA) also sent the highest number of volunteers, half of the overall amount (13 out of 24).

"Youth Education Centre "Fialta" from Belarus sent 6 volunteers within one large scale Romanian hosting project (including also Ukrainian partner), which is also a half of the overall number (6 out of 12).

In Moldova, very different organisations were official sending partners in EVS projects. Anyway, most of those projects were non-officially (because of the YiA Programme rules obstacle) coordinated by "Advit".

Due to one large scale hosting project in Romania (other than with Belarusian & Ukrainian partners), "Healthy Development and Enlightenment Social Union" from Azerbaijan sent the highest number of all Azerbaijani volunteers (4 out of 7).

In Eastern Europe and Caucasus the ration between sending and hosting projects is quite balanced. In Russia and Moldova there is around 20% more hosting than sending projects. In Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia there is around 30% more sending than hosting projects. Situation is Azerbaijan is balanced (6

hosting / 7 sending). In Belarus EVS projects are very misbalanced, as there was 12 sending projects, while only 1 hosting.

Number of volunteers TOTAL from the EECA region, in bilateral projects applied at 5 available selection rounds in 2007, **by hosting country**, with information on the most popular sending countries:

<b>Volunteers to:</b>		<b>Most popular sending country:</b>
Romania	32	diverse, non from Moldova
Germany	25	most from Russia (18)
Poland	20	half from Georgia (10)
Estonia	8	diverse, non from Belarus and Azerbaijan
Denmark	7	diverse
France	7	most from Ukraine (3) and Georgia (3)
Lithuania	6	half from Armenia (3)
Netherlands	6	most from Russia (5)
Hungary	5	from Ukraine (3) and Armenia (2)
Latvia	5	all from Armenia (5)
Slovakia	4	from Ukraine (2) and Georgia (2)
Czech R.	3	diverse
Sweden	3	diverse
Bulgaria	2	from Armenia (1) and Russia (1)
Greece	2	from Russia (1) and Georgia (1)
Italy	2	from Armenia (1) and Russia (1)
Portugal	2	all from Belarus (2)
Spain	2	from Russia (1) and Ukraine (1)
Austria	1	from Ukraine
Belgium/Flanders	1	from Russia
Finland	1	from Azerbaijan
Great Britain	1	from Russia
Ireland	1	from Moldova
Luxemburg	1	from Ukraine
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>147</b>	

The first three countries' host organisations, hosting volunteers from EECA region:

#### **Romania:**

- Life Youth Foundation - 16 vol.,
- Millennium Center - 7 vol.,
- Asociatia "Tineri Fara Frontiere" - 6 vol.

#### **Germany**

- Deutsch-Russischer Austausch e.V. - 4 vol.,
- Verein zur Förderung innovativer Wohn- und Lebensformen e.V. - 3 vol.

#### **Poland**

- Fundacja "Rodowo" - 5 vol.,
- Stowarzyszenie "Strim" - 4 vol.,
- Fundacja im. R. Schumana - 4 vol.

## **Multipliers activities in 2007**

[www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers](http://www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers)

The network of SALTO EECA Multipliers was created in 2004 in order to support the development of the YOUTH Programme in the Region as well as to increase its visibility and quality of realised YOUTH projects in Eastern European and Caucasian Countries.

Initially the Network gathered 20 active members of non-governmental organisations from each of 7 EECA countries. Since 2004 the Network had evolved a lot. Some people changed their jobs and withdraw, some other had joined the Network in the meantime. The experience gained during last years of Multipliers work is very valuable. Definitely it opened new perspectives and possibilities for the recent Youth in Action (YiA) Programme in EECA Region.

Nowadays the restructured Network gathers 30 youth workers from all 7 EECA countries (9 of them represents old network).

**The main areas of multipliers intervention varies** between the countries and individual multipliers. Different, regional realities and needs as well as diverse personal skills and abilities makes the Multipliers Network very flexible and lively. SALTO EECA believes that this approach is the only one possible on the vast area of Eastern Europe and Caucasus.

**Evaluation meetings & queries** - meetings and researches (international and local) concerning evaluation and impact of the Youth in Action Projects & multiplying activities.

**Training Courses** - own international projects within YiA Programme of Multiplier as organiser or partner as well as common / joint EVS Trainings in EECA region.

**Contact Making Seminars / Partnership Building Activities / Study Visits** - own international projects within YiA Programme of Multiplier as organiser or partner.

**Youth Exchange** - own international projects within YiA Programme of Multiplier as organiser or partner.

**Info seminars** – national and local level seminars, presentations, meetings with youth workers on capacity building and YiA Programme development.

**Presentations at international events** - presentations of the YiA Programme, SALTO and Multipliers Network as a part of wider international events.

**Consultations** - consultations of projects and ideas of the local youth workers by meetings, phone, e-mail, web...

**Youth policy** - meetings and activities with the official representatives of the youth policy sector in a country.

**Networking** - creating contacts with other multipliers, youth workers, youth organizations and EVS volunteers etc.



**Field visits** - visits to the projects within YiA Programme taking place in the country / region.

**Materials publication** - printed publications & articles about the youth work, YiA Programme, Multipliers Network and SALTO.

**Newsletter, mailing & contact list** - newsletters, databases, contact lists oriented at dissemination of the information about the Youth in Action Programme and SALTO opportunities.

**Web-page** - creation or development of the web-pages or sub-pages devoted to YiA Programme, SALTO and Multipliers Network.

**Films & other** - films, photo exhibitions, power point presentations and other electronic media on the youth work, YiA Programme and SALTO.

As practice shows, the number of people reached with information about the Youth in Action Programme doesn't necessary raise the number and quality of projects. Therefore, the general trend is to limit the number of info seminars and presentations (quantitative approach) and to focus on consultations, youth policy and networking (qualitative approach). This already brings positive changes. See more details in Annual Multipliers Meetings reports (Download section of the SALTO EECA Forum: [www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/dload.php](http://www.salto-eeca.eu/forum/dload.php)).

### SALTO EECA support for Multipliers

SALTO EECA supports the Multipliers Network in different dimensions. The most important of them are:

- annual meetings,
- multiplying costs reimbursement,
- capacity building /development of multiplier and his/her organisation,
- visibility and recognition,
- communication environment.

The Multipliers Meetings are the possibilities to evaluate the work done in previous year and plan future activities individually, in the group of local/national multipliers. Those meetings are also possibility to consult multiplying activities with SALTO EECA officers and other experts. The multipliers Meetings also contains the training elements, that aims at rising the capacities of the Multipliers.

Every Multipliers is offered the multiplying costs reimbursement up to 300 euro to cover his/her expenditures. Most of Multipliers use this possibility to partly cover their multiplying activities costs. Anyway, we are aware, that this amount is only symbolic and we hope to raise it in the future.

During 2007 eleven multipliers were supported by SALTO EECA to take part in different kind of activities organised by SALTOs and National Agencies:

Seminar: "Let's meet our neighbours and the world",  
30 May - 3 June, 2007, Marly le Roi, France

- *George Kakulia, Georgia*
- *Giorgi Kikalishvili, Georgia*
- *Viorica Topor, Moldova*
- *Rouzanna Ivannyan, Russia*
- *Olena Yaremko, Ukraine*

Training Course on "Inter-religious dialogue"

6 - 14 October, 2007, Istanbul, Turkey

- *Olena Yaremko, Ukraine*

European Citizenship Modules:

- *Areg Tadevosyan, Armenia*
- *Olga Artsiukh, Belarus*
- *Viorica Topor, Moldova*

International conference "EU Neighbourhood Policy & Migrations: Role of YiA and Euromed Youth programmes", 27 November -2 December, 2007, Canary Islands, Spain

- *Yaryna Borenko, Ukraine*

Good practice event "ToolFair"

12 - 16 December, 2007, Antalya, Turkey

- *Andriy Donets, Ukraine*
- *Emin Amrullayev, Azerbaijan*

Youth Pass TC

16 - 21 July 2007, Plymouth, United Kingdom

- *Tatevik Margaryan, Armenia*
- *Olga Artsiukh, Belarus*

In general, the overall financial support in 2007 for the EECA Multipliers Network reached 40 000 euro.

SALTO EECA works on rising the visibility and recognition of the Multipliers Network. The web-site was reconstructed and now contains much more than only contact details to the Network members. Multipliers were certified for their multiplying activities. SALTO EECA promotes the Network during different kind of meetings with National Agencies' and European Commission's officers as well as other stakeholders.

Moreover, SALTO EECA creates the space for communication for the Multipliers. The Network has own part of the EECA Forum (<http://www.salto.org.pl/forum/index.php?c=12>), there is common mailing list created for the members ([eeca-mult@salto-youth.net](mailto:eeca-mult@salto-youth.net)), the Resource Centre consults the multipliers activities by e-mail on the regular basis.

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