

TREASURE HUNT

A Cross-border Youth Search for Values of Multiculturalism and Tolerance Towards Diversities

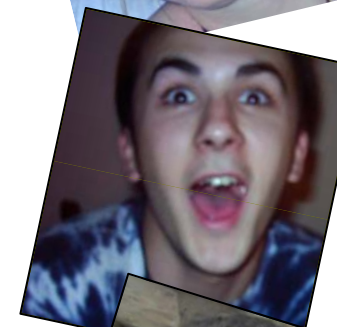
Our first day started in a way perfectly. The weather was wonderful; every participant was on time etc. We met rest of the participants Vanja and Milos, and our wonderful trainers. We started our work with meeting each other with various games and started to build our team. We passed different games and then came the challenge of the day – the group challenge! We had very little time but in the end we succeeded, for the first time we made it as a team! That was the end of our first intensive day, we went in the hotel to take rest and prepare for the walk and the next day!!

Everything started so simple. I filled up and sent an application for participation on training, to be realized by an organisation with a little bit strange name - Group “Let’s...”. When I got a positive answer, I was little bit confused, but I shrugged my shoulders and thought: Lets do it... When I arrived to Belgrade, I didn’t have clear picture about what to expect. I was confused in some way, but noting to worry about. With little bit of cautious, I jumped into a new experience. New city, new people, new things to think about...

I. Belgrade:

What was your first impression when you arrived to Belgrade?

- Pljeskavica. I wanted to eat pljeskavica. I was waiting for arriving to Belgrade. I didn’t see any smiling faces at first. Belgrade made the impression of a very big, crowded metropolitan. **(Eszter, Hungary)**
- I was excited, because I like Belgrade. I was scared, because I didn’t know anything about the seminar and the participants. **(Maria, Macedonia)**
- I was so confused, lost and I didn't know anybody. **(Hrvoje, Croatia)**
- Very god experience because it's a different culture,different style of Arhitecture. It's very big city, I meen I don't like big cities. Sometimes the mase and smell of Belgrade remains me on my city an Italy. **(Domenico, Slovakia)**
- Since I am from Belgrade, my first impression about project was when I met the others in office of "Hajde Da" , I was curious what will happen next 10 days. **(Vanja, Serbia)**





We tried to accommodate to a big city...

What are the differences and similarities between your city and Belgrade?

- Belgrade is much bigger than my city. You can see more people on the streets. The city is quite grey, it doesn't have many colours and Szeged is more joyful. Both are multicultural. **(Eszter, Hungary)**
- Belgrade is bigger than Bitola, but they have similar architecture. **(Maria, Macedonia)**
- It's much bigger city than mine. I don't like big cities, because I came from small city. I don't have any friends over here. I like better Drava than Dunav or Sava! 😊 **(Hrvoje, Croatia)**
- The difference is, this city is very huge, a really metropolis. Life is faster and colder, also relations between the people. **(Domenico, Slovakia)**
- Since my city is Belgrade, I had opportunity to see my city in different ways. I had great time while showing to the others beauty of my wonderful city **(Vanja, Serbia)**

Full with enthusiasm we went to the British Council in Belgrade and started our day with greeting activities, energizers etc. Next in this hot morning was the role play in three different groups with task to negotiate! Very hard because you are trying to do something with people that has totally different way of life, thinking, culture etc. In this way we met the diversities that exist in this world! Next was creating posters to define prejudice, stereotypes, discrimination and tolerance! Very hard day till now!!!!!!

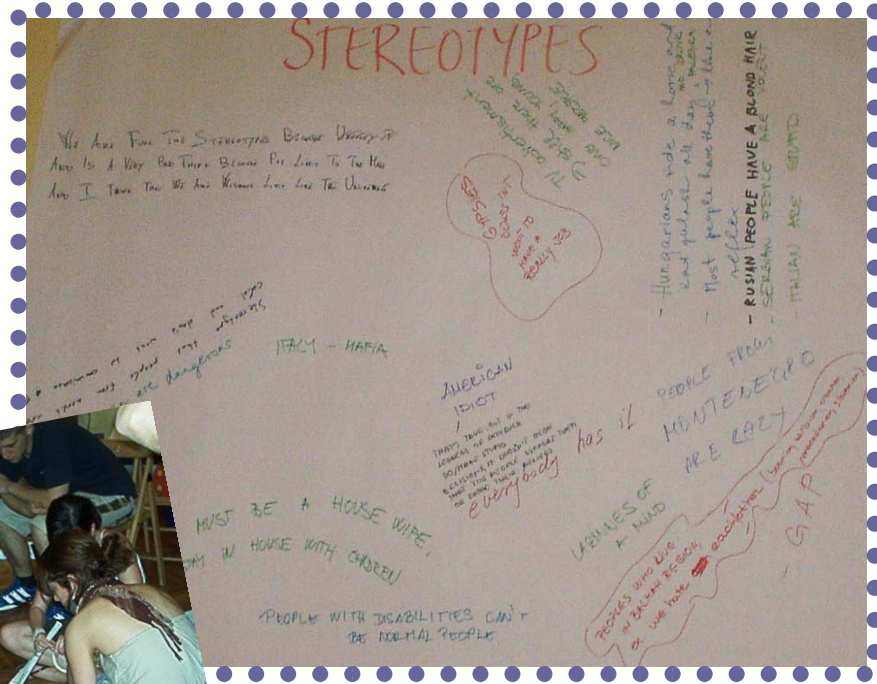
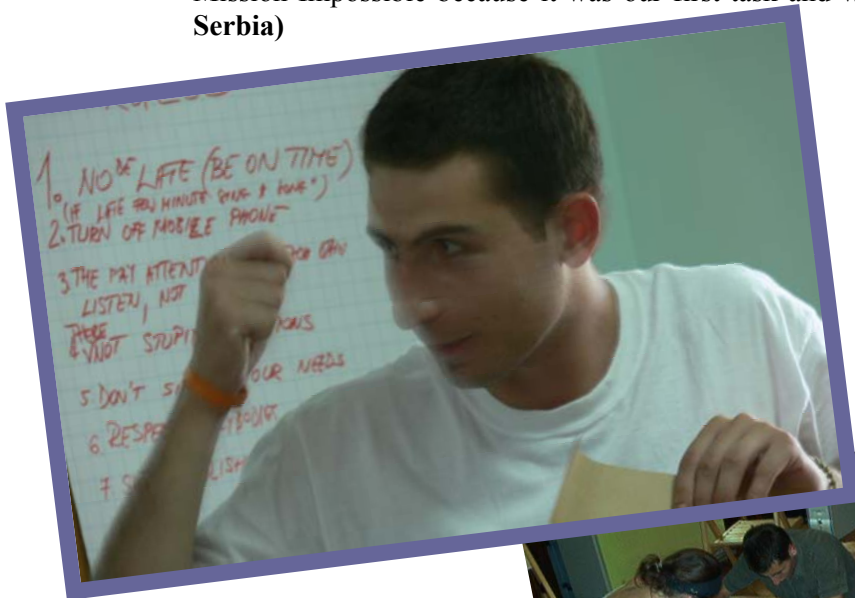




I gived my best to participate and to understand what is everything about....

What was the best exercise for you and why?

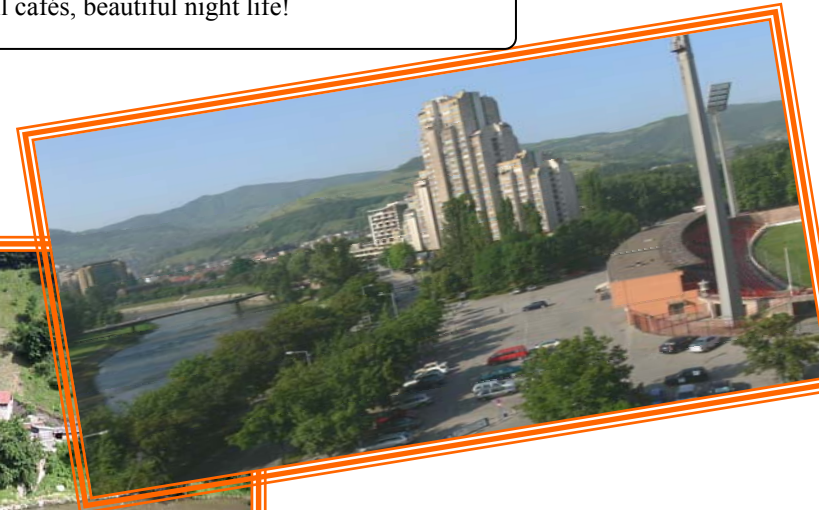
- I really liked the game with the lemons, because everybody solved the exercise in a different way. And I really like lemon. **(Eszter, Hungary)**
- I enjoyed the task with the different objects on the table. We tried to connect the objects with situations in real life. All of us gave different meanings to the same objects. I also liked the movie after that. **(Maria, Macedonia)**
- The discussion we had whwn we were tokig about visible-non visible identities. Because I like the tast the „radius“ of my points of views. **(Hrvoje, Croatia)**
- The exercise with objects was really interesanting, because we ned to use the object and explain the multiculturality. I like this exercise, because we don't have a limits, it was a free task. **(Domenico, Slovakia-Italia)**
- Mission Impossible because it was our first task and we completed it successfully and I knew that in 10 days following it would be great. **(Vanja, Serbia)**



Beautiful breakfast and after that long long long long long long long long travel to Zenica! During the travel there was little drama at the border with Nicola's passport because he was missing few pages of his passport. During the travel we stopped in Tuzla to have break and also lunch! When we arrived in Zenica the weather was very hot and went to the beautiful "Internacional" hotel. Everyone was surprised from the hotel. It was so good! We had perfect dinner and met our hosts Goca and Maya! They took us on walk through the city! It was pleasant surprise to see everyone on the street, full cafés, beautiful night life!

We travelled westwards, opened to see and to understand...

II Zenica



Please explain your first reaction and feelings when you arrived to Zenica!

- I realised that that people who are living here may have a healthy lifestyle, because the city has a big stadium. And something else: I didn't find the river on its place. I saw a very huge grey building next to the hotel and I thought it doesn't fit to this area. After it was good, because we could find our hotel easier. **(Eszter, Hungary)**
- I was surprised, because I expected a conservative city, but I found a beautiful place with many people and with handsome waiters. **(Maria, Macedonia)**
- I was afraid. I would say that to some cultural differences and some events in last couple of years made me feel unsafe. **(Vanja, Serbia)**
- I was a bit afraid, but later I got used to that. No more fears! **(Milos, Serbia)**
- For the first time in my life I saw so much Muslim women, I mean women how don't dress up like others Bosnians, Serbian and Croatian women in Bosnia. Also I was very happy because I shared my room with Ivana & Vanja. In the evening when we went in the center of Zenica city I was surprised how many people was there, because we arrived in this town in work-day, Wednesday! **(Tinka, Slovakia)**
- Nice city, quite different from Belgrade, more peacefully and good surrounded. **(Domenico, Slovakia-Italia)**

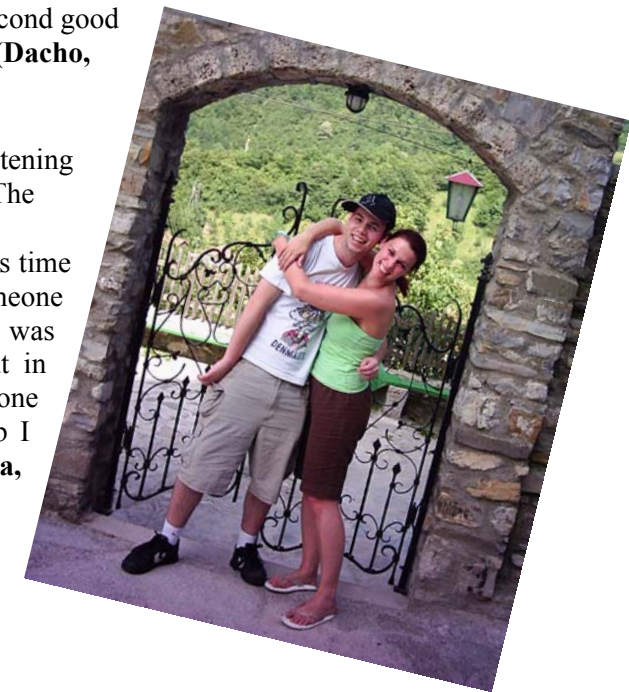
A day very similar to the other days, hot weather and nice breakfast and work!! Our new working – in the local university! In the office of "Independent" Goca and Maya were waiting for us! They spoke about their city, its history and now in modern days! Also they represented their organization, how they started to work, what they are doing! For beginning we had energizer with grandmother, hunter and the lion. Continuation was with the topic of stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination with the game called barometer, perfect man and perfect woman. After the lunch we had Euro train and game with different stamps on our forehead. This game was about understanding the different culture. Later we had the discrimination cycle! This was all for this very hard and intensive day!!!



***What was the most beautiful or the worst thing for you in Zenica!
(You can give your opinion about the hotel, the way of learning, or anything)***

This is our last day to Zenica! We are making final preparations to start the training. In the morning we played various energizers and games for concentration! The games that we played after games that are showing ways how to solve some problems, after we had small theatre explaining that there are three way of reaction on some problem: passive, aggressive and active tolerance! In small groups we created collages that represented our present and our imagination for the future. In the afternoon we were at local fortress called Vranduk where we saw traditional folklore and traditional life and habits of the Bosnian people. After the workshops in Zenica we tried traditional Bosnian food: kebabs, tufahija etc. In the evening we made the preparations for leaving Zenica!!!
GOODBYE!

- The most beautiful thing was for me the disco in Zenica, with the techno-folk music. I really enjoyed it, and I liked that the local people enjoyed it as well. We could feel the real atmosphere of Zenica's young people. The worst experience for me was when we were walking in the park. I found it dangerous, it was too dark, and I thought that everything could happen to me. **(Eszter, Hungary)**
- I liked the old village next to the fortress Vranduk. The worst thing was the restaurant on the last night, because the waitress spoke all the time. **(Maria, Macedonia)**
- The last dinner was thing I would like to forget, I mean the dinner in restaurant with crazy owner-I never gonna forget her. Our workshops were great and interesting. **(Vanja, Serbia)**
- The first good thing that happened in Zenica for me was the beautiful hotel, the second good thing was Buka Tarabuka in jazz club, and next thing was good workshop that he had. **(Dacho, Macedonia)**
- The most beautiful- people and our first night in Zenica in "Jazz" when we were listening that strange kind of music; when Dacho brought me juice when I didn't feel OK... The worst- when I was sick and when we left Zenica I felt sad. **(Jelena, Serbia)**
- Most worst for me was dinner in traditional restaurant with Bosnian food. For the first time I got my vegetarian meal. Also I feel sad when came a little boy and asked for someone to buy a popcorn, but all of us said to him go away. All of our training days we were talking about that we can make changes in private life, country, society, but in restaurant we weren't tolerant at all! And I was very happy when Maja brought me a one bottle of Bosnian traditional drink „rakija“ and when we were in some Jazz Club I enjoyed listening music in live, and at that night I spoke with Vanja more. **(Tinka, Slovakia)**



We got to know Osijek, too, and had so much fun...

III. Osijek:

Can you compare Belgrade, Zenica and Osijek? Which one did you find the best and why?

- I liked Osijek the most, because of its architecture. **(Milos, Serbia)**
- Osijek, because of the karaoke and the presentation. **(Hrvoje, Croatia)**
- There are very big differences. Belgrade is a typical big city and the other cities are very small and peaceful cities. My favourite city is Osijek because I didn't like very big cities and Osijek gave me energy and satisfaction. This is a very beautiful city and also has an old history with many monuments. **(Domenico, Slovakia-Italia)**
- I can't compare Zenica-Belgrade-Osijek, because they're beautiful and egzotik on diferente ways. For the exp. Zenica have interesanting night life, Osijek is peaceli and quietly, but I most love the Belgrade. **(Maria, Macedonia)**
- I really enjoyed all cities, but the best for me ist Osijek. This city is very similiar to my hometown. It's peaceli and the feeling is the same like I'm in my hometown. On the stret there isn't a lot of people, and that give me a pleasure for my mind an soul. (Eszter, Hungaria)
- Osijek is the best city for me! Like first – city as city is beautiful, and second one, people from this town is very friendli and great. I feel like home, somethimes maybe better. **(Jelena, Serbia)**
- Every city is different. Every city got it's own culture, got it's own urban style, night life, party etc. I have already been in Belgrade, and I don't have that "wow" feeling about that city. For me it was beautiful in Zenica and Osijek too, but I spent my time better in Osijek. **(Nikola, Serbia)**

Very interesting is that Osijek is home town of Hrvoje and it is born town of our beautiful trainer Cecilija. Everyone was impressed from the city and we were all satisfied from this hotel because it was in the center of the city and was the best. After we come to our new working rooms at the NGO CNC and we met it founder Daniela, the volunteers that works there. Daniela was very kind and explained everything about CNC and we continued with some creative work as creating three music bands: disco, rap and heavy metal!!!!





We decided to show to other youth what we found out in our travel, and of course, to have more fun...

Please express yourself about the karaoke party and presentation in front of people from the organisation in Osijek!.

- The karaoke party was the best I have ever been. The presentation was good but a bit unorganised. I met some local people from Osijek, we had great time with them. **(Milos, Serbia)**
- It was interesting to hear the participants and the trainers singing, and I enjoyed dancing Macarena. I got the impression that the volunteers in the youth centre are interested in the topics. **(Vanja, Serbia)**
- The karaoke was great, I enjoyed that, and I liked the presentation because it showed what we completed. **(Hrvoje, Croatia)**
- I didn't sing alone but I like karaoke and it was perfect, I enjoyed, I learned some new Serbian songs like Dino Merlin's "Kad si rekla da me volis". Party was great. I liked our presentation too, and mostly photo presentation. **(Tinka, Slovakia)**
- It was very exiting. I was singing, it was great. It helps people to know each other better, to become shameless, to make friendships. And about presentation, at first the situation was too confusing,
- I was scared what will be at the end, how would our presentation look like, but in the end everything was OK. **(Nikola, Serbia)**



This is the day when we discussed, played team games, energizers connected with the human rights! Everyone made stamp for one human right and represented to the group, after we created timeline where we putted human rights! We learned about the three generations of human rights. The following game was with role play where we played different characters then us and we can feel the difference that exists in the society! After in the noon we made preparations for the local presentation. In the evening we made the presentation for the local people and for the volunteers that work in CNC. It was very nice presentation and after that we had wonderful karaoke show! That was very nice to see how the participants and local volunteers are doing something!!!

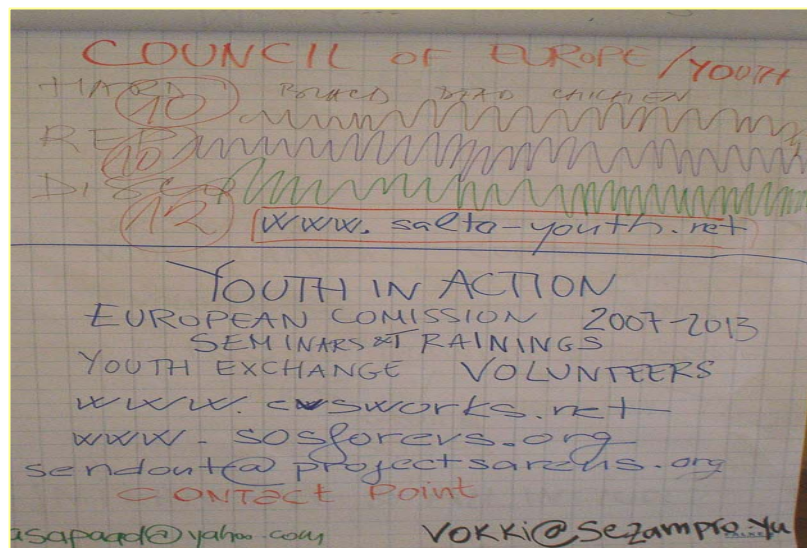


And at the end, what is left...

Do you have any idea about how you can use the knowledge gained in this seminar? Does your point of view going to change or are you going to have the same opinion about the topics we were talking about during this week?

The last day!
Mixed feelings
but it has to be
done! In the
morning we do
evaluation for
our presentation!
After that we
presented our
sending
organizations,
what are they
doing, what are
they aims! Very
important is that
participants had
a lot of ideas for
future projects
and what it can
be done as
follow up. After
we had last
lunch together
and finishing our
reports for this
training Treasure
Hunt! In the end
we made
preparations for
leaving to our
homes!
GOODBYEEEE
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- I can use my knowledge for organising similar seminars and workshops. My point of view about the topics changed just a little bit. **(Milos, Serbia)**
- I will use this knowledge gained from this training here in my Youth Centre in the Peer to peer program. In this training I broadened my point of view. **(Hrvoje, Croatia)**
- I will use this knowledge in the future because I am a volunteer in Slovakia and there I will meet some problems like here, and I also learned more ways of learning through the games. I will change but not too much, but now I am open-minded. And I didn't come here to change my mind but to open my mind. **(Domenico, Slovakia-Italia)**
- This topise is very important in ordinary life in every day, and to teach the Youth people about this things. I didn't changed my mind, or opinion, but I can understand the cultural differences better. **(Eszter, Hungaria)**
- My points of view are changed for better. I have a plan to use this knowlege on seminar that I have. For the begining I will do similliari or the same seminar-workshop in my organization. I will have the support from people in my organization and we gona meke some changes in our society. **(Jelena, Serbia)**
- I'll use this knowledge in my work, also in my personal life. I learned a lot from this training. Maybe I'll change my prejudices about Balkan, Balkan people, other things will stay the same. **(Tinka, Slovakia)**
- I work with young people as a counselor. We are talking about problems that younger people have. They are telling to me about their problems connected to school, love, party etc. and we are trying to help them to solve their problems. Somethimes there are many problems, you can't understand why someone acts that way, somethimes there are many differences between cultures that we can't understand...So, this training was connected to that, so I can use it to understand them better. About topics that we have discussed about, my opinion will saty the same as before, but now when I think about something, I'll include more things than before. **(Nikola, Serbia)**



TOP 10 of all...

1. Difference between pronunciation in Croatian, Bosnian and Serbian

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2. Group 484 influenced everyone of us in different ways; learning that when people group up and stick together they can accomplish anything (true altruism)

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3. Connecting through going out at night, staying late and learning more about people

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4. Arriving in Zenica for the first time and the joy of seeing Nikola pass the border

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5. Meeting people from Switzerland and Sweden at the square in Zenica.

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6. The street performance: "Life of Jesus Christ" in Zenica.

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7. Čevapi!!!!

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8. Exploring and having fun at the fortress village below the fortress (refreshments and everything) in Osijek.

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9. THE BIG PRESENTATION, kareoka party and Zlatans performance of Madonna – It went a lot better than we all thought it would, was very nice, had lots of fun.

The most fulfilling part of it was the passing of our collected knowledge to other people who were really interested in what we had learned.

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10. Hoping to stay in contact, exchanging e-mails, planning future interests that could be done together and BYE BYE EVERYONE!

.....THE END.....