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REPORT OF ACTIVITY period 2015-2017

In the period 2015-2017 I continued to strengthen in the Danube Civil Society Forum reflections and good practice to promote the active participation of civil society in the ongoing Danube Strategy process. Special interest and engagement has been given to the possibilities of lifelong learning for all as a precondition of participation and of motivating and empowering citizens of all ages, ethnics and social conditions in the Danube Region.

For the preservation of a peaceful Danube Region in an united and solidary Europe the social inclusion of citizens of all Danube countries is highly needed. Older and younger citizens must be given the opportunity to become themselves the actors of social change. They are asked to fight together against discrimination, social exclusion and all form of populism, to take actively part in constructing the future of the Danube Region and all Europe based on democratic values and solidarity. Therefore good practice projects and innovative methods are needed to reduce stereotypes and prejudices about the others in the own country and about people living in the other countries. Connecting people along the Danube Region is seen as a main task to strengthen Danube and European awareness and identity and to enhance societal participation.

My work in the board of DCSF aimed to bring in my competencies as expert in adult education, specially geragogy and international relationship. Activities had been done in the frame of the political and structural work of the board (meetings, skype conferences) and by linking activities of the Workgroup 3 with activities of the Danube-Networkers, an educational Network, in which more than 100 civil society organizations working in the areas of education, culture, social affairs and environment, Universities and schools take part.

P.ex. Qualification training "Creating Bridges for Europe" in Bad Urach July 2017,
Memorandum of the participants of the Danube-Networkers and DCSF, Working group 3
(see attached)

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