



PARTICIPATION DAY IN THE DANUBE STRATEGY

LOCAL ACTORS AND PARTICIPATION

Village report: Youth Village

Date of the event: 25 June 2014, Esterházy Palace, Eisenstadt

Linking Formal and non-formal:

Number of Participants: 26

Focus: Inclusive Education and a holistic approach should be the centre of education

Challenges:

- To include and convince families/communities that formal education is important (Roma)
- Poorness that leads to exclusion
- Teachers are often not prepared to work with young people that face disadvantages

Best practice

- Social Workers are working together with schools
- Use a variety of methods/models in the formal system
- Have teachers from the same background (e.g. Roma teachers)

How to support

- Integrate new models and spaces in formal education
- Use more practical approaches
- Foster participation of young people

Recommendations

- Provide spaces/places/platforms to exchange practices
- Allow different actors of the educational sectors to network
- Break down the relevance of the EUSDR for the education sector

Transition between education and labour market

Focus: crucial competences for integration of young people in the labour market.

Challenges:

- The gap between education system and labour market
- Intern exploitation (companies tend to exploit unpaid interns instead of actually providing them with useful skills for their future careers)
- Brain drain
- Urbanization (also connected to the fact that most young people choose “abstract” qualifications, rather than technical/ basic qualifications)
- short term vs. long term benefits



Best practices/Opportunities:

- dual education (BW)
- “early start in career” programmes (BG)
- private schools for IT specialists (BG)

Recommendations:

- dissemination of best practice
- mapping of local potential
- incentives for companies

(Youth) Empowerment through active Citizenship

Focus: New and activating methods for empowering youth

Challenges:

- Structures and framework (legislative, perception)
- Diversity in perception of the possibilities of the EUSDR for young people

Best practises/Opportunities:

- Structured dialogue
- Ownership programmes
- Role-plays
- Intergenerational thematic discussions

How to support young people:

- Trainings through the Danube Region
- Implementation of the already prepared recommendations through the structured dialogue process
- Meetings to transfer good methods and ideas

Recommendations:

- Involving young people in all decisions making processes within the EUSDR
- Implementing the recommendations from the Structured Dialogue

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