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## Two new RESOLVE projects planned

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The RESOLVE: West project was approved by the UK National Agency and the team is currently planning the next round of Youth Exchanges. They will take place in: Sarajevo BiH, London UK, Baku Azerbaijan and Marrakesh in Morocco.

The other RESOLVE project RESOLVE: New Youth Order another type of project which will enable Youth-led dialogue and debate with decision-makers throughout the UK, EU and beyond.

For information about the next Youth Exchanges and to apply please contact Wings of Hope under [info@wings-of-hope.ba](mailto:info@wings-of-hope.ba) or Asfar under [info@asfar.org.uk](mailto:info@asfar.org.uk). Applications welcome from all youths up to the age of 30 if you are from one of the project countries. All information will be published on the Facebook page, Web site and Network for Building peace.

If you have never participated in a youth exchange please visit our website where you can find a report about the RESOLVE: EAST project implemented from November to February 2019.

The only requirement is decent English skills.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Wings of Hope Centre, Sarajevo

## Brand new project approved

**SEBASTIAN ELI OBERLIEßEN**

On the 22.08.2019 we received news that our new EU funded RESOLVE: CRD project has been approved by the European Commission, a two-year long cooperation between Krila nade, Asfar (UK), Re.te. (Italy) and MiraAkademien (Sweden).

Designed and written by WoH's Emina Hasanagić, the CRD programme aims to promote awareness and understanding of social violence on a local, national and international level as well as to standardize the skillset of professionals working with affected youths.

The CRD programme develops innovative reconciliation focused training methodologies, pedagogical materials, and toolkits combining the Mental Health and the Reconciliation sectors. Designed to develop the skillset and competences of Youth workers, educators,

trainers, mental health professionals etc. working with youth affected by conflicts at a community level, national and post conflict situations. A further important part of our project in addition to aiding professionals in their work, is support for the professionals themselves.

As Youth workers who work in post conflict or current conflict zones, the prevalence of Burnout is very high, with limited support available. To achieve this we will develop and implement a "Continuous Professional Development" strategy and promote it through our current RESOLVE network.



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RESOLVE: EAST



Wings of Hope, has together with partners from UK, Turkey and Georgia continued the Resolve: East project and it's series of Youth Exchanges that started last year in Istanbul and Sarajevo.

Wings of Hope, has together with partner organisation Asfar continued the Resolve: East project and it's series of Youth Exchanges that started last year in Istanbul and Sarajevo.

YOUTH-LED ACTION'S



The Erasmus+ RESOLVE: East youth-led Social Action Report reviews a key area of results of the project. Between February 2019 and April 2019, participants of the RESOLVE: East programme (Resolvers) designed, planned, organised and delivered a range of different social action activities benefiting their local communities in Bosnia-i-Herzegovina; Turkey; Georgia; and United Kingdom.

The Resolvers utilised the skills they developed throughout the lifetime of the RESOLVE: East programme to carry out these social action activities. Although each activity in each country was slightly different, they all promoted a theme of social tolerance and community inclusion, mobilising their key Life Skills and Reconciliation for Development competences Resolvers developed.

The BiH Resolvers organised a Resolve Youth: a workshop of effective communication and conflict resolution, a 2 hours long workshop for a diverse group

TBILISI YOUTH EXCHANGE

In January we sent 7 Youth Participants to Tblisi Georgia for the third in a series of four youth exchanges.



Turkish, Georgian, UK and Bosnian groups together

Nermin from Zenica says:  
"While having tons of fun, I was developing real life skills, that I didn't even notice. Intercultural communication and communication itself are the ones I would emphasize, being constantly surrounded by people from all over the world, you are getting out of your comfort zone, and there is nothing odd or uncomfortable about it. Having diverse groups in YEs, we are given an opportunity to grow in new ways, because we are becoming more dynamic, flexible and better educated as an individual."



Bosnian group in Tbilisi, visiting the city

After participating in 3 youth exchanges Sadžida from Sarajevo said: "Youth exchanges taught me how to be flexible and adapt quickly on different situations but mainly they taught me how to see things from different perspective, to put myself in somebody else's shoes and many other helpful things for resolving conflicts. Meeting people of different backgrounds is liberating, especially if there are so many stereotypes about certain group or people. Having diverse groups on YE makes those stereotypes disappear. Also, when you meet diverse people you feel socially richer not just for the new friends from other parts of the Earth, but also for new knowledge about one people and what we see in the end is that no matter how different we are there are more things that connect us."

LONDON YOUTH EXCHANGE

A month later in February we again convened in London for the final exchange of this series.

Imane from Sarajevo says:  
"During my exchange in London I had the opportunity to meet youngster from various parts of Europe and wider, which enhanced my knowledge on cultural-sensitivity skills, effective communication and team work. Out of our comfort zone, with a group of unknown people in an unknown country, we grow and we learn more about ourselves, and I consider that every fear we overcome is a huge step forward, and particularly this process of learning about ourselves is the most important one."



Youth Exchange group on the Embankment next to the London Eye

Naida from Sarajevo, said: While participating in different youth exchanges, I was able to pursue my goal of being a lifelong learner. By having a chance to meet and work with young people from different countries, I improved my problem-solving skills, critical thinking, communication and language skills as well as presentation skills. In fact, I believe that youth exchanges teach us to become real global citizens so we can use the sense of community to improve the world around us while leaving a meaningful footprint for future generations. Having diverse groups in youth exchanges provide us many different values that we can't gain if we don't step out of our comfort zone. Considering I have collaborated with a lot of international professionals while I was studying abroad or participated in different projects or simply travelled, I know how many incredible ideas can come by fusing different background, cultures and by sharing experiences.



Working during the London YE



PEACEBUILDING

Project Buildpeace coming to an end  
*With impressive results*

SEBASTIAN ELI OBERLIEBEN WITH  
EMINA HASANAGIĆ

The project “Buildpeace” is going to massively improve the teaching and learning recourses available to teachers and student across the world.

Up until now the provisions for educators who teach peacebuilding and conflict resolution have been offered piecemeal by many different sources all with differing ideas on priorities and teaching methods. Now for the first time educators have a comprehensive, professional book of teaching recourses to suit both formal and informal teaching methods to utilize for students from all backgrounds.

To achieve this milestone, a truly herculean international effort was required. Led by Coventry University with the Young Researchers of Serbia, Muğla Sıtkı Koçman University, The Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service, Wings of Hope, Kadir Has University and Xchange Scotland.

On the 21-24.02.2019 all collaborators met up in Glasgow, Scotland for the fourth in a series of meetings. We, Wings of Hope made our contributions to the Toolkit for educators, Mapping report and Handbook for learners. Since then we have been working on finessing the last points ready for publication in few days.



*Glasgow, Scotland: Our Executive Director Marija Šarić and Administrative Manager Emina Hasanagić attended the meeting in February.*



*Emina Hasanagić during the Buildpeace Coventry Workshop (UK).*



*Emina Hasanagić, Dejan Filipović, Marija Šarić and Maria Dumbsky with the other Buildpeace collaborators in Belgrade, Serbia.*

PEACE AT THE MOVIES

SEBASTIAN ELI OBERLIEBEN



*Louis Monroy Santander introduces our first movie*

Last month Louis Monroy Santander held the first of a series of movie evenings with a group of local Bosnians and Internationals with the aim of creating an action in Sarajevo. The theme of the film showed different border walls around the world and how people try to overcome them. From that we brainstormed what our action could be. On the 29.08.2019 there will be another movie evening and from then on every month. Everyone is invited to come and join us. We will provide some light snacks and drinks and the admission is a very reasonable 1 KM. Please contact Wings of Hope under [info@wings-of-hope.ba](mailto:info@wings-of-hope.ba) or directly contact Louis under [lfms1979@gmail.com](mailto:lfms1979@gmail.com) for further details. Please note that the language for this activity is English.

Buildpeace Tools

EMINA HASANAGIĆ

As the Buildpeace project is coming to an end different Tools that were produced through the life-time of the project will come alive. The project enabled the creation of the Buildpeace Handbook for Learners, the Buildpeace Toolkit for Educator and free online courses (MOOCs).

Tools for policy makers include a mapping report and policy recommendations.

The BUILDPEACE team welcomes feedbacks and contributions to the framework presented in all of these Tools. It is important to stress out that these Tools will fulfil its purpose with wider application of learning practices.



BALKAN MONITORING PUBLIC FINANCE

WESTERN BALKANS GOVERNMENTS URGED TO STOP  
TAX DODGING AND RACE TO THE BOTTOM IN  
CORPORATE TAXATION

EMINA HASANAGIĆ

Brussels, March 20th, 2019 –Today a group of Western Balkans Civil Society Organizations introduced the study Tax Justice in Southeast Europe – How to reduce inequalities? in the European Parliament with Slovene MEP Tanja Fajon. The study recommends that the Western Balkans governments promote progressive tax systems to address the rising inequality, close the windows of opportunity for tax dodging and stop the race to the bottom in corporate taxation. Increasing the tax incomes is crucial to improve the currently exhausted social service sectors.

The research study Tax Justice in Southeast Europe – How to reduce inequalities? was produced in the framework of Balkan Monitoring Public Finance project, EU-supported initiative to improve the transparency and accountability of policy and decision making in the area of public finances.

The study analyzes tax systems in seven (7) Western Balkan countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia), identifying several developments and trends that need to be reshaped in order to achieve fiscal sustainability and tax justice.

The study finds that tax rates on capital are decreasing, followed by a relatively large number of incentives for companies, with the objective to give to the business a stimulating tax environment. However, this leads to large amounts of lost revenues for the financing of public services.

‘There is a general decline in quality of publicly financed infrastructure and services, due to which people who can afford it, turn to privately financed alternatives; this in turn makes public services decline and the wealth-income divide grow further,’ explains Lidija Živčič, representative of the Slovenian association Focus, one of the editors of the study as well.

‘Fighting for equal, fairer and just societies is at the very core of our policies and is fundamental to who we are as Social democrats. Fighting tax avoidance and corruption by ensuring tax justice is not only necessary but it is crucial for the future of progressive, modern, democratic and welfare societies. It is my honor to host an event that tackles just that: tax injustice within my own country as well as countries of Western Balkans. We need to act now and deliver results quickly. The longer we wait, the more citizens will turn away from politics. We all carry the responsibility,’ urged Slovene MEP Tanja Fajon, the host of today’s event in the European Parliament.

To find out more about project Balkan Monitoring Public Finances, please visit also our Facebook page.



Brussels, Belgium: Expert Andreja Živković during his presentation for the Balkan Monitoring Public Finance.



BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

Auditing the debt economy and  
ecological debt in SEE  
*The latest.*

SEBASTIAN ELI OBERLIEBEN

Back in 2016 we and a number of other organizations from 7 countries across the Balkans started a project aimed at improving accountability and transparency of the public finance in targeted countries and strengthen Civil Society Organisations’ (CSOs) role and voice in monitoring the institutions’ performance in that area.

The three main beneficiaries are the following: (1) CSOs and grassroots organisations in targeted countries that become recognized by public authorities as effective and accountable independent actors that can equally participate in dialogue with authorities; (2) Public authorities in action countries and EU that will benefit from constructive analysis of inefficiencies and low transparency in public finance and recommendations for eliminating the problems;(3) General public, i.e. citizens of the targeted countries that pay taxes, whose taxes will be collected and spent more transparently and efficiently.

There have also been a number of publications in the course of this project including:

- “Public infrastructure in South East Europe – in whose interest?”,
- “Public Debt in South East Europe – Why to enable public participation”,
- “Tax Justice in Southeast Europe – How to reduce inequalities?
- “Private-Public-Partnerships and connessions in South East Europe – Can infrastrucutre be improved without raising the public debt”.



ERASMUS+

ESC volunteer comes to BiH, while two Bosnians go to Slovenia

SEBASTIAN ELI OBERLIEBEN AND EMINA HASANAGIĆ

Before European Voluntary Service now European Solidarity Corps is an EU funded project that allows Youth from all over Europe to go on voluntary services around Europe for either short term projects or for 1 year. In the start of June, Wings of Hope received a new EVS volunteer from Germany. Me, Sebastian Eli Oberließen.

I started a one year long European Voluntary Service in Sarajevo in June. I have thoroughly enjoyed my EVS so far and am excited to continuing my EVS after my OAT in Croatia next week. One of the best projects so far has been our exchange with the North Western University, and the Buildpeace project.

See my short interview on the Wings Facebook page as well as interview with the Wings of Hope team.

On the other hand, Wings of Hope has also sent two European solidarity corps volunteers to Slovenia for their volunteer projects abroad, one on a short-term project together with 6 other volunteers and one on his long-term project in Maribor.

New additions to the WoH team

SEBASTIAN ELI OBERLIEBEN

Former volunteers Louis Monroy Santander and Renata Glavinka are the newset permanent additions to the WoH team.

They will be responsible for the planning and execution of our next round of Youth Exchanges as well as current and future European Solidarity Corps projects across Europe.



Renata is responsible for the coordination of Bosnian volunteers currently in Slovenia, the organisation of Youth exchanges in Morocco, Azerbaijan, Great Britain and Bosnia and Herzegovina together with Louis, as well as coordinating the WoH volunteers in Bosnia.



Louis will also be responsible for the Youth Exchanges as well as the EU Project On Monitoring Public Finance and managing our social media.



Both of them have attended pre-departure trainings before leaving for the ESC projects organized by our ESC Coordinator Emina Hasanagić.



Nejra Džaferagić is in Trbovlje, Slovenia working in the A Solidarity Invasion project hosted by Mladinski center Trbovlje and will be there for 2 months. She will be supporting 6 other volunteers who will work in the nature marking the bicycle trail and occasionally working on the “learning farm”.

Picture from pre-departure training

Arman Fatić, here picture is in Maribor, Slovenia working in the Do the @evolution vol.5! project hosted by the Pekarna Magdalenske Mreze Maribor NGO and will be in Slovenia for 10 months. Arman will be working or helping to prepare different projects in the cultural, activist (civil engagement) and youth filed; eg. Pekarna Travelog; DOBIŠ DAŠ, Aunt Rosa Library, Volunteers Festival, Gallery K18, Filmopeka etc.



Picture form pre-departure training

Educational support in WoH

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Wings of Hope’s centre of education offeres BHS, English, German, Math and Physics lessons to pupils and students. However, we do not follow a one size fits all policy. We have the ability to adapt to the need of the students and spend time with them individually.

Our report and internal research proves that all pupils and students who attended our courses improved their grades and not a single child in the period from January to to June 2019 got a bad final grade. 100 percent of our Maths, English and German students were promoted to the next grade. We maintain regular contact with parent and teachers. Through their feedback we know that there was a noticable improvement in the learning performance of children. But learning does not end when we leave school. We also have offers for adults of all ages.



Currently we have one advanced German student and we have the possibility of accepting new German or English students of all ages either in a group or individually.

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# WoH activities outside of the Centre

SEBASTIAN ELI OBERLIEBEN

We at Wings of Hope have dedicated employees who do great work not just in our centre but also in other places at school.

Zvezdana Savić is a Geshtalt therapist in our centre. However, a lot of her work takes place elsewhere.

In the first 6 months of 2019 she contributed to the following projects. We held ten workshops for pupils for the development of social skills at the Aleksa Santić School. In June we trained 70 teachers on preventing peer violence, held a workshop about identity and human reflection for 25 fellows from around the world.



Zvezdana Savić, during a meeting organised by SOC

In April Zvezdana had an interview with BH Television about the upcoming Sarajevo Pride parade and held a meeting with the Health Ministry discussing possibilities for future projects and ongoing cooperation with the Ministry of Health. In February we participated in a workshop by Hope and Home for children on preventing terrorism in BiH.

May was a very busy month for us as we held a lecture for psychology students about love and partnerships, participated in a workshop by the Bosnian Red Cross about missing people, met with IZVOR in Sarajevo to discuss possible joint projects on developing education workshops in elementary and secondary schools. We also went to Zagreb to attend a workshop by HuHiv on a regional research program to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV.



Emina Hasanagić during the meeting in Novi Sad

In July Emina Hasanagić has participated in a round table organised by the Youth Initiative for Human Rights and the French embassy about youth mobility and has presented the project that the Foundation is implemented under Erasmus+.

Additional as part of our work under Erasmus+ she participated in the meeting organised by SALTO SEE together with all EVS accredited organisations from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia, after which she participated in the Conference “Erasmus+ opening doors” in Novi Sad, to establish structuring dialogue, networking and synergistic influence on improving the position and opportunities of the youth in Balkan countries.



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