



Worksheet 2

Mapping benefits for youth work organisation

Objective:

Practice and develop competence to assess young people's needs, interests and ideas for international youth programmes and relate to priorities of youth work organisation.

Participants:

Team members of youth work organisation who should be involved in the decision making about international youth programmes.

Ideas for activities:

Together with your team, complete the following checklist to facilitate reflection on reasons for going international (mark what is relevant).

Discuss in your team, how going international benefits for organisation can address the needs, interests and ideas of young people.

- Contacts with different organisations and youth workers abroad, through international youth activities, stimulate new ideas: for new projects, to inspire new working methods, to take fresh initiatives, to do things differently (or more efficiently). There is great potential to learn from one another.
- Organising an international youth project is a great opportunity to develop organisational and project management skills within your organisation e.g. intercultural competence, international co-operation, etc. which can also be beneficial for other activities.
- Participation in projects with international partner organisations allows you to compare and to find out how good a job you are doing. The exchange of good practices and the design of common projects may lead your youth organisation to rethink its youth work practices to better meet the needs of rural youth.
- Participation in an international project could be a welcome change from the type of work youth workers are doing. This 'international



variation' could motivate youth workers in their work and be a new challenge for them as well.

- By being active on a European level, by receiving European funding (for your international projects) or by co-operating with organisations abroad, you raise your organisation's profile and visibility. Your organisation will get attention from the media and local authorities. As a result, international activities may improve cooperation with the local authorities and can also lead to their financial support.
- When organisations co-operate on an international level they benefit from a synergy effect which is crucial for their lobbying and advocacy work. United, you are always stronger and can get your message across more easily.
- International youth projects are great for stimulating organisations to increase their commitment to bigger issues in a wider context. local development strategies are exchanged and expanded, and local initiatives benefit from international exchange and support

Duration: 1,5-2 hours

Outcomes:

- Knowledge of assessment practices in non-formal learning
- Skill of assessing/analysing the needs of young people and then involving them in developing a corresponding programme
- Skills of adjusting the educational approach to the needs of the young people
- Displaying genuine interest in the group's needs