



Mission Report: CMS (Contact Making Seminar): EVS from home to society, HAI

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Place: Athens, Greece

Date: 5th – 10th December 2007

Organiser: Hellenic Association of Informatics (HAI)

Attached: Participants list

Agenda

5th December

19:30: Arrival at Athens (Attica) and welcome by Stefanos Stefanidis (HAI President)

6th December

10:00 – 13:00: Workgroups: What is the EVS action, methodology, EVS and local communities, experiences from the participants, Youth activation and methods to present EVS, youth volunteers

18:00 – 19:30: Workgroups: Send NGO, Host NGO, Key points

19:30 – 20:30: Partnership building: NGO's Presentation (first part)

7th December

09:45 – 14:00: Workgroups: EVS volunteer support, crisis management / What after EVS? Youth citizenship

17:15 – 19:00: Partnership building: NGO's Presentation (second part)

19:00 – 21:00: Culture Activity (Greek dances course)

22:00 – 23:30: Intercultural night (1st part)

8th December

09:45 – 12:00: Simulation game: EVS - how it works; find a place, volunteers approach, tips

12:00 – 14:00: Youth in Action, presentation of the programme

17:45 – 19:00: Workgroups: Partnership building: EVS projects from participants NGOs.

19:00 – 20:00: Open Market: Future projects, cooperation's

21:30 – 23:00: Intercultural night (2nd part)

9th December

09:30 – 17:00: Visit of Athens

10th December

9:30: Transfer to the airport

EVS – European Voluntary Service

The European Voluntary Service (EVS) is a part of the YOUTH in Action programme of the European commission. It provides young Europeans with the unique chance to express their personal commitment through unpaid and full-time voluntary activities in a foreign country within or outside the EU. In this way, it seeks to develop solidarity, mutual understanding and tolerance among young people, thus contributing to reinforcing social cohesion in the European Union and to promoting young people's active citizenship.

By using European Voluntary Service we aim at strengthening our members' interaction and collaboration to establish personal long time contacts and to undertake certain projects.

Trainings

HAI – Hellenic Association of Informatics

HAI is a Greek non-governmental, non-profit Youth organization (NGO) that was founded in 1992. In 1999 the Association became full member of the Hellenic National Youth Council, higher expression body of youth stakeholders in the country. The main objective of HAI and of its activities has been, since its creation, to raise awareness about the role that informatics can and should play in promoting young people' and society members' participation and active involvement in a broad spectrum of issues (of social, cultural, environmental, etc nature), in diffusing and distributing updated and



reliable information and in encouraging the utilization of information for the shaping of virtuous and socially viable behaviours.

This was the first mission to HAI but not the first contact. During the ESM 2006 in Malta we met Eleni Gaki representing this organisation at the CMS: Science in the Med: Opportunities for Dialogue. She is EVS coordinator in HAI and currently hosting 3 volunteers for 12 month from non-MILSET Europe organisations.

HAI has officially become MILSET Europe partner at General Assembly in Bratislava, Slovakia (Modra) in September 2007.

More info on: www.informatics.org.gr

EVS, HAI and MILSET Europe

It is our declared aim to introduce EVS among our members to strengthen our internal collaboration. Until now we haven't succeeded in it, but we highly recommended it lately during our General Assembly.

I have spoken about the project of the current 3 volunteers in HAI with Stefanos and it offers the opportunity to adapt this project to other MILSET Europe members: The volunteers in Greece will collect data about the surrounding of Athens to create a guide of sights, recommended places and other tourist attractions which will be available online for free usage. Together with Sylvia Hempel (LJBW) we have discussed the possibilities to establish a Greek-German EVS exchange in the coming year (and onwards) which could be a great SYV (Science Youth Vector) project simultaneously. This project (cartographing a region – also with scientific information and background) could be joined by diverse MILSET Europe members over the years.

For me it was a great experience to not only read but to see, how EVS really works. The motivation to strengthen our members' interaction by EVS grew enormously.

Mission

This mission was primarily undertaken to answer an invitation from Stefanos Stefanidis (HAI President) to get to know more about EVS – the European Voluntary Service, secondarily to meet people from HAI for personal contacts and experience transfer.

Thanks to Stefanos, Eleni and to all HAI team for the welcome and the interesting seminar they have organised.

The specified points of this mission were:

1. Get to know more about EVS:
 - o I personally took a lot out of this seminar. We had a lot of discussions about the participants' experiences and proposals to exchange and learn from each other.
 - o As there was no EVS exchange by MILSET Europe so far I took the maximum of information available out of it and established first contacts between LJBW and HAI for EVS exchange.
2. Meet HAI representatives to make personal contacts and to strengthen the collaboration of MILSET Europe and HAI:
 - o All the team of HAI is very kind. It's a team of motivated young students and young employees who love their work and really identify themselves with it. It was a pleasure for me to meet them and I'm really looking forward to developing our future collaboration.
3. Take this opportunity to present MILSET Europe to all attending associations:
 - o I took the chance to give a presentation about MILSET Europe on Saturday (8th) afternoon to all.
 - o The participating associations were not all directly dedicated to youth, science, nature and technology, so the interest of the attendees was diverse.
 - o Units - Universita Del Terzo Setore – an Italian organisation represented by Lucia Colonna – expressed its interest in collaborating with MILSET Europe (esp. LJBW as it was represented by Sylvia and she demonstrated some little scientific experiments in the breaks) for their summer camps to combine the observation of nature with



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some scientific content. → Lucia will prepare and send us a draft of her project to find some member organisations (2 to 4) of MILSET Europe also participating with a group of youngsters.