

Working meeting »Youth resources in Internet«

(In the frame of Category B of European Youth Foundation of COE)

Sofia, Bulgaria, 15.03.2002 – 18.03.2002

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Context of the working meeting »Youth resources in Internet«:

The strong entering of Internet in our way of life creates new living standards and establishes new personal contacts and business relationships. Therefore, the biggest part of the youth organisations and NGO's working in the field of youth work are using the Net to promote their activities and develop projects.

Also, it is very difficult to find and process the needed youth information in the infinite space – Internet. That is why, there is a necessity for developing a product comprises the most of youth resources and databases in Internet.

Student Computer Art Society (SCAS) and National Student Information Centre (NSIC) have been working on this field for three years. As a result of that work SCAS and NSIC have developed two CD-ROM versions »Youth resources in Internet«, modern designed and well received by youth organisations and institutions. According to our research activities there is no similar product at the moment, which classifies and involved the youth resources in Internet.

The working meeting »Youth resources in Internet« will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria from 15.03.2002 to 18.03.2002. The working meeting will try to enhance the active participation of young people in the integration process, to give them a powerful information tool, aims to explore the methodology and standards of youth information ranking and classification and to create recommendations for developing of the next version of the CD »Youth resources in Internet«.

The objectives of the working meeting are:

- To explore the possibilities of modern media and communications for processing and providing youth information;
- To join representatives of youth organisations/institutions providing youth information services and to involve them in the development and distribution of CD-ROM »Youth Resources in Internet« and www data-base with youth resources;
- To explore the methodology and standards of youth information ranking and classification;
- To built information bridges among the organisations from south-eastern Europe and thus to overcome the informational isolation and lack of youth information networks in the countries in that region;
- To give possibilities to the youth and young people to establish easier connections with youth organisations and networks, and to give in youth hands a strong information tools via using modern media;

The main working methods will be lectures, discussions, meetings, confrontation games, workshops, and exhibitions.

Target group:

- Youth leaders or workers dealing with youth information processing and distribution;
- Developers or providers of youth information about:
 - institutions, authorities and programs in the youth field;
 - foundations and organizations supporting youth projects;

- youth data-bases;
- education and job possibilities;
- youth traveling, youth hotel chains, leisure time activities etc.;
- Youth workers and institutions dealing with youth information policy or youth policy in general;
- Representatives of youth organizations or networks who would like to exchange experience or learn more about modern media and youth information;
- Representatives of youth organizations or youth information centers willing to develop new information materials using modern media (like youth information CD-ROMs, www databases etc.) and especially willing to participate in the next version development of the CD-ROM »Youth Resources in Internet«.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING THE APPLICATION FORMS: 15.02.2002

Working languages: English and Bulgarian.

Dates and place: Sofia from 15.03.2002 to 18.03.2002.

Sofia is the capital of Bulgaria and the biggest city, near the beautiful mountain Vitosha.

Hosting organization and supporters:

Hosting organization is the National association- **Student Computer Art Society /SCAS/**, Bulgaria. The working meeting »Youth resources in Internet« is supported by European Youth Foundation of the COE (Category B). The event is also supported by SCAS. The working meeting is developed in partnership with a lot of organizations and institutions (more information about the program and organizers will be sent to the selected participants).

Costs and reimbursements:

- board and lodging are provided by the hosting organization and are covered by the project budget;
- 80% of the travel expenses will be reimbursed on the basis of the most economic transport fares (APEX, student fare etc.); Also there are limitations for the travel reimbursements, depending on the country and the distance (detailed table will be send to the selected participants). In principle, the biggest compensation for the travel costs will be up to 350 EUR (but 80% of the costs).
- Participation fee is 60 EUR for Western European Countries and 30 EUR for Eastern European countries (former socialist countries); The fee will be deducted from the travel reimbursement;

Application and selection of participants:

- Please, send filled application form (**by fax, post or e-mail**) to the address of SCAS; **All the applications must be received before the deadline;**
- Participants will be selected by the Organizing Committee of the event on the base of:
 - Different geographical areas and organizations;
 - Experience, expectations and needs;
 - Possibility and motivation to participate in the development of future modern media information materials (the CD-ROM »Youth Resources in Internet«, www data-base etc.);
 - According to the above described profile of participants and the rules of EYF;
 - According to the project partner proposals.

The accepted candidates will receive more detailed information and confirmation of their participation till 20.02.2002.

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