

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
"YOUTH" SUBCOMMITTEE IN
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION
BETWEEN FLANDERS AND ESTONIA

Vilnius, from 12 to 15 July 2004



The meeting of the "Youth" Subcommittee in implementation of the Agreement on cooperation between Estonia and Belgium (Flemish Community) was held in Vilnius from 12 to 15 July 2004 under the chairmanship of Mrs. Piret Talur and Mr. Jan Vanhee.

The composition of both delegations is enclosed with this document.

In implementation of the Agreement on cooperation between Flanders and the Republic of Estonia the representatives of the Flemish Community, Youth and Sports Division and representative of Estonian Ministry of Education and Research, Youth affairs Department, agreed on the following work programme:

1. GENERAL EVALUATION

1.1. Evaluation of the implemented projects

The meeting concludes that 3 of the 4 selected projects were carried out under the terms of the Joint Standing Committee/Subcommittee. The implemented projects were evaluated very positively by the participants as well as the organisers.

Estonia and the Flemish Community still intend to cooperate intensively.

A global balance with regard to the number of projects, the number of participants and the costs shall be aimed at as well as possible.

1.2. Types of projects and exchanges

Regarding to youth exchanges, the Flemish Community accepts and subsidises in 2004 and 2005, only one sort of projects:

B-projects or study visits

These are the policy-related projects realised by the authority itself or with its cooperation. They are paid by the same authority, according to the financial stipulations mentioned further in this cooperation agreement.

The regulations concerning the A-projects are rescinded.



2. FINANCIAL STIPULATIONS FOR THE FLEMISH COMMUNITY

2.1. B-projects

- sending :
 - 100% of the flight ticket to the airport closest to the first destination
 - civil liability insurance (within the framework of Belgian legislation) travel insurance
 - for repatriation insurance for diseases and accidents the EC-regulation is applicable
 - for civil servants the labour insurance is valid 24 hours/day
- hosting :
 - hotel and accommodation expenses
 - organisational costs and transport costs inside the country

3. FINANCIAL STIPULATIONS FOR ESTONIA

3.1. B-projects

- sending :
 - at least 80 to 100 % of the flight ticket to the airport closest to the first destination
 - necessary insurance
- hosting :
 - hotel and accommodation expenses
 - organisational costs and transport costs inside the country

4. 2004 - 2005 WORK PROGRAMME

The approved B-projects are mentioned in this 2004- 2005 work programme by the articles 1 to and including 3.

REMARKS

This 2004-2005 work programme is part of an ongoing process aiming at establishing positive and sustainable effects on Youth(work)policy making in Baltic States and Flanders. More specifically through the realisation of projects mentioned under article 1 and 2, both parties will prepare their bilateral working programme 2006-2007.

In anticipation of a maximum programme implementation and given the need to use the available means optimally, the parties shall aim at using the cheapest transport means possible.

To this purpose it is recommended that the programmes include one weekend.

The initiative for each project must be taken by the host country.

The programme and the data needed for a good course must be submitted to the other party at the latest four (4) weeks in advance.

5. FINAL STIPULATIONS

- a. The 2004 - 2005 work programme shall be presented at the meeting of the Joint Standing Committee Estonia - Flanders.
- b. The next meeting of the "Youth" Subcommittee shall take place in Estonia in the framework of a meeting on Flemish-Baltic youth cooperation in April or May 2006.

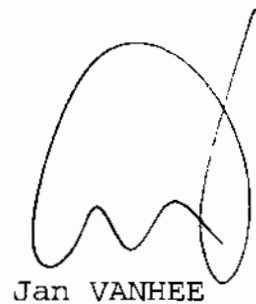
Done in Vilnius, 12-15 July 2004, in two copies, in Dutch and English, all texts being equally valid.

For the Estonian
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ENCLOSURE

COMPOSITION OF THE DELEGATIONS

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Dirk DEPOVER	Director VVJ (Organisation of the Flemish Municipal Youth Services and Youth Servants)
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Arnoud PIETERSE	Member of the Staff MJA (Actions of Youngster of the Mutuality)

ARTICLE 1

A. Theme

Promoting the quality of learning and training of youth workers

B. Aim

To analyse how the training of youth workers is worked out in terms of policy, and how youth work deals with this. The goal is to work it out in concrete proposals for the future cooperation.

C. Objectives and key-questions

- How are the reference frameworks determined in regard to the training of youth workers.
- What is the vision of the authorities and youth work on non-formal learning? In connection to that, set up a discussion on training of youth workers (also based on the experience gained during the participation).
- Situating non-formal learning in the context of the developments in the field of non-formal and lifelong/lifewide learning.
- How is non-formal learning linked with research on the youth issues (curricula, quality standards, etc.)
- How to link horizontal approach with an accent to social work issues and disadvantaged youngsters.
- Discovering different methods and approaches of learning.

D. Number of participants

5 persons from each country (mixed delegation - governmental/NGO)

E. Period

2005 - to be specified in a preparatory meeting in Flanders in 2004, action in 2005 in Lithuania.

F. Duration

7. days

G. Authorised bodies

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ARTICLE 2

A. Theme

Developing local youth (work) policy

B. Aim

How different authorities organise work together and develop the local youth (work) policy and work it out in concrete proposals for the future cooperation.

C. Objectives and key-questions

- How do the different political levels (national-regional-local) relate in the field of youth (work) policy?
- What is meant by youth (work) policy? Which actors do we distinguish? How is the policy on youth (work) pursued?
- Gain a perception of youth aspects within the different policy domains.
- Which age limits are used with regards to children and young people, and why?
- Which emphasis is put on the element of participation in the youth (work) policy?
- What about private and public initiative? Who does what?
- Who is responsible for what at which policy level?
Subsidiarity?
- Which role are volunteers playing in developing Youth(work)policy?
- By which indicators the outcome of youth(work)policy can be measured.
- What kind of planning systems can help to organise efficient Youth(work)policy?
- How to link horizontal approach especially with an accent to social work issues and disadvantaged youngsters?

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ARTICLE 3

Both parties agree on sending and hosting youthworkers for the participation at the selected international events.

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2004

Preparatory meeting in FLANDERS

2 PERSONS:
1 from G.O.
1 from NGO

arrival 17.00, 18 November
working day 1 19 November
working day 2 20 November

leaving 14.00 20 November

2005

article 1 TRAINING YOUTH WORKERS
country **LITHUANIA**

article 2 YOUTH WORK POLICY DEVELOPMENT
country **FLANDERS**

