**Youth exchange: Together we will dance the new steps of voluntarism.**

**Aim of the youth exchange:** Give to young people the possibility to learn about voluntarism and ways to identify the needs of local community. 30 participants coming from different cultural backgrounds will explore voluntarism in practice and encourage youth of all ages from one local community to become active in the process of solving problems in their society.

**Description of the youth exchange:**

During this youth exchange participants will create a characteristic dance what will be a symbol of the neighborhood and realize a voluntary action. Active participation of citizens, especially older people will be used as positive value and example how one healthy society can be developed with help of voluntarism. One of the main task will be, as much as it possible, to involve youth with fewer opportunities and with their active involvement to make our dance more victorious. Before implementation, group will get closer with youth and together they will engage their parents and neighbors and, based on the needs of their neighborhood, they will collect ideas, suggestion in the shortest time as it possible and prepare voluntary action what will be visible in whole neighborhood. Group will also record all the steps of preparing and realizing their activity, and short movie will be given to all countries’ participants and to officials of the local community. Interactive games and active participation will be used as main working method with participants in order to support young people to get actively involved in local community life and development.

**Objectives of the youth exchange:**

1. Participants will learn about voluntarism and its benefits to the society
2. Give participants knowledge and necessary information related to European Year of Volunteering
3. Participants will learn how to identify the needs of local community and try to realize some of that needs
4. Participants will have opportunity to realize one activity which will show the values and possibilities to local community
5. Encourage participants to express their skills for music, theatre and art and by this foster intercultural dialogue

**Dates of the youth exchange:** 1-12 July 2012

**Venue of the youth exchange:** Youth exchange will be held in Podgorica, capital of Montenegro, as there are not so much things to do. Youth are not supported enough to initiate some activities. Also, older people have basically no activity in general so that's why we want, by activating all generation in one local community promote local society to be more active and to spread this spirit in another communities.

**Profile of participants:**

4 participants (of age 15 - 25) + 1 group leader (of any age)

Participants should be interested in the topic of the youth exchange (voluntarism and dance), motivated to participate actively and contribute to the project. Youth exchange is also for the participants with fewer opportunities (this will be discussed in details on APV).