



## **salto 10<sup>th</sup> youth anniversary**

**On behalf of the SALTO Resource Centres network and their hosting National Agencies,  
we have the honor to invite you to the**

### **SALTO-YOUTH Firework 2010**

**The Power of Non-formal Learning in Education, Training, Employment and  
Entrepreneurship**

***On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the SALTO-YOUTH network in 2010***

#### **Background information**

SALTO-YOUTH supports the implementation of the Youth in Action Programme since the year 2000, when the first four SALTO Resource Centres were established by the European Commission. Each SALTO Resource Centre focuses on a specific priority area of the Programme. The Resource Centres support the National Agencies and further stakeholders, such as beneficiaries and trainers, with support activities, publications, advice, strategic support etc. Through its web site as well as Youthnet, SALTOYOUTH offers information, resources and tools to support the cooperation between the National Agencies, NGOs, youth workers and youth leaders and others. The training calendar, the TOY database, the tool box and the TCP planning board are important tools to be named here. In 2010, SALTOYOUTH wants to celebrate its ten years of existence with a special event: the **SALTO-YOUTH Firework 2010**.

#### **Who? When? Where?**

The SALTO Firework is organised jointly by all eight SALTO Resource Centres and their hosting National Agencies as well as the National Agency of Portugal. It will be hosted by the French National Agency **in Paris from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of May 2010**. (Participants should arrive on 25<sup>th</sup> May and leave on 28<sup>th</sup> May after lunch.)

## **Aim and objectives**

The **main aim** of the SALTO-YOUTH Firework is to **provide a space to explore the potential of the Youth in Action Programme, in light of the new EU strategy for youth - Investing & Empowering. A renewed open method of coordination to address youth challenges and opportunities and the Council resolution of the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2009 on a renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)**<sup>1</sup>. The SALTO network selected for this event the topics *Education and Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship* as important challenges for the future of societies. The adaptation and translation of these topics to the Youth in Action Programme context is an important step to operationalise the new policy framework.

### **The concrete objectives of the event are:**

1. To analyse practice and resources within the Youth in Action programme, and to reflect further on their inspiration by, and contribution to youth policy (focusing on Education, Training, Employment and Entrepreneurship - EEET)
2. To reflect and discuss different understandings of the policy fields of action (EEET)
3. To explore the impact of the renewed youth policy framework on future practice within the YiA programme
4. To highlight the achievements and the roles of SALTO-YOUTH within the Youth in Action programme
5. To celebrate 10 years of SALTO-YOUTH

## **Participants**

The Firework should bring together up to 170 stakeholders of the Programme, including the European Commission, National Agencies, political authorities from different levels, beneficiaries, researchers and some further experts and partners. Importantly, participants should be interested and have some experience in youth policy issues and the topics of the event and be able to participate and contribute actively to the reflection and discussions in the various workshops and working groups.

### **What is in it for you and the other participants coming to the SALTO Firework?**

- Increase awareness about the renewed policy framework
- Get ideas for putting policies into practice and backwards
- Get inspiration for new types of projects
- Ask yourself and reflect about new questions about issues related to education, training, employment and entrepreneurship and the Youth in Action programme
- Find new resources, methods, tools...
- Meet and talk to interesting people make new useful contacts, network
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1 [http://ec.europa.eu/youth/pdf/doc1648\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/pdf/doc1648_en.pdf)

## **Nomination**

**Czech NA will to nominate one participant for this event. A selected participant should be:**

person who has been a beneficiary of the Youth in Action Programme (most likely from an NGO working with young people) who has shown interest and has some experience in youth policy and in the topics of the event – and might be also able and willing to share their experience during this event,

or person, who could be either coming from the youth NGO field or be a policy maker, researcher etc.

## **Costs**

The accommodation (lodging and board) and travel costs of this selected participant will be covered by the NAs and the SALTOs. All programme costs will be covered by hosts.

## **Selection of the participant**

If you are willing to participate in the SALTO Firework, please **send your motivation letter in English till 23<sup>rd</sup> February** 2010 to Lucie Jarolímková at [luciej@mladezvakci.cz](mailto:luciej@mladezvakci.cz). The CNA committee will select on 25<sup>th</sup> February one candidate who will participate together with the CNA delegation the SALTO Firework event.

We are looking forward to your interesting motivation letters!

Best regards,

CNA team

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