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Cross-border volunteering

SLOVAKIA

# Volunteering in legislation



- Act 282/2008 on support of youth work
- Definition of volunteer
- Aged 15 – 30 years
- From Slovakia or other country

# Voluntary service



- Voluntary service is community service of volunteer in field of youthwork based on written agreement with legal entity (institution) which is active in the youthwork.
- Agreement on voluntary service
- Responsibilities in realisation of voluntary service

# Key needs in field of volunteering

- Absenting Act on volunteering (specific)
- Lack of information and awareness about volunteering and its benefits for society
- Absenting data – researches mapping situation of volunteering in Slovakia
- Low recognition of benefits and importance of volunteering as well as gained competences through volunteering
- Missing offer of appropriate activities for volunteers in youth organisations



# Is there a need for cross-border volunteering?

- We don't know yet
- Little research can help to identify needs (according some framework)
- Maybe KERIC, maybe working group on EYV



# What are the opportunities for cross-border volunteering?

- Ice-hockey world championship in Slovakia in 2011
- Vysegrad fund – Slovakia have presidency - 50 % funding (co-funding can be in-kind), small projects up to 5.000€ and 6 months, standard projects are 5.001€ up and up to 1 year
- Involvement of Roma young people? (in smaller / shorter projects?)



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- Visegrad Fund
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- 2010 years