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Understanding Voluntary Service Added-Value and Impact on Young People and Local Communities

A Youth in Action Seminar implemented by CCIVS and Grenzenlos

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The impact of international voluntary service has been identified as one of the areas for which youth organisations are dependent on other institutions. Most of the researches in this field have been carried out by the European Commission and did not necessarily contain all elements that youth organisations may be interested in. At the same time, working on this specific element of youth work (impact), youth organisations have the opportunity to develop new capacities and competencies. With this in mind, a series of young people took part in various projects meant to measure the results of impact of voluntary service projects. This seminar will include among its participants, young people that conducted the researches on the impact of international voluntary service as well as organisations' representatives that are concerned with the topic and that have been closely following the development of voluntary service.

Aims and Objectives

The objectives of the seminar are:

- o to review the instruments and tools that were used in the research on youth and international voluntary service projects and provide constructive feedback for a better adaptation of the tools;
- o to create a framework for analysing the results of the researches identifying the main competences young people gain as well as the areas that local communities benefit ;
- o to formulate guidelines for conducting research and creating organisational policies on the monitoring of the results and impact of international voluntary service projects;
- o to identify and present recommendations to youth organisations and other stakeholders regarding the implementation of international voluntary service projects;
- o to foster sustainable and/or enhance already existing partnerships between youth organisations and formal education institutions as well as local communities and other stakeholders.

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