Personal annual report of External Relations Officer of YEE 2010-2011
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Dear YEE friends!

As the time has rapidly run since the moment we met last year, it is now the high time to present you the results of our activities that we have been carrying out to the benefit of our federation during the business year of 2010-2011.

The above-mentioned work year has been on the one hand quite hectic but on the other hand as usual very interesting being full of the extraordinarily interesting events organized by both YEE and organizations YEE is a member of.

As I have been occupying the position of External Relations Officer during the year, I therefore have been in charge of YEE representation in relations with our partners. In this capacity I was supposed to participate in the meetings of various kinds, to keep contacts with representative bodies of these organizations, and of course to inform you, MOs, YEE Board and Secretariat about everything what was happening at those meetings and in frames of those negotiations through foremost reports and articles in YEE newsletters.

So taken into consideration afore-mentioned I found it logical to nominally divide my report into two parts, one devoting to external representation and the second devoting to publications.

Regarding the point of representation, the first meeting I participated in was a biannual meeting of the Advisory Council on Youth (AC on Youth) – structure that carries out co-management of the youth sector within the Council of Europe. The meeting was held on October 18-20, 2010 in Budapest, Hungary. This year I continued substituting Alberto Mogio Perez, previous Secretary General of YEE, who on the pillar of the European Youth Forum (YFJ) was elected to represent it in the Advisory Council but after leaving YEE could not fulfill his obligations any more.

The next meeting where Nazineh and I had a pleasure to take part representing YEE was the YFJ General Assembly that takes place once per two years. This time the main statutory meeting of the Youth Forum took place on November 18-21, 2010 in Kiev, Ukraine.

After the new-year break, representation was resumed with the spring meeting of the AC on Youth, taking place on March 14-16, in Strasbourg, France.

As a member of AC on Youth I was elected to represent it in the Council of Europe team performing Belgian youth policy review, the first round of which was held on April 10-16, in Brussels, Antwerp, Eupen and other places in Belgium. During the first visit our team was supposed to collect information from the relevant institutions dealing with youth issues so that having processed it to come back in September with a range of questions and clarifications from our side. The eventual result of the process will be a report, drawn by a review team. The report is to be presented to both the Belgian authorities and the Joint Council that is a structure responsible for youth matters within the Council of Europe.

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Finally the last event I participated in on behalf of YEE was the YFJ COMEM being held on April 6-7, in Antwerp, Belgium.

On all the meetings where I took part, I presented a written report to the Board and Secretariat and wrote articles, most of which were published in YEE newsletter. The exception is the Youth policy review meeting on which I did not write any reports and articles since it is not finalized yet. But I will obligatory share with you all the relevant information on its results once it is completed.

Apart of this, I tried to actively participate in activities of our partners. So, during the General Assembly of the European Youth Forum I partook in the session with the representative of the CoE Parliamentary Assembly Elvira Kovac responsible for dealing with the issue of the European Convention on Youth Rights. Afterwards together with some other members of the YFJ I drew up a proposals sheet regarding the draft of the Convention that was then transferred to Ms Kovac.

As a member of AC on Youth apart of representing the body in the Youth policy review process, I worked over the review of the Rules of Procedure and also contributed to discussion over the Convention on Youth Rights within AC itself.

Besides that I kept contacts with organizations YEE is a member of, such as CEEweb for Biodiversity and European Environmental Bureau filling in various membership questionnaires and providing them with any relevant information about YEE when needed. Thanks to Michal Svec, YEE was represented in the CEEweb Annual Meeting being held on November 2-5, 2010 in Budapest, Hungary. As for another organization YEE is a member of, Taiga Rescue Network, I made endeavors to contact them, but did not succeed.

This year as the previous one I carried out my tasks without any support from the side of the pool of representatives that was not even formed due to the fact that nobody applied though I got many promises to do so from the participants coming to AM 2010. Though it doesn't have any obvious consequences for YEE so far, it is likely that if we had the pool formed we might on the one hand be better represented and on the other hand benefit more from the opportunities available at disposal of our partner organizations. I hope that on one day the situation will change and YEE will have efficiently functioning pool of representatives next to the External Relations Officer.

This is what I wanted to share with you from the side of the External Relations Officer. But since everyone from the Board apart of fulfilling his/her peculiar tasks inherent to a specific position is in charge of fulfilling general tasks on day-to-day YEE management, I have to add a couple of lines more to my report on this point. As a Board Member I participated almost in all the skype board meetings unless any objective circumstances prevented me from doing so; I proof-read a Russian version of the booklet "Games for Nature" produced as a follow-up of the YEE project "Learning from each other – games from environmental education"; worked over application forms for two projects, adopted last year: "Diversity" and "Environmental law" and besides that took part in discussion on all the day-to-day matters of YEE.

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To cut my long story short, I would love to say that it was a great year and I enjoyed it very much! I want to thank the Board and the Secretariat for their efforts and coherent work and actions that have resulted in another successful year for YEE.

Shall you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

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