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Analysis of the fourth session of the Working Group „Youth & Sport“ of GaMCon – Gagauzian Modernization Convention

The fourth session of the Working Group Youth & Sport was held on 25th of October 2018 in the conference room in the Regional Gallery of Arts in mun. Comrat, ATU Gagauzia. Auditorium consisted of a diverse group of 24 participants (12 men, 12 women) - youth workers and representatives of various NGOs, students, representatives of the public sector. The meeting was opened by Dmitry Furtuna, Project and PR Coordinator of the GamCon project. At the beginning of the session he presented the objectives of the meeting and introduced both presenters.

Main aim of the last, fourth WG session was to present and discuss the final version of Strategic action plan for the development of youth sphere based on proposals and conclusions from the participants of the previous session. As a foreign expert, my role at the session was to share our experience in the control of public institutions in implementing this kind of action plan. Final session of WG Youth and Sport also served as an evaluating session, where participants evaluated and summarized the work of the session.

At the very beginning of my contribution, I asked the participants to imagine that they have unlimited power and funds, what would be the first thing they would do for young people in Gagauzia. We made a round of answers and most were similar, they wanted to create some space for culture and art - for example theater and cinema - also indoor and outdoor multifunctional space for sports and dancing or open new university departments

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(for example medicine). From these answers, we can see what young people missing in Comrat.

My presentation with the title „Methods of implementation and monitoring of the Slovak Youth Strategy“ was divided into 3 main parts. First part was about the Slovak Youth Strategy - background, creation and division, in the next section, I described implementation structures of the Strategy (methods) and the last part was about monitoring and evaluation

In the first part of the presentation I described what preceded the creation of the Strategy of the Slovak Republic for Youth for the years 2014 – 2020. Firstly it was professional research - Youth Report 2010 (we do such research every 4 years), then several expert working groups consisting of representatives of state and public administration, NGOs, researchers and people from practice (151 participants involved) and finally regional consultations with young people and separately with representatives of regional government and public administrations, parents, teachers, youth leaders (380 participants involved). In summary the Strategy was created „bottom-up“ and it's the result of an active and equal youth dialogue with representatives of the state administration, regional and local government and the non-governmental sector.

In the next part of the presentation on methods of implementation, I described Iuventa – Slovak Youth Institute as the institution to fulfil the state policy in relation to children and youth and to implement the Strategy with its activities. Secondly I introduced Intra-governmental Working Group on Youth Policy that is a platform to bring together representatives of various ministries, representatives of regional governments, NGO's and umbrella youth organizations, leisure centers, youth information and counseling centers, representatives of minorities, police forces, etc. This WG participates in providing and fulfilling the objectives of the Strategy through concrete measures and cooperate in developing an annual information report. In the next part I talked about grant scheme „Programmes for Youth for year 2014 – 2020“ as the direct instrument to support the fulfillment of the Slovak Youth Strategy. Implementation of the Strategy

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should be governed by the project principle – with measurable indicators in order to achieve easier deduction and monitoring of the process. As the last method I introduced the steering committee that coordinates, monitors and evaluates the degree of implementation of the Strategy and the current Action Plan by organizations that have approved a three-year grant. At the end of the presentation, I have described the exact monitoring and evaluation process.

In summary, I presented methods, tools applicable in the EU to control the implementation of the strategic action plan. After the presentation, the auditorium had several questions, mainly about the grant scheme and the steering committee.

I have identified 2 key recommendations in a relation to the follow-up discussion. As the next step after the adoption of the Strategic action plan, I recommend:

- 1) to secure a grant scheme for reallocation of funding between relevant actors in the field of youth and sport (especially for NGOs) to ensure quality implementation of specific Strategy measures through specific activities;
- 2) to create a steering committee that coordinates and continuously monitors the degree of implementation of the Strategic action plan;
- 3) to realize deep evaluation of the Strategic action plan not only at the end, but also in mid-term of duration. The form of the evaluation could be through consultative meetings separately with young people and representatives of regional and local self-government as well as representatives of the non-governmental sector.

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