



ADULT LIFE ENTRY NETWORK
Empowerment and Activation
of Young People in Disadvantaged Situations



Complex approach to social inclusion of young people in disadvantaged situations

Izabella Marton, project manager, ALEN project
12 July 2012, European Parliament



This project is supported by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS (2007–2013).

Basics about ALEN

1 October 2011 – 31 March 2013

4 countries (Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Serbia)

16 partner organisations (11 NGOs, 5 ministries)

50 young people

multiple disadvantages



This project is supported by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS (2007–2013).

About our target groups

20,3% – youth unemployment (2010)

20,1% – at-risk-of poverty rate among young people

Countries and specific groups in much worse situation!

Low education, ethnic minority or immigrant background, institutional/foster care etc.



This project is supported by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS (2007–2013).



Goals and methods of ALEN

Empowerment and strengthening participation

Through:

- individual mentoring and individual development plans
- using creative methods (e.g. forum theatre)

In order to improve partnership of different actors; to test methods and tools; to identify obstacles of social inclusion of youth and to make policy recommendations.



This project is supported by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS (2007–2013).



The first results

Results at different levels (individual, group, country, project etc.)

- trustful relationships
- identified individual goals
- group building and solidarity
- first performances in Austria
- peer support in Serbia and Croatia
- mutual learning



This project is supported by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS (2007–2013).



Lessons we learned so far

To get out of the trap there is a need for

Adequate minimum income schemes

Social services with

- holistic, but still
- individual and sensitive approach
- time and professionalism

Inclusive education system



This project is supported by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS (2007–2013).



ADULT LIFE ENTRY NETWORK
Empowerment and Activation
of Young People in Disadvantaged Situations

Learn more about our project!

www.alenproject.eu

<http://www.facebook.com/alenproject>



This project is supported by the European Union Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity – PROGRESS (2007–2013).