EAThink2015. Global Learning for Change in EYD2015 and Beyond: European Youth Engagement from School Gardens to Sustainable Food Systems

The project idea originated from the pilot action “Eathink 2015: Feeding the planet, energy for life. A journey through Italy, Senegal and Uganda” carried out in 2013 by ACRA-CCS, CISV, Fond. Cariplo, Fond. De Agostini and Compagnia di San Paolo, aimed at promoting food security and education towards EXPO2015. The core of the intervention, based on Global Learning on North–South interdependencies and food security through experiential educational modules proposed by the teachers and shared with web 2.0 tools, has been integrated and scaled-up with expertise and best practices elaborated in other EU countries where the current project proposal will be implemented, focused on sustainable food systems and smallholder farming. Key elements in the action are youth active participation and enhancement of teachers educational planning, integrated with learner-centered and experiential methods, the use of ICT4D-web 2.0 tools, and a solid dissemination strategy to ensure institutional and financial sustainability after project end.

The overall objective of the action is to contribute to increasing EU youth awareness of, and engagement in, post-2015 public debate and the contribution of EU development cooperation policies to global sustainable development.

The target groups of the action are:
- 4,200 Primary and secondary school teachers (42,000 beneficiaries)
- 42,000 Students (390,000 beneficiaries)
- 140 Migrants/young volunteers
- 240 Local Authorities, Civil Society Organizations, Foundations

Activities:
1. Online publishing of global learning modules (EYD2015)
2. International exchange workshop for teachers (EYD2015)
3. Education tutoring for teachers
4. Implementation of learning activities proposed by the schools
5. Exchange visits to Senegal and Burkina Faso
6. Selection and dissemination to European schools of educational modules
7. European school photography competition
8. Production and display of the Food Cloud interactive Exhibition (EYD2015)
9. Schools’ visits to the Food Cloud Exhibition at Expo 2015
10. Training course for migrants and junior workshops co-facilitators
11. Global education workshops in the classrooms
12. Development of a sustainable farming game app
13. Exchange among schools through the Eathink 2.0 website
14. Website live update from Expo 2015 with youth editorial staff
15. Interactive visits to Food Cloud Exhibition at Expo 2015
16. Training workshops for students on citizen journalism and web 2.0
17. School-led mobilization initiatives at community level
18. European school video competition
19. Presentation of innovative methods of learning at stakeholders seminars
20. National sharing seminars for teachers
21. Teachers’ international seminar in Austria on education good practices and strategies
22. International seminar in Italy on the role of DEAR in school curricula

Expected results:
1. Teachers gain competencies and tools for the integration of global development and sustainable agriculture issues in primary and secondary school curricula;
2. The understanding of and active commitment to global interdependency, post-2015 agenda and sustainable agriculture by school students is increased;
3. Primary and secondary school students are mobilized for sustainable food production and consumption, especially in the framework of the international Expo 2015 event;
4. Learner-centered and experiential Global Learning methodologies based on ICT4D are selected and available to be spread in all the involved countries and elsewhere.

Duration: 36 months (starting with 1st of January 2015)

Applicant: Fondazione ACRA-CCS – Italy
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2. Südwind - Agentur für Süd - Nord - Bildungs- und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit - Austria
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4. Asociación de Entidades Locales Vascas Cooperantes - EUSKAL FONDOA - Spain
5. Asistență și programe pentru Dezvoltare Durabilă – Agenda 21 - Romania
6. Kopin (Koperazzjoni Internazzjonali) - Malta
7. Cardet – Cyprus
8. Asociația Ţmergo - Croatia
9. Anthropolis Antropológiai Közhasznú Egyesület - Hungary
10. Institut za razvoj trajnostni - Slovenia
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