

Eesti People to People - Greenovation Hub(Guangzhou)

Report on 2017 EU-China NGO Twinning Program

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Brief description of exchange purpose/project (max 100 words)

Water education and an exchange that aimed at exploring public participation in the fair shares of clean water and water consumption. We focused on the mutual interest on workshops and activities for awareness raising on water issues and tried to make a complementary cooperation.

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Dates and location of exchange in China: October 1- November 26, Guangzhou

Introduction (Objectives, expectations)

The specific objective of this project was to promote international cooperation between NGOs involved on the topic of water consumption and more generally on environment protection. We exchanged best practices about water consumption that can be later transferred to various contexts of our work. I have also learned the importance of NGOs role in their local realities in the context of water consumption and awareness raising.

Activities

(Which activities did the exchange fellow participate in?)

In the beginning of October, I made a study visit to Evergreen Center for Sustainable Development in Beijing. We have discussed possible cooperation in the future on environment education initiatives. Initial partnership will involve several organisations from EU, China and Russia. The main activity of this partnership will be a conference that will be held near Irkutsk city, in Russia, during summer 2018. Apart of work in the Greenovation Hub office on workshops I would mention several activities I was involved in.

I took part in the third authors meeting of the sixth global environment outlook, organized by UNEP, Ministry of EP, China. I was involved in the “stakeholders dialogue on Global GEO innovative scenarios, and Policy Pathways” and did the presentation of the draft of the semi-



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nar on environment protection that is envisaged to be held in Russia in 2018.

November 9-10, I participated in Water Education workshop organized by TOTO water Foundation. I introduced the Greenovation Hub and environment protection project between EU-China-Russia. I have shared information about the possibilities of the cooperation on the international level.



During my stay we hosted several study visits in Greenovation Hub such as visit by Green Home of Fo Shan city. I had an opportunity to share my experience from EU implemented projects.

We also hosted EU-China twin Danka who visited Greenovation Hub to make the water test experiment and we had a discussion about the water quality difference between EU and China.



I also took part in the North River Water Guard Station unveiling ceremony.



Outcome and Impact

(What were the concrete results and accomplishments of the exchange?)

During my work in the office, preparation and participation in the local workshops and master-classes, I have achieved good results in working on the original objectives of the project. We have exchanged best practices about diverse issues in our organisations, especially linked to water education that can be transferred to various contexts. Also, during working sessions in the office, I have gained skills in team-building and sufficient knowledge on water education and environmental issues in China. That was learned through group work, brainstorming, simulation activities and presentations and, also through communication with locals during meetings, conferences, presentations and workshops. I have learned how Chinese partner organisation involves participants and partners in the planning and delivery of water education workshops.

I improved my competences and skills in workshop planning and delivery. I acquired various abilities applicable to a variety of issues in NGO. With Chinese partner we have discussed how to define in better way problems areas in our communities and share experiences and what actions should be taken in the future in our communities.

This project supported my capacity through my increased competences in intercultural communication and public speaking skills. I have now more open attitude towards people of other countries or cultures. I have increased (just a bit) my competence in Chinese languages and became more sensitive towards cultural diversity in contemporary societies. I will use my acquired knowledge and competences in my NGO work in Estonia and abroad.

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On the organisational level this project fostered international cooperation. The project after-effect on organisations came out as exchange of good practices as well as further cooperation and new project on environment protection to be implemented next summer. As the impact and potential long term benefits are that me and Chinese partner are able to effectively raise awareness in wider audience about water issues. We have gained an attitude to cooperate together and articulate the interests of our organisations at local and international levels and effectively raise awareness in wider audience about water issues. This project also contributed to the establishment of the dialogue between EU and China and improvement of mutual understanding.

Future Plans and Sustainability of the Partnership

(Please describe the joint follow-up project if one has been planned and reflect on the sustainability of the collaboration.)

Project-based collaboration continues through exchange of good practices, capacity building and networking activities. This project was a great opportunity for me to build small network with focus on water consumption and environmental issues. In February 2018, we plan to apply for funding under Erasmus+ Programme to implement seminar on eco and environmental issues. This seminar will be held in Russia in 2018. We envisage to involve 25-30 participants from EU-China and Russia.



Information about the project was disseminated on Eesti People to People Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Eesti-People-to-People-1040259346025140/>

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Dates and location of exchange in China

June 6th -July 30th, Tallinn, Estonia

Introduction (Objectives, expectations)

- 1. Networking event on water\water education \environmental education topic, visit of other five organizations;*
- 2. Exchange the Ghub's experience and tools, adopt and develop the project ideas.*
- 3. To learn thematic workshop design and facilitate skills, some translation work and assistance in the project if needed; develop new workshop aiming to water\environmental education.*

Activities

(Which activities did the exchange fellow participate in?)

1. Workshops and conference

June 6th

Euro-Med “The challenge of intercultural education-Yesterday, today and tomorrow” international conference in Tallinn. Established contacts with Euro-Med network, Anna Lind Foundation and the North-South center of the Council of Europe which is organizing annual Global Education Week in Europe.

June 14-20

I took part in the Hamburg capacity Building and Reflection Workshop, and C20.

July 3-8

Workshop “Development and promotion of social business within youth sector” organized by social innovation center of Riga and Impact Youth, to develop the DIY-water filter projects.

2. Visits

June 13th

Visit the Tallinn University about EU non-formal education system. Meeting with staff.

June 14th

Visit to Arengukoostöö Ümarlaud (Round Table for Development Cooperation umbrella organisation) and Mondo NGO which is active in development and global education, also with focus on environment education.

July 20th

Visit the Paljassaare wastewater treatment and discussed with technical engineers.



July 25th

Visit the daily water-safe guard boat, and know more about the rapid reaction system about the water accidents.



3. Exploring the water education Resource and Networking

Tallinn

Ceremony of Estonian presidency in the Council of European Union.



Open-air museum, to study the water history of the country.

Tallinn Maritime Days 2017, kick off in Pirita Harbour on July 14.

Estonian Maritime Museum and Seaplane Harbor, to study the Estonian maritime and military history.

Natural Bog to experience the water eco-system.

Baltic area

Stockholm, water city, know more about the SIWI (Stockholm International Water Institute), World Water Week.

Visit the HVR water purification company to develop future cooperation in Southeast Asia projects.

Impact hub (Stockholm)

To communicate how to build up an active community group, and how to design a SDGs space.

Helsinki

Visit Finland-China Development and Exchange Center

EKO energy project.

Doctor Ma DingPing.

Pärnu city

Water DAYS festival/exhibition, and visit the coastal meadow nature protection Zone.

Haapsalu city

Water-birds migration routes and protection areas situation.

Outcome and Impact

(What were the concrete results and accomplishments of the exchange?)

1. Build up the collaborative network, among 10+ NGOs\Companies\Research Centers; exploring and upgrading 2+ the project ideas;
2. Draft Design of water educational workshop/seminar/research is achieved.

Future Plans and Sustainability of the Partnership

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1. TOPIC: City water management/water education policy research - Under Belt and Road (Jan -April 2018).

Guangzhou as a start point of the silk road and Baltic Area as the core destination. The Most excellent water city management example in the Baltic area, as Stockholm, Helsinki, Tallinn etc.

To exchange the best practice of city management and water education is helpful to devel-



opment further collaboration.

2. 2018 Guangzhou world Youth environmental Protection Conference, one water education campsite designing. / Seminar on Environmental Education

To explore the water educational resource, and design seminar/workshop for 25-30 youth from EU, CHINA and RUSSIA.

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