

Move4Nature Final Teachers Presentations, 21 – 22 October 2010, Poiana Brasov, Romania.

The Romanian version of the *Carpathian Schools' Educational Tool Kit* was elaborated in 2009 as the ENSI , CaSaLeN project initiative (Free download at: www.ensi.org/Publications/Publications-references)

This Tool Kit, as an in-service teacher training support material for ESD, inspired in 2009-2010 a larger group of the Romanian teachers in their work in schools in our rural areas. Main ideas of the material served as basis for the evaluation of the presented activities at the *Move4Nature Final Teachers Presentations*, 21 – 22 October 2010, in Poiana Brasov. The event was organised by UNEP and the *Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sport with the active participation of Romanian environmental NGO-s that were involved from the beginning in the M4N project initiative.*

In Poiana Brasov, 30 Romanian schools, having two teachers and the principal trained in May/June 2009 during the Move4Nature Training Tour, presented their Move4Nature Study Trail, and some parts of their school portfolios reflecting their ESD work in 2009-2010. The meeting offered exchange of experiences with their counterparts in other schools and counties. An evaluation committee composed of the trainers and the inspectors selected the best trail in each county, and the best 3 Move4Nature Study Trails. The winners received prizes offered by the OMV Austria the main sponsor of the project.

The Carpathian Schools' Educational Tool Kit served in 2009-2010, as starting point for the involved schools and their teachers in creating useful local working instruments closely connected to the requirements of the curricula for various subject matters, related at the same time to the main idea of inclusion in education elements of sustainable development in the Carpathian Mountains. The Tool Kit was conceived so that it would encourage an exchange of ideas between schools in the mountain areas of the Carpathians, within our country and the schools of the entire area of the countries of the Carpathian Convention.

At the meeting were discussed opportunities for **the future use of this *Carpathian Schools' Educational Tool Kit***. Finally resulted that it will continue to support the Romanian educational system changes and offers perspectives for the involved schools for promoting the local sustainable development.

How this would be possible after the finalisation of the M4N project?

At the level of schools the use of Tool Kit creates good opportunities for the school staff to learn together about new theories of learning, introducing these in the school practice, offers possibilities to critically reflect the processes took place using participatory strategies in the key points of the proposed trails. The Tool Kit is an inspiring tool by offering possibility and

creating dialog in schools between educators, teachers teaching different subjects and the principal, teachers of different schools and subjects in a county, teachers of different schools, disciplines and zones, at national level and also on international level about best practices of introduction in education the elements of the sustainable development.

-Continuing to use of the Tool Kit, also the internal dialog in the schools about the school orientation, policy and monitoring the school development and the learning/teaching process for sustainable development would be supported.

-The Tool Kit offers possibilities for teachers to create new learning situations, developing key competencies in parallel with the ESD competencies for their students by:

-creating opportunities to learn in interaction with other students in their class, communicating with other classes from the school with other students from other schools, also with persons from their community.

- involving the local community to collaborate with the school helping to create real learning situations for pupils and for the community too.

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