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Please answer the following questions: <i>Please note that the size of the boxes can be changed as needed</i>	
<p>1. List your initial objectives and activities and describe what has happened so far during the reported period of time (in addition to the activities, please also refer to publications, studies, video clips and other materials produced within the project and send them together with this report).</p> <p>The main aim of our project is to enhance the operational capacity and secure the sustainable development of participating organizations through creating a network and founding a common EU compatible expert-management organization.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mapping the professional work of the participating organizations and harmonizing their system of activities built on one another for the sake of common fund raising • common definition of strategic aims • common definition of the tasks and operation modell of an umbrella organization in plan • elaboration and managing projects for the partner organizations • elaboration of the common representation of interest both on Hungarian and European level • elaboration of PR strategy of the partner organizations • initiation and support of professional innovations • support of developing new organizations and/or activities <p>Activities</p> <p>Contact development and Network building workshop – for now we have built contact with 24 organizations (from national ones to small, local ones) through meetings, workshops and discussions. We are in the phase of forming the common aims and possible activities – it will take time, as all organizations have different needs and expectations, and the most critical point of Hungarian non-profit sphere is just the recognition of the importance of cooperation, and its realization in practice. A basic change in attitudes is seemingly needed.</p> <p>Needs identification - as for the Hungarian NGOs their most characteristic feature is the lack of resources in both financial and human sense, so they definitely need cooperation in fund raising, project writing and –management; they’re also open to common thinking, development plans, partnerships.</p> <p>Team discussion – the project team - 5 persons – has regular weekly meetings for summarizing activities done and planning the next tasks, analyzing experiences and perspectives; by May 2008 a strategy plan was formed on the base of the activitea of previous months.</p> <p>Fieldwork – we visited personally the organizations we made contact with at least once, to discuss different common works, project plannings, strategy buildings.</p>	

PR work – we created and run the up to date project website – the lists of partners and events, and our strategy plan also can be read there as an annex of recent report; we spread also a leaflet – through visibility of our project we could involve more organizations than planned.

Creating an umbrella organization – by May 2007 we worked out and had enrolled „The Way Back Together” Foundation; its aims, strategy and target groups are summarized on BTA’s website.

Fundraising – we have elaborated and submitted 32 applications (see list on website).

Project-development – we have elaborated and submitted 19 such applications that were based on partnerships.

Common representation of interest – we provided a presentation at the Ministry of Employment and Social Affairs for policy makers and organized a conference for experts introducing results of our youth helping network; we took part in conferences and workshops.

Professional innovations – we elaborated and started to implement the innovations as listed: Magdolna project - complex social and community development in the most endangered area of Budapest, organizing the local organizations into a network; Complex Model of Youth Care – methodology has been elaborated and presented, a methodological center will be developed, the first one for gathering organizations working with young people with fewer opportunities; new model of addicts’ care, that was submitted for Norwegian Fund.

Evaluation – as a result of activities we elaborated a strategy plan (see website); it will be developed till the end of this project. It is in the phase of discussion with our partners. Our activities are listed (see website).

2. Was the project implemented so far according to the initial plan? (please refer to the content and timing of the activities). If not, why? What unexpected events (positive or negative) have you encountered?

We run the project according to the planned time schedule; we have more frequent team meetings due to more tasks. The umbrella organization has been created at the beginning of the project period as its concept has been ready. Moreover, it has also some practical reasons, from the point of view of applications (a new NGO usually must wait one year before submitting any). We started the PR work to introduce the organization’s name and mission in public, and we form its activities as actual needs dictate it. Paralell with recent report we started to submit applications – by now we have built system of contacts too.

We experienced stronger need than expected in working out innovations and planning projects – so these elements of recent project were/are more intensive, while an other important element, the network-organization occured to be a longer and slower process.

3. What are the main achievements or lessons learned so far and what are the next steps to take for the next project period?

- we got into contact and formed collaboration with more organizations than planned;
- there’s a strong need for elaboration of projects;
- there is lack of human and financial capacity among Hungarian NGOs, consequently there’s less energy for networking than we thought;
- the organizations have no practice in collaboration beyond projects;
- provision of certain fields goes without any coordination, that is, more organizations do the same work without any cooperation;
- the concept of cooperation means something different for almost all organizations, they have very different expectations;
- the cooperation and organization of a network need a lot of personal meetings;
- our capacity is also less than enough - we would need more colleagues;
- usually the fund raising is the main motivation for cooperation, instead of actual professional interests, due to lack of resources;
- however, organizations are open to collaborate, but its methods are under developed, mirrors lack of experiences;
- there is a strong need for elaborating and managing EU projects, as NGOs are not prepared for

<p>them and they can't get the proper knowledge, as the trainings are too expensive for them;</p> <p>next steps to take for the next project period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to realize the innovations elaborated; • to motivate the organizations for networking • to find the points of common interest • to continue preparing projects • to form a system of aims and tasks and roles that are acceptable for all; • to make our strategy plan more clear; • to conceptualize long term aims.
<p>4. Please report on any staff or organizational changes that might affect the project implementation.</p> <p>There were no changes of this kind.</p>
<p>5. Have you worked with any partners during implementation? If yes, please describe their role.</p> <p>Partners taking part in elaboration of innovations: Belvárosi Tanoda Foundation Secondary and Vocational School, Drug-less Association, National Transit-employment Association, Rév 8 Co.</p> <p>Partners taking part in elaboration of projects: Fenice Società Cooperativa onlus; Foundation for Free Schools, Horse Therapy Center, Óbuda, Leo Amici 2002 Foundation</p> <p>Partners taking part in running of projects: Belvárosi Tanoda Foundation Secondary and Vocational School, Drug-less Association, Midgard Media, Pyramus & Co., Horse Therapy Center, Óbuda, Megálló Group Foundation for Addicts</p> <p>Partners taking part in network organization: RÉV8, National Transit-employment Association, National Employment Found, Gap Association, Drug-less Association, Mobilitas National Youth Service</p>
<p>6. Is there anything in your approach that you would like to change in order to achieve better results towards the goals and objectives of you project?</p> <p>We don't think any changes needed. We followed the interests and needs – results are summarized in our strategy plan. Important subject of thinking is the most important element of the networking: an approach based on area for a wider development of a certain geographical region or an approach oriented to the target group. It's possible that by the end of the project both approaches will be strengthened, and a forum will be realized with the task of harmonizing the activities and forming partnerships with different aims.</p>
<p>7. Would you like to share anything else?</p> <p>We are happy to contact with more organizations than planned; that signifies a stronger need for cooperation, but at the same time it's not easy to work out the real content of common work – new approaches are needed, and it will take much to initiate them.</p>

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