

Working Group 4: Contacts Between People

Introduction

EaP CSF Working Group “Contacts Between People” deals with the main issues on the agenda of EaP Thematic Platform 4 of the same name.

The activities of this working group are divided into a number of areas. These include Visa Facilitation, Education, Youth and Culture.

The Aims of the Working Group

The aims of the Working Group include:

- a. Promote and disseminate information on EU issues and the opportunities provided by the EU by developing an information society and by enlarging the network of European Information Points.
- b. Address specific situations and levels of development of civil society in each EaP countries, in particular through using existing leaders’ networks for strengthening common understanding, sharing of values and co-operation between NGOs from EaP and EU states.
- c. Offer all EaP countries roadmaps towards visa-free regimes and waive visa fees as soon as possible.
- d. Simplify visa procedures and provide multiple-entry long term visas.
- e. Facilitate non-formal education and increase funding for internships and volunteer opportunities, school exchange programmes and distance learning.
- f. Enhance the active participation of young people in decision-making processes at all levels and develop mechanisms for involving them in the achievement of EaP goals.
- g. Develop special programmes for peace and intercultural education for young people in post conflict areas.
- h. Foster cultural exchanges and co-operation between EU and EaP countries and encourage ratification/fostering implementation of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions in the 6 EaP.

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