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EDITORIAL

MIJARC Europe is pleased to present the second edition of our magazine Info Europe this year. This issue focuses on the work MIJARC Europe has been doing on the topic of youth unemployment in 2015, looking at results of the activities developed, the impact on the participants and the tools developed. You can also read about the latest events and activities of MIJARC Europe and of some of its member movements - KLJB Germany, YMDRAB Bulgaria, BUJRUM Macedonia, APSD-Agenda 21 Romania, KLJ Belgium, MJRC Spain and S&G Turkey. In this issue we want to introduce to you two new members of the European Team, who were elected in July, during our last General Assembly. Next year the topics we will focus on are climate change and sustainable development, so have a look at the calendar of upcoming activities for 2016!

Enjoy the reading!

INTRODUCTION

Youth unemployment - Keeping the faith in youth!

23.1% of young people in Europe are unemployed. We could not remain indifferent to this fact. This is why we have been working together in 2015 on the issue of youth unemployment and we have been trying to put forward proposals. This year has witnessed several highlights. First of all the seminar in July *"Let us in, Keep the faith in You(th)"* together with two training sessions in November, followed by local training sessions aiming at sharing the progress made during these sessions. In this way, some ten local events have echoed our international reflexions! Our exchanges have allowed us to become aware of the diversity of the situations in the different European countries. Everywhere we have witnessed that it is complicated to manage the transition period towards the first job, after the end of the studies, and also the link between theoretical learning and practical learning has to be reinforced. Similarly, non-formal education should receive a greater recognition. Moreover, we would like to underline that flanking measures should be put into place for workplace internships in order to avoid the too frequent abuses.

Our point of view, as rural youth, obliges us to take another look at the equality among the regions. This is why it is necessary to relocate economy in order to maintain jobs across the whole of the European territory and avoid concentrating employment only in the cities. At the economic level, it is time to address the root causes of unemployment and construct long term policies. For us, youth unemployment reflects the fact that economy has forgotten to put the human beings at its core. It is time to change this situation and restore meaning to economic activities. Looking for profit cannot be the only driving engine of our economies. And this is the very element that we would like also to work with the Church, to find again and to restore meaning by addressing the issues of our societies. This is why we have constructed an analysis and made many tools that have already been used in many countries and we would like to invite you to use them and sustain them. We are happy to see that our seminar and our training session have been substantially used through the actions in the different MIJARC countries. This

positive note motivates us for the year 2016 which is starting and which seems to be rather busy! Echoing the COP21, which is finishing with an agreement that does not include sufficient progress, we shall work on sustainable development and global warming. We look forward to being with you and building with you the voice of the European rural youth about these issues, coming to the seminar, joining us during our online course or participating in our summer camp. We shall not forget either to go on sustaining our position paper on the reception of refugees and getting mobilised on the issues related to agriculture, education, youth policies, etc. Also we shall take time to celebrate the 20th anniversary of MIJARC Europe! 20 years of meetings, exchanges, proposals, inventions, projects and partying!

So, happy new year and see you in 2016!

Thibault Duisit
Vice-President of MIJARC Europe

NEWS FROM MIJARC

International seminar "Keeping the faith in you(th)"



As we were announcing in our previous issue of the Info Europe, in 2015 MIJARC Europe included all its activities in an annual work plan with the aim to have a more coherent approach on the topic of youth unemployment. The work plan was financed by the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation and it included two international activities: a seminar and a training course, followed by a series of local trainings developed by the participants to these international activities in their local movement. The model proved to be a success as you will see in the next pages. Under the moody sun of Belgium and in a lovely eco-friendly guesthouse in Oversijse, a hard

working Think Tank and the supporting staff of MIJARC Europe welcomed participants from eight different European countries and formed a group of 34 people that accepted the challenge of exploring the causes and effects of youth unemployment and of finding the right solutions to empower young people from rural areas. The seminar took place between 27th July and 1st August 2015, it was hosted by our member movement KLJ-Belgium and it was organized with the support of the European Commission through the ERAMUS + Programme and the support of the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation. It was prepared by a team of six people: Charlene Debrincat (Malta), Johannes Rudinsdorfer (Germany), Ellen Vermeulen (Belgium) and three member of the European Team: Jeroen Decorte (MIJARC Europe), Jan Vanwijnsberghe (Belgium) and Thibault Duisit (France). Together they created an international Think Tank that guided the participants through the entire seminar and facilitated the work in the two workgroups. The participants who came from Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Malta, Macedonia, Portugal and Romania, were divided in two working groups, each group focusing on specific questions

related to youth unemployment. The first work group - **"Empower the youth to give them a voice"** - focused on institutions and organizations which can help young people overcome youth unemployment, shared their experiences and searched for good practice examples in order to create a critical view on how different stakeholders can influence the phenomenon of youth unemployment. The group created together an image of what the governments, youth councils and civil society's projects can do and they reflected on what they as individuals but also as members of youth organizations can do.

In the second group - **EU and local Youth Strategy in integration and policy making** - the participants analyzed the policies related to youth unemployment in the rural areas and discussed the role of the church and the governments in the debate about unemployment. They discussed different situations in the remote rural areas where there are the biggest problems with youth unemployment, and how dangerous is the massive migration of young people from villages to cities. By using case studies they discovered re-integration and fallback systems at rural level. After two fruitful days of discussion, debates,



reflections, meetings with experts and creative work, the third day brought a test for the participants as it was time to act. Equipped with the tools they created together, the participants headed to the center of Oversijse for a public performance. They interacted with the locals to find out their opinions about youth unemployment, to raise their awareness on the topic and to test the methods they created. Split in three groups, the young performers invited the people from Overijse to play a lawn game with them, to watch a forum theatre play and to answer several questions about youth unemployment. The ACT part continued on the fourth day when the participants wrote together a position paper, expressing their common vision about youth unemployment. The tools created during the seminar were further developed in the international training course. The seminar was a nice experience for both the Think Tank members and the participants as you can see from their testimonials:

"I really "changed" my point of view about some countries that were present. I knew some of them only because of tourism. Now I feel really open-minded towards other countries and at the end of the work I feel more European than French! And I also improved my English and made a lot of friends. Now I would like to continue to live that kind of events/meetings in my future."

"I learned more about the realities in the other participant countries and managed to change my opinion a bit. The Seminar gave me great motivation and energy by teaching me a lot of new things about youth unemployment and the ways of improving the situation."

"Raise my awareness of the obstacles and issues that are present in different countries, got some new ideas on how to raise awareness of the population in my country about the youth unemployment."

"I learned a lot about the situations in the other countries. And at the end we could write a good position paper and I have a stronger opinion on youth unemployment and the solutions. It was often very difficult to go out our national specific cases to get a European overview."

"I've learned that the differences between the countries are huge! I never expected that the situation in some countries was so bad. I'm more aware about the problems and difficulties in each country. I also learned that it doesn't matter where you come from or what your believes are, everyone accepts you and listens to what you have to say. I'm very happy that I could participate in this seminar!"

Florina Potîrniche

Assistant Secretary - MIJARC Europe



Joint study session MIJARC Europe and Rural Youth Europe "Unveiling rural realities - Unlocking youth potential"



When two similar organizations join forces, the result is bigger, better and more sustainable or at least this happened when Rural Youth Europe and MIJARC Europe organized a joint Study Session on the topic of youth unemployment. The activity was supported by the Council of Europe and hosted at the European Youth Center in Strasbourg, France, from the 4th to the 11th of October 2015. MIJARC Europe chose to work on this topic as part of its annual work plan on youth unemployment and with this study session we wanted to explore rural youth's true potential and how they can create work opportunities. The participants to the study session came from 14 countries all over Europe: Austria, Bulgaria,

Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Macedonia, Norway, Romania, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom. During the study session the themes of youth (un)employment and entrepreneurship were discussed on different levels. The week started off with discussions at a more personal level on the subject of youth employment. From there the discussion was taken further to local, organisational, national and European levels. The main issues discussed were: individual strengths, passions and paths to dream jobs, what is a good/bad job like, good practises on entrepreneurship education, how to build business ideas out of your own skills, passions and the needs of your community, the job situation in your home country, what unused resources does your area/country/Europe have to create jobs in rural areas, the Council of Europe's perspective on youth employment and how does the decision making on a European level affect youth employment. After three productive days working on identifying their personal skills and strengths, working on their entrepreneurship ideas, discovering the different realities that exist in each country, having meetings with experts and a MEP and visiting the European Parliament, there was time to ACT. The concrete outcomes of the session were five

educational board game prototypes, a video and two workshop concepts. All of these materials have an educational aspect related to youth employment, entrepreneurship and the challenges rural youth encounter when transitioning to working life. These are tools to inspire more young people to discuss the transition from education to work, work rights and responsibilities and skills needed in work life. The participants used ideas and solutions discussed over the course of the week to create these materials.

Veronika Nordhus

President of MIJARC Europe



International training course “Let me lead you(th) to success”



Leading young people to success when it comes to employment is not an easy task but with the right mix of enthusiasm, knowledge, skills and beautiful weather, MIJARC Europe discovered that everything is possible. This was the list of ingredients of our international training course that took place

between 27th and 31st October, in Gozo - Malta. Thanks to the financial support of the Council of Europe through the European Youth Foundation and the support team of our member movement GUG Malta, the training course managed to be more interesting than Malta's tourist attractions.

The international training course was developed on the basis laid down by the seminar MIJARC Europe organized in the summer as the work started from the tools that had been developed during the seminar: the position paper, the unemployment game inspired by the lawn game “Kubbs” and the forum theatre sketch.

The first day continued with a workshop facilitated by an expert in labour systems during which the participants tried to answer questions such as: What are the requirements of the labour market? *What would be the best labour system? Are there differences between employment*

conditions for men v. women? On the second day the participants split in two groups in order to explore either offline or online communication tools in two parallel workshops, then continued in a plenary session of presentations of good practices from their countries: Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Malta, FYRO Macedonia, Romania, Turkey. The third and fourth day were dedicated to tool development as participants had to use the knowledge and skills acquired in order to develop tools to talk about youth unemployment with young people and to find ways of improving the situation. The results of their work showed once again what wonderful potential there is when young minds come together. All the teams came up with great ideas which each national delegation used to plan a local training course. In the end we would like to present one tool created by the participants but you can find all of them on our website in a compact publication: *“Good practices, projects, tools and ideas for fighting youth unemployment collected or developed by young people from 9 European countries”*.

FIND YOUR OWN PLACE – Game

Preparation / Materials:

- At least 1 room (or more depending on the number of players) with chairs in it (not more than half of the players). It's OK if there is other furniture in the room or additional things on which people can sit but this is not necessary. 1 clock /watch/ mobile phone with a chronometer.

Task:

- Everyone has to find a place to sit in a certain period time 10-30 seconds (it depends on the number of players in the room). It is not allowed to share a place with another person. You are not allowed to move chairs. *(players are allowed to go outside the room and sit there, or on the floor). If someone is still standing after the time runs out it is ok too.

Debrief :

- How do you feel?
- What was your first thought?
- Why did you choose this place to sit?
- Why could/couldn't you find a place to sit?
- Did you think of other opportunities to sit?
- Do you feel treated unfairly?

Aim:

- The chairs represent existing jobs. The players are unemployed people, who have to find their job (chair). Obviously there are not enough jobs for everyone, so the players have to be creative. The players who left the room went abroad for working. The players who are standing up are still unemployed. The players who are sitting on the chairs are employed. The players who are sitting somewhere else have created their own jobs --> entrepreneurship.
- The point of the game is to encourage the creativity to get a job/build your own job. It has the aim to make best out of the situation (lack of jobs).
- It could be used at the beginning of the training course.
- If wanted the rules can be written on a flipchart at the beginning of the game
- No questions allowed from the players
- * not to be told to the players



NEWS FROM MOVEMENTS

KLJB NEWS



KLJB and the issues we focused on in the second semester of 2015



KLJB has dealt with various issues over the last months. Asylum and refugees were one of the major topics in many diocesan associations. We are glad to see all those motivated young people who show how a welcoming culture looks like. Apart from that, KLJB on national level engaged among other things in the following areas:

SDGs – implementation now!

In September, the world leaders adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at the UN summit in New York. KLJB responded to this resolution at their meeting in October with their own position paper. KLJB welcomes the adoption of the SDGs but also stresses the non-binding nature of the targets as critical. KLJB demands a fast implementation of the SDGs into national law. Germany plays an important

part here. It can take a lead and move towards its implementation quickly and ambitiously in order to influence the process positively on an international level.

Climate summit in Paris

After the summit in New York, the next major milestone in international politics was already waiting. Two KLJB groups went to Paris to be part of one of the biggest European events in 2015. They visited the varied accompanying programme of the summit and took part in the formation of the human chain that called for more global justice through a new and strong climate treaty. Apart from that, the KLJB delegation met their friends from MRJC and spent some time together.

Working and living in rural areas

KLJB started a small survey about working and living in rural areas in which young people were asked about their challenges. The results of the non-representative survey were diverse: a car is a necessity, working places are far away, and home office and tele-education fail due to a lack of broadband expansion. There is still a lot to do concerning the working opportunities in rural areas. During the International Green Week in Berlin in January 2016, this topic will be picked up again.



Natalie Hohmann
KLJB

YMDRAB NEWS

YMDRAB and the “Magic to communicate”



Erasmus+



“The magic to communicate” was an international training course organized by YMDRAB Bulgaria in partnership with the Logopedic Associations of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Romania. The training brought together 50 youth workers and experts who work with autistic youngsters in rural areas of Eastern Europe. Participants were speech therapists, youth advisors, social workers, psychologists, project managers and volunteers who are engaged in activities supporting the socio-educational and personal development of rural young people with autism in their countries. The training course took place from 31st July to 9th August 2015, in the Black Sea coast village of Kranevo, Bulgaria.

The activities were entirely based on the methods of non-formal education, through which the participants learnt about new methods to work with autistic youngsters used in different countries. They learnt about experiences and good practices for encouraging the inclusion of young people with autism into the educational system and labor market. The overall project implementation was based on the working method “To see - To judge - To act”. Undoubtedly the most important

project result is that the newly acquired knowledge and skills are already being used in practice through the daily activities of participants at local level. At the same time the project outcomes are being disseminated at national and international level, through the membership of the partner organisations in different European youth and professional associations. This project was funded by the “Erasmus+” Programme of the European Commission, administered in Bulgaria by “Human Resource Development Center”.

Yonko Dodev
Vice-president of YMDRAB



My experience as a volunteer of BUJRUM



As representative and volunteer of BUJRUM - Center for Rural Development, I had many great opportunities to be part of MIJARC Europe events during the past year. As a new observer member of MIJARC Europe we had the chance to participate to the seminars and study sessions.

But, what is MIJARC doing? Why is it this organization so extraordinary and special?

First of all, they are dealing with issues that the young population copes with all over rural areas in Europe and that was BUJRUM's main interest in order to become part of it. Throughout seminars, summer camps and study sessions we unveiled

our rural realities, and each participant shared their own experience on topics such as youth unemployment in rural areas. In July 2015, in Overijse - Belgium the Extended General Assembly of MIJARC Europe was held, so the full membership countries voted the European Coordinator for BUJRUM in order to be in touch and be involved all the time with the projects and future work of MIJARC. I was lucky enough to be part of it and I am amazed how devoted the members of the board are in improving the rural life of the youth.

I also took part in the Seminar "Let us in - keeping the faith in youth" as well as in the Study Session - "Unveiling rural realities-unlocking youth potential". What I absolutely loved about these events were the interactive discussions that always made me think about myself, my skills, my passions and the society I live in. Working in smaller groups was an excellent way to learn more about each other and the countries we came from. What is really amazing is that after every session we became closer to each other, besides our different lifestyles and culture. Now I feel like I have enriched my knowledge about the daily practices of young people all across Europe. Every person had a different story to share and different opinion to say,

but in the end we all learned more about the situation in rural areas in Europe and found out not only the differences, but the similarities that exist.

These MIJARC events helped me learn from other people's experiences, deeply explore rural opportunities and youth unemployment, gain new perspectives, increase my confidence and speak up, but above all, meet new young people that share similar interests and have tones of fun and wonderful memories with my new friends from all over Europe.

When it comes to the upcoming MIJARC events, I am really happy to say that during the General Assembly held in July 2015 it was voted that the next GA and Seminar will take place in Kumanovo, Macedonia and will be hosted by BUJRUM.

Don't miss this lovely opportunity to be our guests and see the Macedonian culture and hospitality.

I really hope this is first of many, many events that will follow.

Warm greetings from Macedonia!

Magdalena Rapeshovska

Volunteer Center for Rural Development - BUJRUM

APSD - AGENDA 21 NEWS

Tackling Youth Unemployment in Romania



Youth unemployment has changed the political attention on the future of Europe as the future of each state stands behind the new generations that face and are about to face major obstacles after finishing their studies. Scholars, politicians, experts and citizens are wondering if the welfare state is still capable of tackling this issue; is the intergenerational contract still in force?

This article focuses on two important aspects: the new shape that the civil society has recently given to the Law of Volunteering in Romania and the input that the association Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development - Agenda 21 is going to have in facing this challenge.

According to new data, the rate of youth unemployment in Romania is 23.3% (according to statistica.com). This means that more than one in five young people (15 to 29 years old) do not have any income. The causes are multiple: beginning with the educational system and ending with the crisis that had a negative impact on the Romanian economy. Most of these unemployed young people are not involved in any higher education courses and have a low range of job opportunities. One of the initiatives of the civil society, supported strongly by the decision makers in Romania was the recognition of volunteering activities as working experience. Of course, this is not the solution for decreasing the rate of youth unemployment, but it can lead in the

near future to more involved youth in deliberately no paid opportunities in order to learn things that can be applied in their future careers and that can open their interest in new domains. Having volunteering activities recognized as working experience by employers can represent a stimulus for the Romanian youngster in order to get involved in activities that can improve both its community, but also its background and can increase its chances to enter the labor market. The initiative was very welcomed by the non-governmental organizations, students, corporations and public institutions.

This is why we rapidly turn to our organizations' next activities in tackling youth unemployment. In December we will organize a local training course on youth unemployment as a follow-up activity of the training course we attended in Malta, organized by MIJARC Europe. The two representatives who attended the event will facilitate this month a workshop for 20 young people from Romania, which will be designed in order to debate the issue not only at national level, but also at European level, to share the benefits of being volunteers during high school and university years and open their perspective towards the opportunities of the labor market. The plan is to gather these young people from a rural area,

close to Bucharest, who are about to leave school in the near future and either try to enter the labor market or going to higher education institutions. Also, next year APSD - Agenda 21 is planning to apply for several project calls focused on this topic that has a great importance for the sake of the current and next generations.

How do the next years sound? How do they seem? To me, as a youngster in 2015, challenging. But to you? What are you planning to do in order to face this challenge that can lead to instability in Europe?

Andreea Tătaru

Project officer, APSD-Agenda 21



Creating Keystones for further youth exchange

KLJ is proud to present the exchange project "Creating keystones for further youth exchange" financed with the support of the Erasmus+ program. The exchange will take place in Kasterlee, Belgium, from the 31st of March to the 4th of April 2016 and it will focus on bringing together youth leaders from local youth groups in rural areas with a European exchange dream. Starting from that dream we bring them into contact with local youth leaders

from Belgium, Germany and France. By means of various workshops the participants will develop a first version of a European exchange-project. First of all the participants get to know each other, their organizations and their exchange-dreams. But they also get to know each other's struggles to organize an exchange. After this the local youth leaders will create an exchange-project in small groups (inspired by the knowledge that they have discovered

during this seminar). At the end all the groups will present their exchange-project on a creative way to everybody. The projects will focus on various topics including youth unemployment and will be a good way to further develop MIJARC Europe's work on youth unemployment.

Karel Billet

European Coordinator - KLJ Belgium

MJRC NEWS



"We are a life alternative" was the slogan of our last campaign in our MJRC movement, aimed at promoting our villages as a true alternative way of life, particularly in our current situation, for we believe in and love our villages and want them to be an attractive alter-

native for young people. I'll explain why based on my experience.

My name is Adrián, I'm from Extremadura and live in a village which is mostly agricultural, although we also have some factories and agricultural co-operatives. I always considered myself as a young sincere, well-mannered and responsible person. My parents own a small car mechanics workshop, and from a very early age I could help them and learn a lot. As I could perform many tasks, I studied car mechanics in order to work in our family business. After some time I could realise that I was not really happy working in the workshop, that I wanted a life

closer to nature and the country-side. I've always had a passion for animals, so I decided to pass the entrance examination to higher education and then studied to become a forest ranger two years after. After completing my studies, I spent two years without finding a nice job, so I went back to work at my father's workshop while looking for a better job in my own profession. Curiosity and risk-taking are other qualities I have.. Jesus said: "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find" (Lk. 11,9). Sometime later I went to Soria to attend a training course as rural ranger, gamekeeper and coast guard organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs and prepared the examination. I took my exam in Madrid and as soon as I got my degree I began to search customers to offer them my services in those sectors. My skills are rather unknown but can be used in a wide variety of fields. Being self-employed was rather difficult at the beginning. I first had to make a decision to follow this way in spite of a lot of "sweat and tears", as my parents expected that I would take on the family business. No one could advise me as I started my business, just some support from a few friends. Participation and solidarity

have always been very important concepts in my life, this is what I was taught by my parents through their commitments and activities in our village. My activism in MJRC, in my local group, was also very important as I learned a lot about Jesus and His mission. All this helped me grow as a person, I could feel much support around me and my team-mates helped me reflect, put myself into question and express my feelings. I discovered how important it is to link faith to one's life and believe in the future of rural areas for youth. I know the way I chose is not the easiest one but I want to live a true alternative way of life. And as He said... "For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." (Lk. 11,10). So when you have the illusion and willingness, you can learn what you need and reach your targets. Now I feel happy in my job, strong enough to keep ahead, reach out to the people, acquire more experience and learn from my mistakes. All this helped me discover how important it is to take risks in one's life to reach happiness.

Adrián Díaz - MJRC

SYSTEM & GENERATION NEWS

system & generation

Volunteering as a step to Employment for people with disabilities



In order to provide more effective service delivery and customer care, improved awareness of disability related issues is very helpful. Having expertise in the organization helps to identify and overcome potential barriers to disabled people and makes it easier for them to be part of the society.

Many people look at volunteering as a way for them to help other people and whilst this is of course true, by undertaking voluntary work, people can actu-

ally help themselves a lot too – it can improve their overall employability. Specialists of volunteer management and support have noticed that volunteering builds resumes, provides career exploration, and demonstrates each volunteer's abilities, but can we make the case that volunteering directly affects employability especially when we speak about people with disabilities?

To make some changes in this area in October 2015 we organized a Disabled Free Fest with the support of Erasmus + Large scale EVS, where volunteers from many European countries came together to work with Turkish disabled persons and to organize the Festival for 3 days.

One of the main benefits of volunteering is that it can provide volunteers with an excellent way of developing their professional and personal networks. They could engage and connect with people whom they may otherwise never met. These connections

could lead to other valuable introductions and potentially to other paid employment opportunities. Volunteering can also help people to strengthen and develop their existing skills and to develop and learn new skills – skills that perhaps in their past career the person did not have the opportunity to acquire or develop.

Health and well-being related issues can be an important barrier to participation in both volunteering and employment. Both physical health and mental well-being related problems, issues of self-esteem and confidence can prevent people's progress to the labor market. The project evaluation found 'notable improvements in outcomes around confidence and self-esteem' and reported improvements against other health and well-being measures.

Bledi Cami

European Coordinator - System & Generation

INTERVIEW



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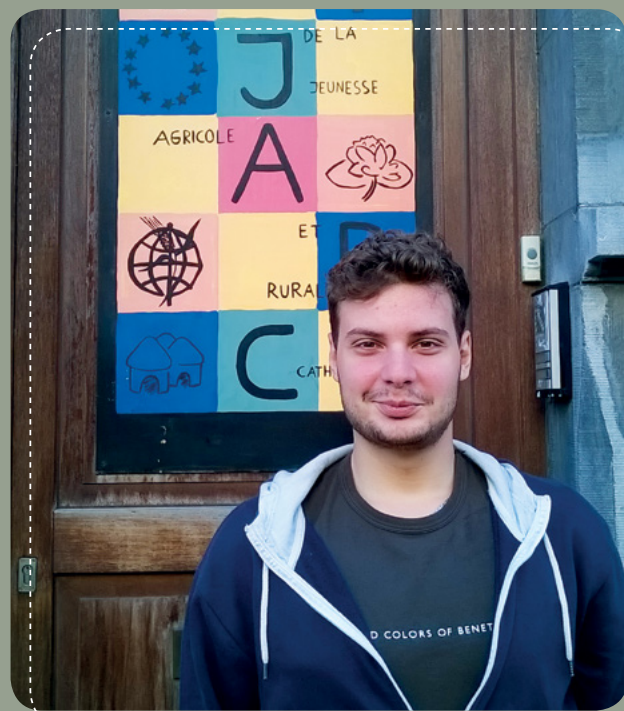
What can I bring to MIJARC Europe:

For me, MIJARC is more than an organization. It's a group of friends who gather together to succeed in their noble purpose. My first experience with MIJARC was one year ago when I went to a summer camp in Passau, Germany. There I met a lot of new people that I was admiring, but I never thought I could become part of the European Team. One year later, I was elected as a European Coordinator for Romania. I accepted this role because I like to challenge myself and to try to give the best of me. After the first European Coordinators' meeting in March 2015, I returned to Belgium for the General Assembly and for the Seminar which took place in Overijse, in July 2015. At the GA, I was elected as a European Team Member and here my story as part of the team begins. Now I am Vice President of MIJARC Europe and I am really proud of that. It is very important to me to be engaged in an activity which offers me the opportunity of personal development. I will also try to be a voice for the good of the organization and I am sure that I can bring energy and dedication for our causes and projects. In conclusion, I think I can help MIJARC to move forward and to be a part of the change in the rural world. I can also help MIJARC to organize activities and events so that the youngsters can meet and exchange experiences from their countries. We all want a bright future and it is in our hands to have it!

Name: Alexandru Hanni
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What can I bring to MIJARC Europe:

For me, MIJARC is a group of young people who have common goals and common sense. I was elected in the European Team during the General Assembly which took place in Overijse, Belgium, in July 2015. After being elected, I participated to the Seminar about youth unemployment, a topic of general interest all over the world. There, I found out a lot of interesting things about the situation in different countries such as France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Belgium, Bulgaria and others. I am really proud of being in the MIJARC team and I can bring to it a lot of energy, a lot of innovation and also, a lot of good ideas. I will support the movement and especially its causes. I have a lot of optimism concerning the future of MIJARC and I can say: I will bring my contribution to that. I can help MIJARC to move forward and to be a part of the change in the world. Now that I have the title of "Vice President" I will try my best to prove that I deserve it. In conclusion, I want to thank MIJARC for giving me the opportunity to be a voice in the development of society and of the rural areas. It is very important to me to be engaged in an activity which offers me the opportunity of development. I am glad to be part of a great team!



Calendar of upcoming activities in 2016

When...?	What...?	Where...?
15 th -17 th April 2016	European Coordination	Belgium
1 st May - 30 th June 2016	Online training course	-
23 th - 24 th July 2016	General Assembly	Macedonia
26 th - 29 th July 2016	Seminar	Macedonia
19 th - 23 rd August 2016	Summer Camp	Malta

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