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COOPERATION UNDER A COMMON RAINBOW



Within “Cooperation for a common future” we have organized the first podcast episode “**Cooperation under a common rainbow**”. The guests in the first episode were Antonio Mihajlov, Subversive Front & Apostolis Karampairis, organizer of Thessaloniki Pride and it was “comradery” moderated by Alexandros Pavlou & Anelija Mitrova. The speakers had the opportunity to discuss about the current situation and challenges that LGBTQ+ community face in both countries. The legal framework, the

stereotypes and discrimination still remain one of the biggest problems.

We concluded that we are not only sharing the same sky but also the challenges and the difficulties that LGBTQ+ rights are facing in Greece and in North Macedonia, 2 countries so different and at the same time so similar. The guests stated that the societies must learn and be educated in protecting not only their personal rights, but the human rights in general, in order to create a sustainable and inclusive society.

In case you missed the first podcast episode, here is the link:
<https://www.facebook.com/Cooperation4CommonFuture/videos/349784386812706>

Let's not forget that cooperation comes in various forms and love comes in many colors, so LET'S COOPRATE UNDER COMMON RAINBOW!

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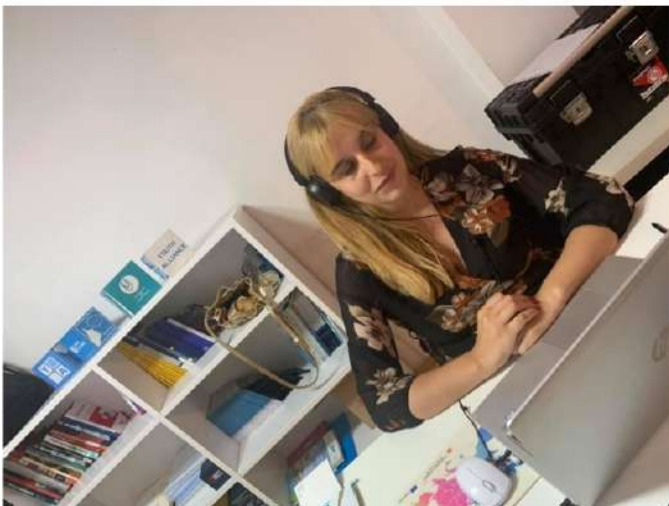


YOUTH DIALOGUE IN THE BALKANS 2021

From 26 - 29 August Halkidiki was the gathering space where 30 young people participated on the bilateral Forum between Greece and North Macedonia "Youth Dialogue in The Balkans 2021". Young people from both countries had the opportunity to discuss and share ideas for further and active cooperation in civil society level after the Prespa Agreement. Through World Cafe the participants were discussing the future of cooperation in different spheres such as: Cooperation in security, Youth (un)employment, Education, Nationalism, Human/civil rights and the context for bilateral relations.



They concluded that facing the future challenges requires reconciliation and joint effort. Moreover, acknowledged academics and experts contributed to have a more informative and structured discussion in our bilateral relations. The project was organized by Fridrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom Greece, and YAK was on of the project partners.



MY PERSONAL STORY: EXPERIENCING COOPERATION

ANDREJ STOJKOSKI AND IOANNA PANAGIOTIDOU, ALEXANDROS PAVLOU, ANGELIKI DEVRELI STORIES

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VLADIMIR LAZOV, NORTH MACEDONIA

The cooperation motivates and enables young people to set aside their differences, to set aside the differences in the countries that they live in and find mutual solutions for the common problems and challenges that we face everyday, generally as a youth. From my personal experience, I can say that the bilateral cooperation is one of the lessons and adventures that every young individual should be part of. It means it is a way forward, it means progress, prosperity and open opportunities that we must take. Upgrading the mindset, making new friends and contacts, learning from and for each other, becoming a leaders in our communities and uniqueness are some of the prizes that the cooperation brings to the young people.

**IOANNA PANAGIOTIDOU,
ALEXANDROS PAVLOU, ANGELIKI
DEVRELI , GREECE**

This cooperation is one step that get us closer to our goal! It is very important for the two countries to be engaged on building bridges and abolish stereotypes, in order to create a common future. Two neighboring countries that share the same problems and have the same goals. People with many commons that don't need to get any further away from each other. This initiative gives me hope. Young people from both countries work really hard to break the walls, that the past generations established. Our hope is to create a future, based on good neighboring, cooperation and progress for us both! Together, by collaborating, by learning each other, by discussing with each other, solving together our common political, social and economical problems, we are overcoming the prejudice and we help each other evolve in a world, in which we choose to give solutions and not to create problems.

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BUILDING EUROPE AT HOME

TOWN TWINING ACTIVITY

[09-10.09.2021]

.The project "Building Europe at Home" is recognizing the need of town twining activities in fostering cooperation between the citizens.

The town-twinning event will take place in Municipality of Amyntaio,Florina from 09-10 September and aims to develop cooperation between Municipality of Karposh and Municipality of Amyntaio. 80 participant from both countries will share good practices about civic participation and engagement for building Europe at home. In addition, the activity will provide opportunities for dialogue between the municipalities about the potential of the bilateral cooperation for cultural and economic development as well as they will assist each other in the analysis of each municipality's needs, give peer reviews on the citizens perception for bilateral cooperation and thus help each other to improve local governance.

Bringing together citizens from different countries and cultures has always been at the core of YAK's activities, along with promoting cooperation between elected local representatives and citizens themselves.

YOUTH FESTIVAL "EXPERIENCING COOPERATION"

[18.09.2021]

There is no better way for "experiencing cooperation" than bringing young people in one place - on a **Youth Festival**. On 18.09.2021 the city of Valandovo will be the "epicenter" that will gather 100 youngsters from North Macedonia and Greece. The festival will be a symbiosis of diverse activities: Treasure hunting, Hiking tour, Pomegranate tour, Planting session, Food festival, Dance session, Graffiti time, Movie session and will finish with Back-to-back DJing musical performance, We are truly excited about the event.

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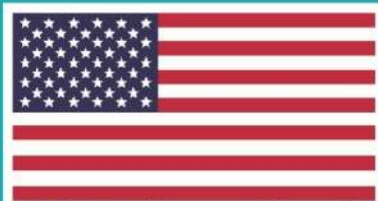


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