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PREFACE

Making the world a little bit better ...

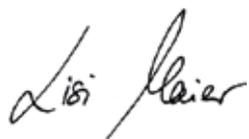
... that is what thousands of young people from the BDKJ, the German National Association for Catholic Youth, and its member organizations and partner associations did from 23 to 26 May 2019.

During these three days, a total of 160,000 children, teenagers and young adults showed what motivates them and what they can change, what inspires them and what they campaign for. As young Catholics, we know that our faith community does not end at the next national border, but that we are part of a global community. Thus, more than a thousand young people from abroad, including 350 young people from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, committed themselves within the 72-hours campaign. They shared experiences with their German partners at home and abroad, lived their faith together, celebrated successful project outcomes and conducted critical discussions. Many of the planned activities emerged from existing partnerships and some activities were the starting point for new partnerships. Many projects created low-threshold access without language barriers by building and planting together; in other projects the participants got politically involved together,

focusing on the issues which were important to them. This 72-hours campaign demonstrated what makes Europeans tick - it took place immediately before the European elections and showed what the young people in the BDKJ and its partner associations from abroad stand for: Togetherness instead of exclusion, overcoming borders instead of raising them up again. For we know that the great questions and challenges of our time can only be solved at European or international level. Migration and integration, reconciliation and understanding, democracy and the judicial fairness remain of central importance throughout Europe, and this in the field of tension between EU scepticism in individual EU member states and the urge for further integration, especially in South-Eastern Europe.

To face current social challenges in a spirit of solidarity and in public - this is what we would like to thank the committed people in Germany, Europe and worldwide for, who took part in the 72-hours social campaign. None of this would have been possible without the financial and ideational support of the partnership projects by RENOVABIS. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the

Solidarity Campaign and the persons involved in it. Some of these funded projects - which took place as part of the 72-hours campaign with youth organizations in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe - are presented in this brochure, as is information about our partner structures, which are also carrying out 72-hours campaigns in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Hungary and the Czech Republic, for example. And thus we are looking forward to the fact that soon the next social campaign »72 hours without compromise« will take place at our partners, to which we will also actively provide support.



Lisi Maier
BDKJ Federal Chairwoman





A WORD OF WELCOME

Dear youngsters,
dear people in charge of the
72-hours campaign,

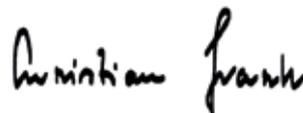
What you made possible within only 72 hours in Germany (and beyond) in various projects and activities is really great! You realized more than 15 individual projects with the participation of young people from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern European countries or in Eastern partner countries. In Slovakia and Hungary, young people were inspired to set up a 72-hours campaign themselves. So the idea is also gaining more and more ground in Eastern Europe! I'm very happy about that.

With these cross-border projects, it became clear that the 72-hours campaign also shows what makes Europeans tick and brings young people from East and West together for discussion and joint activities. Thus, my compliments, which

I am glad to pronounce on behalf of RENOVABIS, go also to all those in the member associations of the BDKJ who set this great cause in motion and accompanied it with enormous commitment.

RENOVABIS was pleased to support the 72-hours campaign 2019, because it was also a great success for the growing together of Europe from our point of view and put the motto of this year's Whitsun campaign into practice: »Learning is life!« You have expressed this in many places and in different ways, whether on the ecological field for the preservation of creation, on the social field for inclusion and integration or in sporting terms for cross-border activities. It was always about looking beyond the borders of Germany - and that at

the time of the European elections! Togetherness instead of exclusion, overcoming borders instead of raising them up again - this was an important message which you conveyed. I wish all the young people involved in the campaign that the experiences of these days will continue to have an inspiring and encouraging effect beyond the period of the campaign, so that you will take on responsibility together with others, in order to make the world a bit more humane every day, here in Germany, in Europe and worldwide.



Father Dr. Christian Hartl
RENOVABIS Director



INTERNATIONAL NETWORKING MEETING REGARDING THE 72-HOURS CAMPAIGN

72-hours campaign throughout Europe

Ideas for partnership projects were developed at the international networking meeting for the 72-hours campaign

Experiencing work at international youth association level close up - this was made possible from 15 to 17 March 2019 at a networking meeting in the run-up to the 72-hours campaign. Members of youth associations from eight European countries met in Münster in order to plan international projects for the 72-hours campaign. The participants came from Hungary, Lithuania, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Slovakia, Austria and Germany.

Together they developed project ideas for the campaign and exchanged their experiences. In addition, the future cooperation

and networking of 72-hours campaigns in Europe was also discussed - because some of them already exist. The participants all agreed: the 72-hours campaign has potential! Thus, they aim for long-term close cooperation and want to work together for a Europe of solidarity.

During the campaign in May 2019, the plans were finally put into practice. Within the framework of international youth exchanges and as parallel projects in their own countries, the world was »made a little bit better« in 72 hours. The international projects with partners in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe will be presented to you on the following pages.



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT PROFILES





DPSG Montabaur & Nadbiskupijski centar za pastoral mladih Ivan Pavao II.

Country: Bosnia & Herzegovina

Group size: 35 (10)*

Project: »Get-It« project in the Quendelberg recreational centre

Both groups decided on a »Get-It« project and so, there was a secret envelope at the official kick-off meeting on Thursday. During the subsequent 72 hours, the young people worked hand in hand and so the recreational centre Quendelberg got some new facets: a spiral of herbs was built up, the markings on the basketball court were renewed, a bicycle course and a »paint by number« object were redesigned. The construction trailer of the municipality of Montabaur got a new coat of paint and the major part of the benches were dismantled, sanded, repainted and reassembled. Moreover,

some walls and top structures on the sandpits were given a coat of coloured paint. Last but not least, a motif which had been attached during the 72-hours campaign 2013 was lovingly restored by hand. At the end, the hashtag #72h was painted everywhere to leave a mark. On Sunday, 26 May at 17:07 o'clock, time was up. It had been an exhausting long weekend and it was great to celebrate the end of the campaign with a relaxed barbecue evening at the scout meeting place. //Text: Anna Petry, Katholische Fachstelle für Jugendarbeit Westerwald / Rhein-Lahn

* In brackets: Number of participants from Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe

Youth Committee St. Peter Mainz & ASTRU Cluj

Country: Romania

Group size: 30 (5)

Project: Video project on the integration of refugees

Our task was a video project on the topic »Integration of refugees«. We split up into four small groups for this purpose. Each group followed different themes (passers-by interview, volunteers, refugees, Romanian group). Our partner group of the Romanian youth association ASTRU Cluj, including a former female volunteer at ASTRU Cluj from Poland, reported on the situation in Romania in their video clip and met Romanian youngsters who had grown up in Germany and

talked about their experience with refugees. To view the finished video, look here: <https://youtu.be/DaT37vPvS6Q>. In addition to the 72-hours campaign, there was also time for a guided tour of the town with the guests, a welcome party and a meeting with the Romanian-speaking community in Mainz. The exchange ended with a joint breakfast in a café in Mainz. //Text: Darius Gutte, Youth Committee St. Peter Mainz





DPSG St. Christophorus Michelstadt & youth group »Svitlo Svitlu« from Chust

Country: Ukraine

Group size: 35 (8)

Project: Nimble hands for the environment

Together with the youth group from a parish in Chust in the Ukrainian Carpathians, a flower meadow and a biotope were created.



Altar boys and girls from the parish group Am Odenwälder Einhardsweg & Children's Aid for Life, Caransebes

Country: Romania

Group size: 40 (20)

Project: Doing the same at two places - Michelstadt/Germany
and Caransebes/Romania!

In the scope of a German-Romanian partnership, 50 outdoor chill chairs were produced - one lot in Michelstadt, the other in Caransebes. At a subsequent youth exchange in summer 2019, the parts were assembled and the chairs thus completed. One further element of the 72-hours campaign at both locations was the cooking of soups typical of the country in question. In Caransebes, the soup was distributed to people in the social problem areas.





Kolping Youth from Lauf an der Pegnitz & Kolping Youth from Serbia

Country: Serbia

Group size: 35 (15)

Project: Enhancing 36 places in Lauf to make them more sustainable, youthful, safer, greener, cleaner, more beautiful, more diverse, more colourful and more livable

Under the motto »36 in 72« the participants were keen to make the town of Lauf more sustainable, greener, safer, more beautiful and more liveable at 36 locations while pursuing creative approaches as far as possible. Thus, the organizers planned raised beds for herb for people to help themselves to, wild flower meadows in gardens, interactive ashtrays, deposit boxes for returnable bottles as well as the cleaning of five places in Lauf with a focus on play areas.

The young people from Lauf received help from the Kolping Youth of Serbia, who had travelled to Lauf especially for this campaign with a total of 15 members and leapt into the work in a motivated and enthusiastic spirit.

Since the goal was quite ambitious and their own expectations were high, the young people set to work directly on Friday morning. The volunteering participants were divided into five groups, each of whom put an idea into practice in several ways. //Text: Kolping Youth Lauf

Catholic Youth Department Tuttlingen-Spaichingen/ Netzwerk International Tuttlingen & Youth Group from Hungary and Poland

Countries: Hungary, Poland

Group size: 18 (4)

Project: Europe on Top

In the open-air museum in Neuhausen, the young people built a new fence and a gate on the meadow where some sheep live. Another task tackled by the participants was the shooting of a film which was intended to link the sheep to the European elections. Not far away, there was a meeting

between German and Polish young people. The Polish participants helped a group from Nendingen near Tuttlingen to prepare for the 72-hours final party.



Aktion West-Ost

Countries: Poland, Russia, Ukraine, Czech Republic, ...

Group size: 80 (40)

Project: What does Europe mean to me?

From 23 to 26 May, the Aktion-West-Ost organized a Europe-wide digital campaign on the subject of Europe as part of the BDKJ's nationwide 72-hours social campaign. From all over Europe, e.g. from France, Poland, Russia, Spain, Italy, Ukraine, the Czech Republic and even from China and India, people of very different ages and origins participated. We had suggested that they make a short video in which they introduce themselves and answer the question »What does Europe mean to me?«. We received more than 70 videos in total. We were enthusiastic about the great participation and the manifold personal connections of younger and older people to Europe and the European idea. Our small international team with participants from Germany, Poland and Russia came together for the time in Augsburg and collected, edited and compiled the videos into one complete video. The lovely result can be viewed on our YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t-pLm419TI. We also posted it on Facebook and sent it to our partner associations in Central and Eastern Europe, many of whose members had participated.

With this campaign, we wanted to demonstrate the positive, unifying effect of Europe, which at the same time allows for a great deal of diversity. The individual statements make it clear which strengths of Europe the participants particularly value and which Europe each of them wishes for himself or herself personally. We hope that with our completed video we can make a small contribution to strengthening the



positive European sense of community within every one of us - watch it!

The team did a great job during these few days, compiling and translating for hours, developing the storyboard and having creative ideas for the film. We also shot and edited a Making Of and explored the beautiful city of Augsburg. At the end, in a solemn atmosphere, tired but satisfied, we watched our films and applauded for the whole team. We are looking forward to similar campaigns in the future and to a warm reunion with all participants. Many thanks to you, dear team, for your commitment and to all participants for your videos! //Text: Aktion West-Ost

Vielfalt Poltawa

Country: Ukraine

Group size: 15 (15)

Project: Excursion and workshop for schoolchildren with special needs

During the 72-hours campaign, the youth group in Poltawa organized a trip to a horse farm, a pottery workshop, a sports day for children with special needs and conversations with school psychologists for the childrens' parents. Viel-

falt Poltawa is the partner organization of the Katholische Landjugendbewegung of Dingolfing Landau which organized, amongst other things, a Ukrainian cooking and culture evening for the 72-hours campaign.





DPSG Marktredwitz & Scouts of Habartov & Scouts of Horni Slavkov

Country: Czech Republic

Group size: 38 (20)

Project: Building bat boxes and nesting boxes

Children and young people from the Marktredwitz, Habartov and Horni Slavkov Scout groups took part in the 72-hours campaign. Together they built bat boxes and nesting boxes. The kits came from sheltered workshops. In addition, the event lived from joint games, language animation and joint experiences, such as an excursion into the rock labyrinth. A prayer session and a party with all participants were further elements of the intercultural exchange.



Youth Church Crossport to heaven & Srednja struktovna Skola Orasje

Country: Bosnia & Herzegovina

Group size: 150 (100)

Project: Peace run & bicycle tour for Europe

During the campaign, the young people organized a charity run, putting the European elections into focus. As the elections took place the same weekend as the campaign, this was a good opportunity to gather opinions and atmospheric pictures on the European Union. Donations were collected for the children's institution "Der Weg zum Leben" in Orasje

in Bosnia & Herzegovina. 500 euros were collected, which were handed over at a youth exchange in summer. The school Srednja struktovna Skola Orasje cooperated with the Youth Church in Germany and organized a parallel bicycle tour for Europe.



Valančiukai

Country: Lithuania

Group size: 45 (45)

Project: Cleaning the Mountain of the crosses near Šiauliai

Children and young people from the Lithuanian youth organization Valančiukai, who are docked to the schools Nasiai and Mosėdis, cleaned the Mountain of the crosses near Šiauliai together with teachers and parents.



DPSG Urberach

Country: Hungary

Group size: 15

Project: »òvoda« - help for kindergardens in Rödermark and Bodajk / Hungary

Within 72 hours, the Scouts from Urberach took down an unused play platform in Rödermark and rebuilt it in the Törpe-Ovi Alapítvány kindergarden in the Hungarian twin town of Bodajk. Parallel to this, participants built traffic warning signs for the kindergardens in Rödermark.



72-hours campaign in Slovakia

Country: Slovakia

Group size: 60 (60)

Project: In Slovakia, six organizations got together for the first time to carry out the campaign with volunteers from their country.

A wide variety of activities took place within the framework of the campaign. Among other things, a well in the forest was renovated, a family day in the parish and a youth

festival were organized. A youth club was renovated and the surroundings of a church embellished. The Slovak campaign was initiated by a participant of the international networking meeting in Münster, a representative of the Catholic Youth Association V.I.A.C. from Trstená.



Christliche Arbeiterjugend (CAJ) Berlin & Agency Zmin

Country: Ukraine

Group size: 25 (13)

Project: Gardening at the Berlin City Mission

Within the framework of an international youth exchange, the young people of the CAJ Berlin together with the Ukrainian youth group dealt with the topic of housing. Within 72 hours, they embellished the garden of the Berlin City Mission, an aid facility for homeless people. A return meeting in Ukraine is planned for next year.





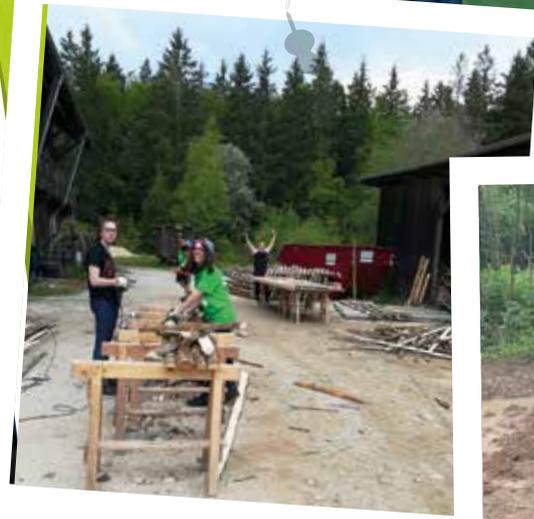
DIGRESSION: THE 72-HOURS CAMPAIGN IN HUNGARY

Since 2007, the »72 hours without compromise« campaign has taken place in Hungary every year with up to 9,000 participants in the scope of 300 to 400 projects. The campaign is organized by the Ecumenical Youth Centre - a cooperation between the Catholic, Reformed and Lutheran Churches in Hungary. In 2018, 410 projects took place in 135 towns and cities. The young volunteers were also active across borders and managed 72-hours projects in Hungarian-influenced communities in Slovakia, Ukraine and Serbia. Every year the Ecumenical Youth Centre invites representatives of youth organizations from Europe to participate. This has already created a large network of active participants in the 72-hours campaigns in Europe.



IMPRESSIONS OF THE 72-HOURS CAMPAIGN





FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

After the 72-hours campaign is before the next international youth exchange!
Do you want to visit or re-invite your 72-hours campaign partner group? Here you will find the most important possibilities how you can receive appropriate funding:

Federal Child and Youth Plan (KJP)

Who provides the funding?

Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ)

What is funded?

Through the KJP, bilateral and multilateral youth exchanges, expert exchanges and work camps can be supported.

The following costs are subsidized:

- Travel costs of German participants for meetings abroad
- Accommodation costs for events in Germany
- Costs for language mediators

What is to be considered?

- Applications must be submitted via the German partner organization.
- The youth exchange must last at least five days.

- For youth exchanges, participants must be between 8 and 26 years old.
- The participants' own share (project organizer's own funds, participation fees, ...) should amount to 10 % of the total costs of the project.
- An administration fee (the so-called cost recovery contribution) of 10 % of the subsidy amount will be charged.
- For an exchange with Poland, the Czech Republic and Russia, applications must be submitted via the German-Polish Youth Office, the German-Czech Youth Exchange Coordination Centre TANDEM or the German-Russian Youth Exchange Foundation.

How to submit applications?

Application forms can be found at

www.internationale-katholische-jugendarbeit.de.

Applications must be submitted to the »Jugendhaus Düsseldorf« as the central office (also for German-Polish, German-Czech and German-Russian exchanges).



Go East

Who provides the funding?

RENOVABIS in cooperation with the Bund der Deutschen Katholischen Jugend (BDKJ) and the Arbeitsstelle für Jugendseelsorge der Deutschen Bischofskonferenz (afj)

What is funded?

Exchanges of young people and experts in countries of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe are funded with up to 5,000 €. Travel and accommodation expenses, programme costs, language mediation and insurance for participants may be subsidized.

What is to be considered?

- For youth exchanges, participants must be between 15 and 27 years old.
- The need for co-funding is assumed.
- The project organizer should contribute their own share of approx. 10 % of the total costs of the project.
- For campaigns in Germany, an application must first be submitted to the Katholischer Fonds (see below). Only in the event of rejection is funding by Go East possible.

How to submit applications?

Application forms and further information are available for download in German and English at www.renovabis.de/goeast. Applications must be received by Renovabis in Freising at least eight weeks before the start of the activity.

Katholischer Fonds

Who provides the funding?

Katholischer Fonds für weltkirchliche und entwicklungsbezogene Bildungs- und Öffentlichkeitsarbeit

What is funded?

Partner exchanges in Germany can be funded amongst other things. For small projects which do not exceed project costs of € 8,000, 50% of the travel costs from abroad can be funded up to a maximum of € 1,500.

What is to be considered?

- The Katholischer Fonds distinguishes between large and small projects. Application deadlines and funding amounts differ accordingly.
- Applications must be submitted via the German partner organization.

How to submit applications?

The application forms and more detailed information on funding are available on the homepage

www.katholischer-fonds.de.

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