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Introduction

Like all organisations, Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw produces a lot of reports every year. Activity reports, financial reports, project reports, etc. etc. It is however a pity that, because of the formality of these reports, they risk to end up classified in archives, without being used for more than complying with the official rules for running an organisation.

Because, even though there is a tendency to bureaucracy, many of these reports have very useful information. With putting together an annual report, we try to make this information accessible for all.

This annual report for the year 2007 is divided into 4 categories:

1. General overview
2. Activity report 2007
3. Financial report 2007
4. Development of the network in 2007

Of course the information herein contained is non-exhaustive. More information can always be requested from the international secretariat of Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw.

General overview

Backgrounds

Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw is an international network of youth organisations which work in the style of Don Bosco and of youth work offices of Salesian provinces. The roots of the network lay in the different informal meetings that took place between several Don Bosco youth organisations in Europe: exchanges, study visits, international training courses, an informative meeting on EVS ... However, the satisfaction the participating organisations had from these meetings afterwards was rather low. Most of the times the meetings resulted in texts and reports, but the partners actually wanted to *do* something with the results. They had the idea that young people should be able to participate in all kinds of international activities because of co-operation between organisations from different countries. This idea led to further thinking about organising these different organisations into a formal structure.

In December 2000, under the impulse of Jeugdendienst Don Bosco vzw, seven Don Bosco youth organisations came together in Brussels for a first formal weekend of acquaintance. The countries involved were: Belgium, Croatia, Germany, the United Kingdom, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. They held discussions about a closer co-operation, the idea of networking and the common goals that united them. Each of the present participants took the proposition for the foundation of a Don Bosco network to their country for further deliberation. In January 2001, it became clear there were a sufficient number of organisations wanting to start a network.

In April 2001, the participants came together for a second time to set down the modalities concerning the foundation of a network. This meeting took place in Benediktbeuern (Germany) and involved the countries: Austria, Belgium, Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain. During this weekend they reflected on, and discussed the aims, the procedures, the methodologies... Also the application for European subsidising was investigated. The application was drawn up afterwards and submitted. In October 2001, Don Bosco Youth-Net received approval from Europe. By this approval, the network received a one-year grant for their development. The official start was 10th October 2001. In August 2004 we received our official recognition as a non-governmental youth organisations under Belgian legislation. Since November 2005 we are an observer member in the European Youth Forum, the largest consultative body in the field of youth in Europe.

Aims & Actions

Within the heritage of Don Bosco, the partners of Don Bosco Youth-Net strive together to realize the following aims:

1. At first it is important for us to bring young people across Europe and the world together, to take part in youth activities that are linked with the style of working through the spirit of Don Bosco. We want to organize international initiatives that contribute to the full development of young people. It is necessary thereby to broaden the opportunities for young people who are, by reasons of various kinds, excluded from these kinds of activities.
2. Furthermore we strive for a profound exchange of information, ideas and experiences between the different partners. We want to facilitate contact, and deepen the understanding between the member organisations so more joint activities can take place. This is realised through weekends, the development of a website and coordination from the international office.
3. And last, but not least, we want to represent the voice of the Don Bosco young people and defend their interests at an international level.

To put these aims into practice, we develop Master Plan for the period of 3 years. This Master Plan can be downloaded from our website.

If one were to summarise our mission statement and our aims, you could describe it as the creation of a professional framework to support our partners and their members. Within this task there are two functions:

At a network level	At a partner level
<i>to create and support network projects with the partners of the network</i>	<i>assist and support our individual partners on a national and international level</i>

The concrete projects that we organise can be fitted into one of the following categories:

Youth exchanges:	<i>groups of young people from different countries come together to live, play, learn and reflect together.</i>
Life learning trips:	<i>a guided group of young people on a trip to experience and learn from the life of young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds.</i>
Voluntary service:	<i>a young person spends up to one year in another country to do youth work on a voluntary basis.</i>
Training courses:	<i>youth worker and volunteers from different countries take part in a training programme focussed on a subject connected to youth work.</i>
Study visits:	<i>youth workers and volunteers from different countries visit youth projects in another country to learn from and to exchange information</i>
Seminars:	<i>youth workers and volunteers from different countries come together for workshops, lectures, ... on a subject connected to youth work.</i>
Publications:	<i>our publications aim to inform partners and volunteers, to promote the network and to support youth work practice</i>

Network

In 2007 we had twelve partner organisations which are official members:

Jugend Eine Welt – Don Bosco Aktion	Austria
Jeugdendienst Don Bosco vzw.	Belgium
Deutsche Provinz der Salesianer Don Boscos – Aktionszentrum	Germany
Salesian Province of Ireland – Youth Ministry Team	Ireland
Federazione SCS/CNOS	Italy
SPYS – Salesian Pastoral Youth Service	Malta
Salezjańskie Centrum Wychowania I Duszpasterstwa Młodzieży	Poland
DOMKA – Zdużenie salezianskej mladeže	Slovakia
Drustvo Mladinski-Ceh	Slovenia
Confederación de centros juveniles Don Bosco de España	Spain
Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland	The Netherlands
Salesian Province of the United Kingdom – Youth Ministry Team	United Kingdom

Next to that there was 1 organisation considering full membership:

SADBA – Salesiánská asociace Dona Boska	Czech Republic
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In total Don Bosco Youth-Net assemblies 924 employees and 8.074 volunteers, who cater for 110.960 children and young people.

Country	Employees	Volunteers	Young People
Austria	24	300	8.000
Belgium	5	150	1.500
Germany	19	100	9.000
Ireland	/	/	/
Italy	276	4.500	10.000
Malta	0	35	500
Poland	5	815	20.000
Slovakia	7	453	10.000
Slovenia	33	300	10.000
Spain	89	8.662	71.000
The Netherlands	40	506	15.000
United Kingdom	300	124	3.000
Total	750	15.395	139.500

The network is larger than our official and candidate members. There are some organisations taking part in the network's projects, through a full member organisation of their country.

Partnerships

As a network we try to build and maintain partnerships with European institutions active in the field of youth work and the worldwide Don Bosco Movement.

European institutions

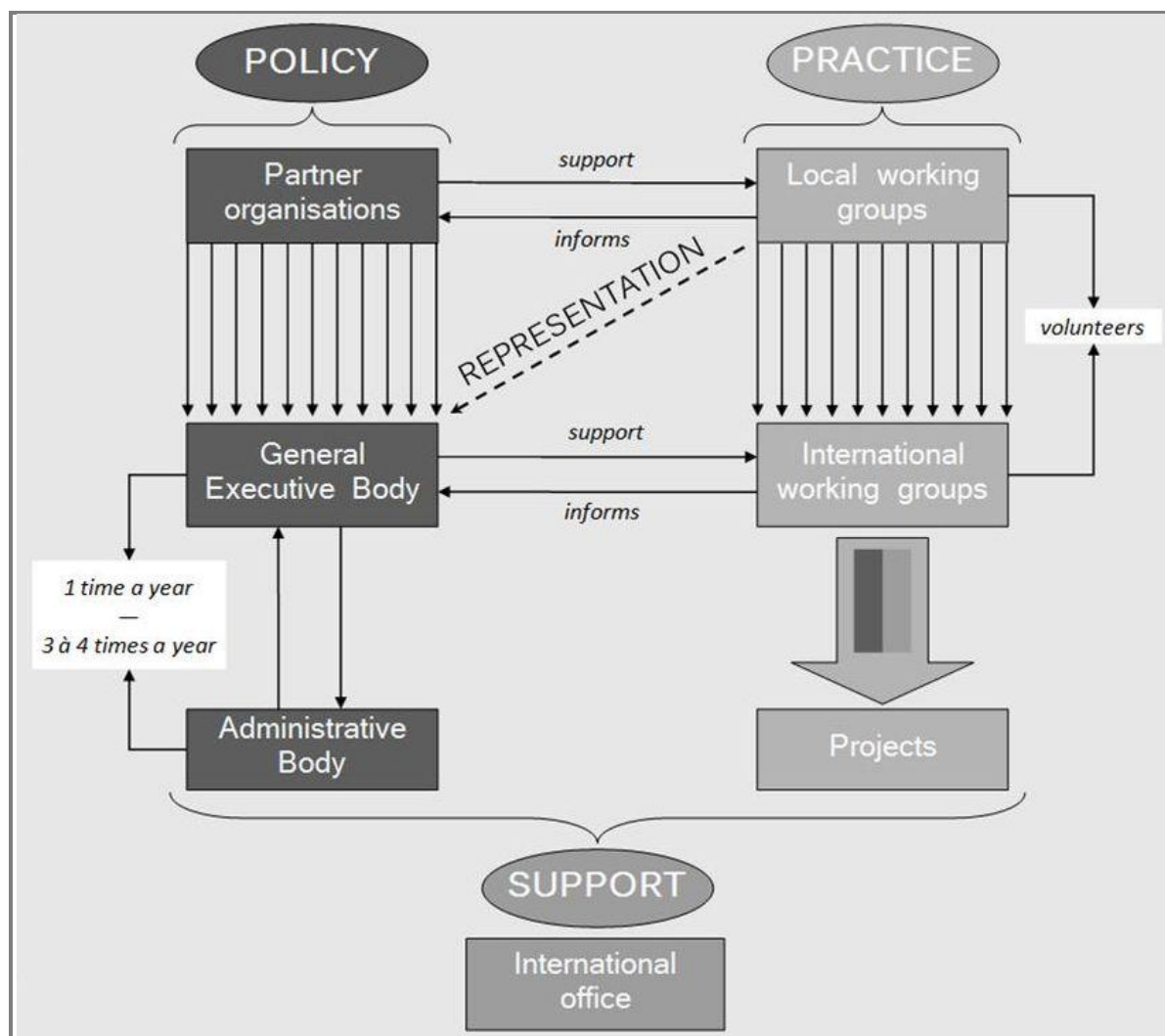
European Youth Forum	<i>Don Bosco Youth-Net is an observer member in the European Youth Forum. The European Youth forum is the largest platform for youth advocacy work in Europe. Don Bosco Youth-Net is member of this platform to represent the voice of the young people connected to Don Bosco.</i>
European Union	<i>The secretariat of Don Bosco Youth-Net is financially supported by the European Commission, through its 'Youth (in Action)'-programme. This programme supports youth projects and organisations involved in the field of non-formal education in European and the rest of the world. Furthermore we try to build and maintain good contacts partnerships with the Executive and National Agencies which are responsible for the implementation of this programme.</i>
Council of Europe	<i>Through the European Youth Foundation the Council of Europe supported the creation of 2 of our publications: "I (am) like you !", an informative game on Conflict management resolution, and "Jabbertalk", a book on non-formal methods for youth work</i>

Don Bosco Movement

Salesians of Don Bosco	<i>Don Bosco Youth-net maintains good contacts with the general council and the head offices of the Salesian order in Rome. They are responsible for all Salesian communities and Don Bosco works worldwide.</i>
Don Bosco International	<i>Don Bosco International is a European NGO which promotes European opportunities within the Don Bosco Movement. It also performs advocacy work towards European institutions.</i>
Don Bosco Network	<i>Don Bosco Network is a network of development NGO's from the Don Bosco Movement. Their work varies from project management and fundraising to educational work and voluntary service.</i>
Salesian Youth Movement	<i>The Salesian Youth Movement is an international group of young people involved in Youth ministry, which exchange ideas and coordinate the tri-annual Don Bosco youth encounter CONFRONTO.</i>
GEX	<i>GEX is the young part of the international Past-pupil movements of Don Bosco School. Their aim is to network amongst young past pupils which want to share and propagate the values of their education.</i>

Structure of DBYN

Because we are an international non-governmental YOUTH organisation, we include as many young people as possible in our structures. We are confident that by giving young people the chances and responsibilities of creating their own projects, we keep Don Bosco Youth-Net young and relevant. The diagram is divided somewhat arbitrarily into policy and practice. In reality this division is not so strict: there are many young volunteers active in the partner organisations on policy level, and some bigger project can only be set-up by the help of the partner organisations. On the other hand the diagram very well reflects our vision on the task of the young people we are offering our services too.



Activities 2007

This document reports about the activities that have been organised through Don Bosco Youth-Net and its partner organisation in 2006. The report is divided into 5 categories:

- International youth activities
- Statutory meetings
- Representation
- Publications
- Campaigns

Overview international youth activities

	Total activities	Total participants
Youth Exchanges	7	376
Voluntary projects	193	241
Other international activities	4	121
Total	204	738

Overview statutory and representational assignments:

	Total activities	Total participants
Statutory meetings	5	50
Representation	9	9
Total	14	59

Overview publications and campaigns:

	Total activities	Reach
Publications	18	+10.000
Campaigns	3	+73.000
Total	21	+83.000

Overview progression international youth activities 2002 – 2007:

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006*	2007
Youth Exchanges	/	3	1	2	2	4	7
Voluntary projects	/	7	19	20	26	158	193
Other international activities	/	4	4	5	2	3	4
Total	/	14	24	27	30	165	204

*The big difference between the number from 2006 and those of before is due to a better communication between the partner organisations and the secretariat of Don Bosco Youth-Net.

International youth activities

Youth exchanges

At our youth exchanges we try to bring together young people from all over Europe. The activities are set-up on basis of the educational system of Don Bosco. Through these activities we want to offer the participants an international experience and a first step towards participating in the network.

Date/ Venue	Type of activity	Description	Pax
12-18/02/2007 Lad nad Warta (PL)	Youth exchange	“With song on our lips and joy in our heart” is a bilateral youth exchange focusing on music. The participants of the project are the youth from Salesian Evangelisation Communities (SWE) who belong to the SWE Choir. Main activities in the projects: common preparation, exchange (working in the group, intercultural games, workshops) and evaluation, organised by the participants themselves	48
30/03- 06/04/2007 Valencia (ES)	Youth exchange	With the multi-lateral (ES, UK, NL, SI, SK) youth exchange “Gente Joven: apuesta por los Derechos Humanos”, we want to help young people to know which are their Rights, and to deal with Childhood Rights protection. Young people that are going to participate in the project work as volunteers with children, teenagers and other young people in their spare time. That’s why we’ll use dynamic activities to improve their knowledge in Human Rights and Childhood Rights protection.	30
30/03- 04/04/2007 Trzcinec (PL)	Youth Exchange	“Dance – that’s what I like” is a bilateral youth exchange on dance. The participants of the project are the youth from dance club in the Youth Centre in Trzcinec (a centre for re-socialisation) and from dance club of Solecznikowski Culture House in Lithuania. The activities will be based on interactive methods (workshops, team working, and intercultural games).	35

27/04-03/05/2007 Kielce (PL)	Youth exchange	“Theatre – a way to harmony” is a multi-lateral youth exchange. Like the “A spirit in the song”-project the project had 2 phases. In the first phase 4 national groups (PL, HU, IT, LT) will prepare an interactive scenario of a theatrical performance about customs and rites, which are connected with the four seasons and important moments in a human life. In the second part all groups will meet in Poland to work on a common performance (based on all four scenarios), that should be played in a theatre of Kielce city. During the workshops participants will visit places, which can give them essential for their work ethnological and artistic context.	31
04-16/05/2007 Szczecin (PL)	Youth exchange	‘Polish-German youth swap’ is a bilateral youth exchange between 2 choirs. The Polish group will consist of youth choir’s members, who collaborate with the Salesian Grammar School in Szczecin. The group from Germany is a youth choir, vocal group or another singing group.	30
11-17/08/2007 Groot-Bijgaarden (BE)	Youth Exchange	In general the training aims at introducing the participants to international youth work. We do this by focussing on the basic competence needed for international youth work: “intercultural learning”. All sessions are on initiation level; they do not need any precognition. Through the participation in this week we want to give the participants a taste of the possibilities that exist and hope to install a hunger for more. Elements that are talked about are e.g. working in an international team, communication skills and difficulties, intercultural games, intercultural evening, values, conflicts, ...	22
04-11/08/2007 Benediktbeuern (DE)	Youth encounter	EURIZON 2007 is a youth encounter in Don Bosco style hosted by our German partner organisation ‘Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern’. This encounter is open to all European Don Bosco youth organisations (so not only Don Bosco Youth-Net members). The focus of the encounter will be intercultural learning and values: developing personality of young people, helping them on their way to be active citizen and their integrating to local community, how to be addition for all levels of society, promoting intercultural dialogue to better understanding other culture, taking responsibility for discrimination and intolerance in community.	180

Voluntary projects

Some of these projects are bilateral projects between partner organisations; others are tri- or multilateral voluntary projects. DBYN doesn't act as a coordinating organisation in all these projects, but it does always facilitate the contacts between the host and sending organisation. Furthermore we ask the volunteers to write journals and reports which we use for our publications.

Date/ Venue	Type of activity	Description	Pax
September 2006 – 2007 Europe (AT, BE, DE, AT, NL, SI, UK, PL)	EVS	Through our partner organisations we have EVS host places available in Klagenfurt (AT), Edinburgh (UK), the Hague (NL), Gent (BE), Ljubljana (SI), Bonn (DE), ... All these placements are in youth centres, retreat houses, mission procure, ... connected to the Don Bosco movement. The volunteer is part of a team of youth workers, and helps out with the daily functioning of the host organisation. After the EVS project we encourage the ex-volunteers to stay active in European youth work through our network.	17
June 2006 – June 2007 (MT)	Future Capital	As an ex-EVS volunteer's future capital project... our Maltese member organisation, SPYS, has opened "SPYS.int" - an international office within the organisation that takes care of the organisation, preparation, training and implementation of projects for Maltese and foreign youths to participate actively in local and European projects. SPYS.int also seeks wider horizons by sending volunteers to work on child labour rehabilitation projects in India.	1
Whole year through Europe (AT, DE, NL, UK)	Civil service	Next to the EVS programme, our Italian partner organisation makes use of the Italian civil service programme to send volunteers within our network as well. The concept of the voluntary service remains the same as the above describe EVS projects. We also try to encourage the ex-volunteers to stay active at European level through our network.	36
September 2006 – September 2007 (UK, Bollington)	Long term volunteering in Europe	The Savio house is a retreat house for schools and youth organisations. The volunteers helped organising the activities (youth week, training course, etc.).	8
July – August 2006 (several places of venue in BE, ES, NL)	Group EVS Job shadowing Short term volunteering in Europe	During the summer of 2006 several partner organisations exchanged their volunteers to help out at an oratorio, camp or playground in another country. This year the volunteers were active in Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain. The volunteers were coming from Malta, UK, Slovakia, Spain and Belgium,	31

Whole year through Africa, Asia, Latin-America	Long term volunteering in the world	Our member organisations offer voluntary service in Don Bosco projects (missions, NGO's, schools, youth centres, ...) in Africa (Ghana, Congo, Zambia, Malawi, ...) Latin – America (Peru, Mexico, Ecuador, Argentina, ...) and Asia (India, Cambodia, ...) The majority of these projects are street children and youth education projects.	96
July – August 2006 Africa, Asia, Latin-America	Short term volunteering in the world	Short term international voluntary service is preferably done in group. The volunteers work with street children projects, Child labour rehabilitation projects, general youth work projects, ... all voluntary service is connected with Don Bosco youth work. It is organised as group projects to set the right context to deal with the cultural shock that the participants will experience during the voluntary service. Most of the projects take part in Africa (Morocco, Congo, Rwanda ...); there are some in Asia (India) and Latin-America (Mexico) as well.	52
July – August 2006 Africa, Asia, USA	Life learning trips	A “life learning trip” is a guided trip of a group of young people to different Don Bosco projects (street children, education, youth work in disadvantaged regions ...) in Africa, India and USA. The participants will meet young people from different cultures, work together with them, talk with humanitarian helpers, youth workers and NGO's ... above all they will learn from their group. Because they will experience the trip as a group, they are also prepared as group.	20

Other international activities

These articles focus on supporting the member organisations. It are study visits, feasibility visits, seminars, training courses, ... all focussing on specific questions of our partner organisations.

Date/ Venue	Type of activity	Description	Pax
08-11/03/2007 Vienna (AT)	Seminar	The follow-up and promotion of activities is a key factor in sharing the outcomes of our activities with a larger public. It is also a tool to make our activities more accessible for more young people. Furthermore, these project aspects are becoming more important in the “Youth in Action”-programme. With the seminar “Follow-up and evaluation – Feedback to society” young volunteers and youth workers from 12 EU countries will come together to work on these topics.	38

<p>09-15/04/2007</p> <p>Bollington (UK)</p>	<p>Training course</p>	<p>The training course 'DBYN trainers in Action' is a six day training course for young people working as trainers, to enable them to work better on an international level, as well as being able to use these further developed competences at a local level . After the course they will be able to join an international pool of trainers for youth activities across Europe. In this way we want to expand our networks training capacity and improve the quality of trainers involved in our European activities.</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>02-05/05/2007</p> <p>The Hague (NL)</p>	<p>Study visit</p>	<p>We organise the study visit "Share and Expand: <i>Make All Part of the Success</i>" to explore the theme of efficient networking within the field of <i>European Voluntary Service</i>. We plan to go deep into this topic with help of study visits (Richter Euro house, stichting 'No Borders Foundation', DBhuis Voorburg), lectures and discussions on this theme. In the light of this, we focus on strengths and weaknesses, key obstacles in achieving EVS and ways to overcome them as well as good practice aspects. The most important goal is to gain expertise on this topic for the work of each of the individual partner organisations with the new programme YOUTH in ACTION.</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>11-14/10/2007</p> <p>Benediktbeuern (DE)</p>	<p>Seminar</p>	<p>This seminar will fully focus on the topic of "participation". We will investigate through several workshops the different kinds and possibilities that exist within participation in the field of representation, organisational management, social inclusion, non-formal education, ... Starting point will be sharing good practices in this field that we have developed since the creation of DBYN. But we also want to give new impulses to the network. In this way we keep on thinking about this topic and try to increase the participation of young people even more.</p>	<p>30</p>

Statutory meetings

The full reports of the statutory meetings are available on request at the international secretariat.

Date/ Venue	Type of activity	Description	Pax
15-16/01/2007 Benediktbeuern (DE)	Meeting of the Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Affairs • Financial report 2006 • Activity report 2006 • Restructuring of the Administrative Body • Follow-up Master plan 2006 – 2008 • Follow-up Representation in YFJ • Follow-up training structure for DBYN • Follow-up on restructuring process Europe-wide project to Group EVS • A.O.B. (any other business) 	4
08-09/03/2007 Vienna (AT)	Meeting of the Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of affairs • Financial report 2007/1 • Preparation of the meeting of the General Executive Body • Membership issues • A.O.B. 	6
11/03/2007 Vienna (AT)	Meeting of the General Executive Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of affairs • Financial report 2006 • Activity report 2006 • Representation report 2006 • Follow-up Master plan 2006 – 2008 • Membership issues • Restructuring of the Administrative Body 	24
13-14/08/2007 Oud-Heverlee (BE)	Meeting of the Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of affairs • Financial report 2007/2 • Preparation of the seminar in October • Follow-up Master plan 2006 – 2008 • Follow-up Representation in YFJ • Follow-up training structure for DBYN • A.O.B. 	8
11-12/10/2007 Benediktbeuern (DE)	Meeting of the Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of affairs • Financial report 2007/3 • Follow-up Master plan 2006 – 2008 • Follow-up Representation in YFJ • Follow-up Training structure for DBYN • Membership issues • A.O.B. 	8

Publications

Our publications are our main tool of collecting information of our international activities, of sharing information about local activities and campaigns of our partner organisations and of disseminating information of interest from public institutions back to the members of our network.

Publication type	Frequency	Description	Aimed reach
Newsflash	Every month (12 issues)	The purpose of the newsflash is to spread internal information concerning the network. It contains news about the evolution of the network, about our activities, about EU training courses, about EU seminars, ... about European funding calls and about resource-websites.	+ 300
Newsletter	Every three months (4 issues)	The Newsletter aims at giving information about the network to all interested people. It contains news from the network, news from the members and more in-depth information in the dossiers.	+ 1.000
Website	Updated twice a month	Reports and pictures of all DBYN's activities have been added to the website, as well as all the promotional materials produced in 2005. Some last additions were made on the site by Jeugdwerknet. In 2006 we are going to include a database of volunteering projects to the site, after that it is finalised.	+ 10.000 hits
Website	Depends on frequency activities of partners	In 2006 we developed a new function on our website: an International voluntary database. Through this database our partners can share information on their worldwide voluntary projects.	Released in 2007
Website	Updated once each year	In 2007 we will release www.donbosco-accyp.net . This stands for Don Bosco accommodation for young people. This website is a database with Salesian houses, retreat centres, Don Bosco schools, ... at which young people can stay when planning an activity abroad.	Released in 2007
Other media	Depends on frequency activities and media of partners	DBYN publishes articles in other Salesian news channels: reports of our activities are spread by ANS, the official press office of the worldwide Don Bosco Movement. Our partner organisations publish about the activities in their own local media.	difficult to measure

Campaigns

Some of our member organisations set-up interesting campaigns on youth topics in their country. As Don Bosco Youth-Net we are working on sharing the good practices of these campaigns throughout the network.

Country	Focus	Description	Aimed reach
Austria	MDG	Project “8:0 for One World” is a set of campaigns to raise awareness on the topic of the MDG’s in Austria.	2.700
Austria	Global education and awareness raising	Discover Sudan is a campaign on global education and awareness rising focussing on Sudan.	300
Spain	Drug prevention	The campaign “You must know if you’re going out” focussed on drug prevention, and spread throughout 150 youth centres national-wide by 350 volunteers and 100 trainers.	+70.000

Representation

It is clearly defined in our statutes that Don Bosco Youth-Net aims to represent the voice of the Don Bosco young people and defend their interests at an international level. For this purpose we’ve become a member of the European Youth Forum. We are convinced this is the ideal place to fulfil our aim; it is an opportunity to debate on youth matters on European level. Full reports of these meetings are available on request at the international secretariat.

Date/ Venue	Type of activity	Description	Pax.
11 February Brussels (BE)	Meeting (YFJ)	The Faith-Based Experts Group is a meeting of YFJ member organisations active in the field of Inter-religious dialogue. This was the first time the FBEG was organised by the YFJ in a formal way. We took part to see if the FBEG is something DBYN could take part in.	DBYN
19 – 22 April Rome (IT)	Seminar (SDB)	This seminar on Volunteering was one of the preparation meetings on the new document on “Volunteers in Salesian Missions”. Because this document was a joint collaboration between the Missions and Youth Ministry, we also took part. We presented our organisation and stressed on the importance to make a division between local and international volunteer (which was lacking in the document). At this meeting we started contacts with the US.	DBYN

<p>27 – 30 April Baku (AZ)</p>	<p>COMEM (YFJ) & study visit SDB Baku</p>	<p>This was the first COMEM meeting after the G.A. in Vilnius. As a result of that most topics discussed were quite new, because the work plan has only been implemented for 5 months. This is the first time we putted forward the idea of more networking inside YFJ.</p> <p>After the COMEM meeting the international secretariat stayed a few more days to do a study visit to the Salesian works in Baku. These works are supported by our Austrian organisation Jugend Eine Welt. During the study visit we met the people responsible for the projects, some of the staff and young people. It was quite interesting to see how youth work is slowly developing. It offers future possibilities for DBYN.</p>	<p>DBYN</p>
<p>22 – 25 July Paris (FR)</p>	<p>Meeting (CoE, YFJ)</p>	<p>The <i>European Consultation and consultation with the African Youth Diaspora living in Europe</i> was one of the preparatory meetings towards the first <i>Africa Europe youth Summit</i>. This summit took place at the end of 2007 at the same time as the Africa Europe Summit. This meeting focused on African people living/working in Europe and organisations working with them. The results of this meeting are added to those of the other preparatory meetings in Africa and will serve as a basis for the Youth Summit. For DBYN Joseph Ayamga Awimboora took part. He is a Salesian co-operator from Ghana, who studies in the Summer in Germany.</p>	<p>Salesian co- operator Ghana</p>
<p>September – December Brussels (BE)</p>	<p>Expert group (YFJ)</p>	<p>The YFJ is preparing a policy paper on Non-Formal Education, to serve as a basis for the YFJ's advocacy work. For this reasons they've put together an Expert group to draft this policy paper. Jeugdienst Don Bosco was selected as member of this expert group, but due to the planning of the meetings, it was not possible for Koen Dewit to attend.</p>	<p>Jeugd- dienst Don Bosco</p>
<p>1-8 October Mollina (ES)</p>	<p>FEULAT (YFJ - LJT)</p>	<p>FEULAT 2007 is a meeting point for Latin-American and European youth organisations with a view to strengthening and consolidating Euro-Latin-American cooperation. It took place in the framework of the University on Youth and Development, which enabled to share spaces and times with more than 300 young people from all over the world. It has training sessions, political debates, sessions to start new partnerships, ... We had 3 candidates for this meeting. The YFJ selected Elzbieta Jakubek of the SWM.</p>	<p>SWM</p>

<p>15 October Brussels (BE)</p>	<p>Info day (YFJ)</p>	<p>Like every year the international secretariat took part in the info & training day on funding for INGYO's. Every year this meeting seems to improve. This time it even was possible to have a personal assessment of our application form for the administrative grant. At the same time this day offers a platform to meet with non-member organisations of the YFJ, which was interesting to make new contacts.</p>	<p>DBYN</p>
<p>8 – 10 November Brussels (BE)</p>	<p>CP² meeting & COMEM (YFJ)</p>	<p>Before the start we took part in the Cross Pillar Content Platform meeting (CP²). This meeting creates a platform to discuss policy papers and prepare the upcoming COMEM meeting. During the COMEM most of the policy papers carried forward were postponed to a later meeting. This means that the upcoming 2 meetings (COMEM & GA) all the remaining policy papers will need to be voted. It makes our participation in the meetings quite important.</p>	<p>DBYN</p>
<p>23 – 25 November Stockholm, (SE)</p>	<p>Training course (YFJ)</p>	<p>Erwin Hinterholzer took part in the training days the YFJ organised on the Millenium development goals. He reported to have made good contacts. For this activity there was quite some interest: there were 2 more candidates.</p>	<p>Jugend Eine Welt</p>

Financial report 2007

The financial report 2007 gives an overview of the expenditure and the sources of financing for the administrative costs of the international secretariat.

Expenditure 2007		Report	Budget
1.	Personnel costs:	34.519,95 €	35.050,00 €
	a) Salary	25.129,20 €	25.000,00 €
	b) Social security contribution (RSZ)	6.706,94 €	7.000,00 €
	c) Holiday money	1926,58 €	2.000,00 €
	d) Home-work travel costs (Woon-werk verkeer)	118,50 €	150,00 €
	e) Bonus at the end of the year	259,37 €	150,00 €
	f) Social secretariat	31,85 €	150,00 €
	g) Medical secretariat	124,98 €	150,00 €
	h) Insurances staff member	222,53 €	450,00 €
2.	Overheads:	3.495,89 €	3.900,00 €
	a) Rental and associated costs	/	100,00 €
	b) Equipment	1.178,54 €	1.000,00 €
	c) Telecommunications and postal costs	2.040,21 €	2.000,00 €
	d) Office supplies	277,14 €	800,00 €
3.	Travel and subsistence costs for the personnel	2.634,14 €	2.000,00 €
4.	Meetings:	7.982,81 €	5.000,00 €
	Statutory meetings	3.893,20 €	5.000,00 €
	Projects	4.089,61 €	/
5.	Publication, information, dissemination costs	1.223,28 €	750,00 €
6.	European Youth Forum:	500,00 €	500,00 €
	a) Membership fee	500,00 €	500,00 €
	b) Refunding travel costs	/	/
7.	Other costs:	841,29 €	800,00 €
	a) Bank	35,01 €	50,00 €
	b) Insurances other than staff member	644,20 €	750,00 €
	c) Representation costs	52,55 €	/
	d) Taxes	89,92 €	/
	e) Costs previous years	19,61 €	/
Total		51.197,36 €	48.000,00 €

Sources of financing		Report	Budget
I.	Grants:	32.814,12 €	35.000,00 €
	a) Grant received from EU programmes	31.615,10 €	35.000,00 €
	b) International public institutions	/	/
	c) Refunds European Youth Forum	1.199,02 €	/
	d) Private enterprises	/	/
II.	Membership contribution:	22.889,36 €	22.000,00 €
	a) Membership fees 2007	9.000 €	12.000,00 €
	b) Contributions to Project fund	13.889,36 €	10.000,00 €
	c) Contributions to Solidarity fund	/	/
III.	Other:	988,40 €	1.000,00 €
	a) Recuperation taxes (BVH)	16,36 €	/
	b) Diverse business incomes	356,39 €	/
	c) Bank interests	599,47 €	300,00 €
	d) Incomings previous years	16,18 €	/
	e) Gift	/	700,00 €
Total		56.691,88 €	58.000,00 €

BALANCE 2007 (01/01/2007 – 31/12/2007)			
Assets (Activa)		Liabilities & Equity (Passiva)	
Bank account (savings)	23.326,68 €	Personnel costs December 2007 (liability)	4.219,97 €
Bank account	3.747,01 €	Capital (equity)	16.786,26 €
Debtors	1.427,06 €	Solidarity fund (equity)	2.000,00 €
Total	28.500,75 €	Total	23.006,23 €

Assets 31/12/2007	28.500,75 €
Liabilities & Equity on 31/12/2007	23.006,23 €
Assets 2007	5.494,52 €

Development of the network in 2007

Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw is currently working under the master plan 2006 – 2008. Overall aim of the master plan for this period is to strengthen the network we've build during the previous master plan. Our members decided on 8 priorities to focus on during this period. For all 8 priorities we made progress during 2007.

To bring together young people to participate in (international) youth activities and broaden the chances for those who are, through various reasons, excluded

The activity report gives a clear view on how the network has grown on the level of activities. The numbers speak for themselves.

Apart from the successful growth of the network on this level, we need to report that until now, no real work has been done on the inclusion of young people coming from disadvantaged backgrounds. This is due to our strategy, to first ensure that the network is strong enough to work with this target group, in our own specific style. It has been put on the programme for 2008, which will be the starting point for a lasting involvement in social inclusion of youth.

To co-ordinate international activities between members and the exchange of information

This action seems to run smooth as well. There are some basic tasks the international secretariat performs in order to comply with this priority, like updating partner book. Next to that we have been working on a new version of our website. The new website will become an online resource database for all people involved in the network. The new website will be released in 2008.

Next to that we have increased the help of volunteers. Our training for trainers helped us to identify young people who want to become active as trainers within our network. We have given them the opportunity to help out on our seminars and training courses. This has helped the coordination and exchange of information, because now more volunteers are involved. In the past the communication remained too much between international secretariat and member organisations.

The international secretariat still performs its support service for project applications. Most of the submitted project applications have been monitored by the international secretariat.

On the level of fundraising, the international secretariat took part in a training course on European budget lines. After the training course, the staff members wrote an article about the training, and through the newsletter this was spread amongst our partner organisations. The international secretariat also took part in the yearly info & networking day on funding for INGYOs from the European Youth forum.

Facilitate contact and develop cooperation in the Salesian world

In 2007 we tried to promote the idea of having an open table meeting with the entire International Don Bosco network, together with the Salesian General Directorate. We promoted this to the vicar, Don Bosco Network and Don Bosco International. They seem to understand the relevance of such a meeting, it is only not clear how and when to organise such a meeting.

We've supported EURIZON 2007, by involving some of our trainers in the programme. It was easy to do so, because EURIZON 2007 was organised by our German partner at the Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern.

We are trying to be present in the media of the Don Bosco Movement, but this is not so easy. We send press releases of all our activities to ANS, but only a few seem to get selected. Therefore we are trying to come up with a strategy, to increase our publication rates in ANS.

www.donbosco-accyp.net has been updated in 2007. In 2008 it will become a more interactive website as part of our homepage. In the meanwhile it has become clear that the youth spot website of the Salesians, is not being updated anymore, so we've put a hold to the action establishing cooperation with it.

To promote effective international volunteering (selection, preparation, ongoing support and evaluation)

We have put some effort in trying to create stronger relations between sending and hosting organisations. There was the study visit on EVS in the Netherlands, which brought around the table ex-volunteers and staff responsible for voluntary service in their organisations. At this study visit we've identified a few barriers, which we are trying to lift since then.

For the first time we also managed to organise the summer exchange of animators as a groupEVS. A group of 19 volunteers took part in a 3 week programme in the Netherlands. After the finish of the project, our Dutch coordinating/host organisation got credit from the National Agency for the high quality of the project. For the next years we will see if it is possible to organise the summer exchange in other countries as an EVS as well.

Ensure that all partners can play an equal role in DBYN, irrespective of their financial status

We have created a project fund, to compensate the costs for crucial activities, which failed to get funding. With this measure we are in a more comfortable situation, so the network's growth will not depend anymore from the approval or rejection of one project.

Strengthen cooperation between partners, and between partners and the international secretariat

In 2007 we finalised the development of our training structure. We have been developing it since 2004, aiming at having a system to empower our volunteers to organise and lead own youth and training activities within the framework of our network. The training structure has been written out in a policy document for our network, which can be requested at the international secretariat.

The training course is also slowly showing its added value to the network.. Some of the activities organised in 2007 were developed on the training course on project management of august 2006. Next to that we have involved our 'junior trainers' from the training-of-trainers in all our activities since.

Strengthen the involvement of young people in decision making at a local level

The creation and implementation of the training structure has been a step towards more involvement. We also planned to start hosting an EVS volunteer in the international secretariat, as another measure to increase the involvement of young people on all levels of the organisations. However this was not possible due to the move of the offices of the international secretariat. We will apply for the first EVS volunteer in 2008.

In order to highlight the involvement of young people within DBYN, we want put more focus on it in our press releases, etc. To do this in a structured way, we have started the development of a communication plan for DBYN (based on the work of a volunteer).

Represent the voice of DB young people on an international level

On this priority we have taken some serious steps forwards. Not only have we participated in more representation activities, we also have developed the publication "Few words and a lot of Action ..." which describes our networks' working style. This document will be adopted in 2008, so we can official start implementing it, but throughout 2007 we have used this as a guideline already. For example, all volunteers and staff who took part in representation activities in 2007 have used this publication to prepare themselves for the task.

Basing ourselves on the newly developed publication "Few words and a lot of Action ..." the international secretariat has started the development of a "representational structure". The idea of this representation structure is to develop a system which can make representation a fixed part of our work and will result in the increase of activities in group I in future.

International network
represented in
13 European countries



www.donboscoyouth.net

Austria	The logo for Jugend Eine Welt, featuring a red circle with a white figure inside, and the text "JUGEND EINE WELT".	www.jugendeinewelt.at
Belgium	The logo for JeugdDienst Don Bosco vzw, featuring a black square with white figures, and the text "JEUGDDIENST DON BOSCO vzw".	www.jeugddienstdonbosco.be
Czech Republic	The logo for Salesiánská asociace Dona Boska SADBÁ, featuring a portrait of Don Bosco and the text "Salesiánská asociace Dona Boska SADBÁ".	mladez.sdb.cz/sadba/
Germany	The logo for Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern, featuring a blue and orange stylized figure, and the text "Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern".	www.aktionszentrum.de
Italy	The logo for SCS - CNOS, featuring a blue stylized figure, and the text "SCS - CNOS".	www.federazioneescs.org
Ireland	The logo for Salesian Youth Ministry Office Ireland, featuring a red stylized figure, and the text "SALESIAN YOUTH MINISTRY OFFICE IRELAND".	www.salesians.ie
Malta	The logo for Salesian pastoral of the service, featuring a stylized figure and the text "Salesian pastoral of the service".	www.spysmalta.org
Poland	The logo for Don Bosco Youthnet Poland, featuring a portrait of Don Bosco and a sun, and the text "Don Bosco Youthnet Poland".	www.donbosco.pl
Slovakia	The logo for domka, featuring a stylized figure and the text "domka".	www.domka.sk
Slovenia	The logo for Mladinski-ceh.si, featuring a stylized figure and the text "Mladinski-ceh.si".	www.mladinski-ceh.si
Spain	The logo for Don Bosco confederación, featuring a stylized figure and the text "Don Bosco confederación".	www.confedonbosco.org
The Netherlands	The logo for Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland, featuring a stylized figure and the text "Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland".	www.donbosco.nl
United Kingdom	The logo for BOVA, featuring a red stylized figure and the text "BOVA".	www.salesianyouthministry.com

Mission statement DBYN

We, the partners of Don Bosco Youth-Net, wish to contribute to the total development of all young people by bringing them together through various international activities. We hereby look to broaden the opportunities for these young people who are, through various reasons, excluded. By concrete activities of co-operation, we wish to be a living example of tolerance and mutual understanding.

Through our own Salesian identity, we aim to keep the heritage of Don Bosco alive and look to offer a 'youthful voice' in the Europe of today. By doing this, we want to make a real difference in the lives of all young people, especially for those most in need.