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## Backgrounds

*Don Bosco Youth-Net* 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 Jeugddienst 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 subsidizing 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 summarize 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:

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

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### Network

In 2006 we had eleven partners which are official members:

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

Next to that there are 2 organisations which are considering full membership:

SADBA – Salesiánská asociace Dona Boska	<b>Czech Republic</b>
Salesian Province of Ireland – Youth Ministry Team	<b>Ireland</b>

In total Don Bosco Youth-Net assemblies 924 employees and 8.074 volunteers, who cater for 110.960 children and young people.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Employees</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>Young People</b>
Austria	20	250	8.190
Belgium	4	178	1.270
Germany	19	100	9.000
Italy	276	2.000	3.500
Malta	0	35	1.000
Poland	5	820	20.000
Slovakia	10	444	10.000
Slovenia	33	100	10.000
Spain	145	3.662	30.000
The Netherlands	23	450	15.000
United Kingdom	389	35	3.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>8.074</b>	<b>110.960</b>

## 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*

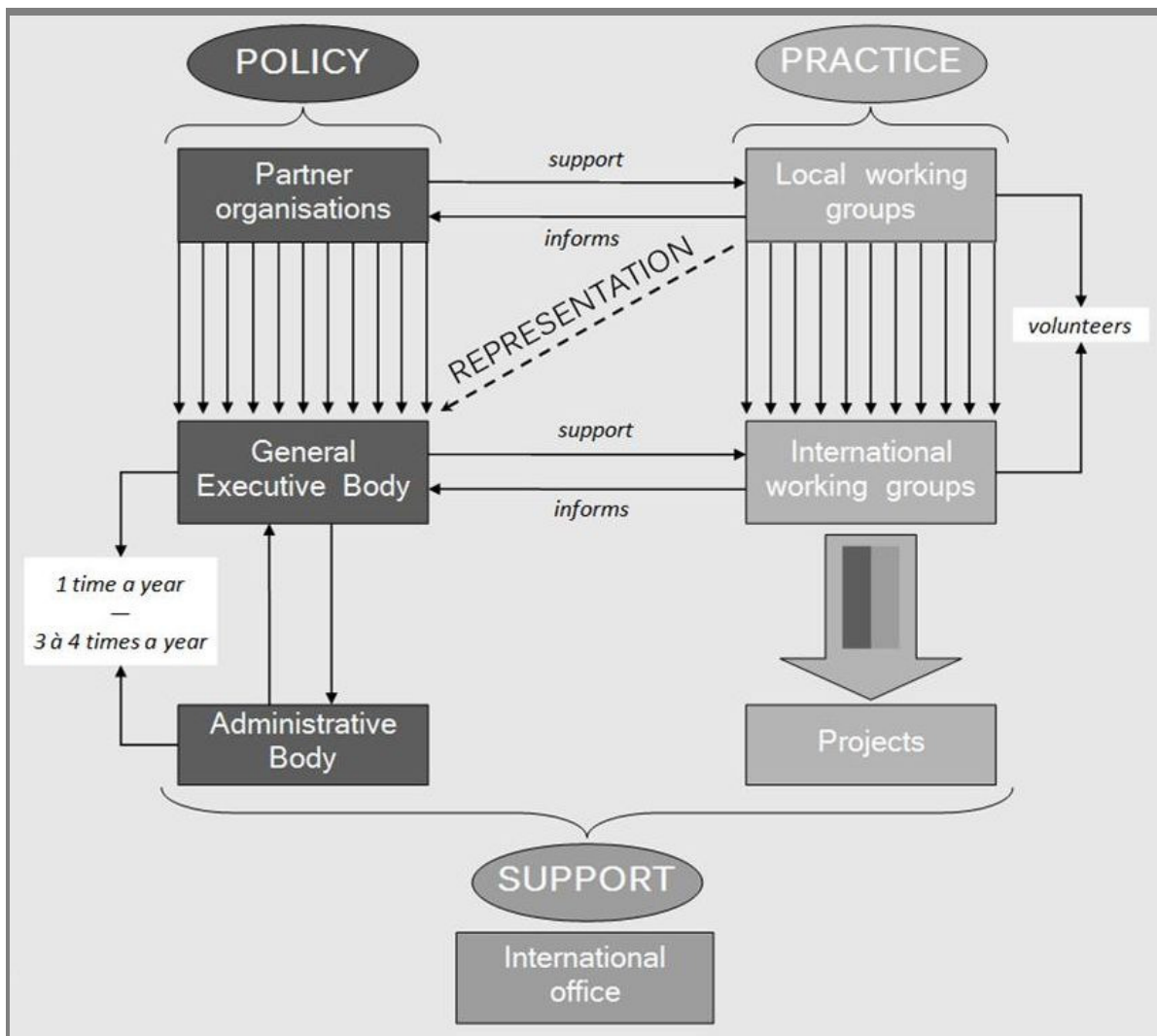
<b>European Youth Forum</b>	<i>Don Bosco Youth-Net is an observer member in the European Youth Forum. The European Youth forum is the largest platform for youth advocacy work in Europe. Don Bosco Youth-Net is member of this platform to represent the voice of the young people connected to Don Bosco.</i>
<b>European Union</b>	<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>
<b>Council of Europe</b>	<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*

<b>Salesians of Don Bosco</b>	<i>Don Bosco Youth-net maintains good contacts with the general council and the head offices of the of the Salesian order in Rome. They are responsible for all Salesian communities and Don Bosco works worldwide.</i>
<b>Don Bosco International</b>	<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>
<b>Don Bosco Network</b>	<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>
<b>Salesian Youth Movement</b>	<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>
<b>GEX</b>	<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 2006

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	4	318
Voluntary projects	158	233
Other international activities	3	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>658</b>

### Overview statutory and representational assignments:

	Total activities	Total participants
Statutory meetings	5	44
Representation	9	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>

### Overview publications and campaigns:

	Total activities	Reach
Publications	16	+ 8.000
Campaigns	3	+ 32.250
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>+40.250</b>

### Overview progression international youth activities 2002 - 2006:

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

\*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.

<b>Date/ Venue</b>	<b>Type of activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Pax</b>
7 – 14 April 2006 (SI, Ljubljana)	Youth Exchange	The main topic of this youth exchange was intercultural learning. For most participants this was their first international youth exchange. That's why we focussed on workshops and activities that helped them develop the necessary skills to create an intercultural competence. During the sessions we focussed on issues like communication, conflicts, values, teamwork, etc. through non-formal methods. Of course there was also enough time reserved for informal meetings. These are essential to the success of such a youth exchange.	40
17-27 April 2006-12-20 (PL, Kielce)	Youth exchange	The project had 2 phases. In the first phase 4 national groups (Poland, Hungary, Lithuania, Italy) were preparing the musical programme (each country 3 songs important for its culture; translating them into English and presentation of historical context of these pieces). The second phase was a youth exchange in Poland – musical workshops. Participants learned all 12 songs, recorded a CD with them and gave concert for the local people in polish radio "Kielce". They had also possibility to visit places, which are important for the history and culture of this region of Poland.	48
23 – 29 July 2006	Youth Encounter	EURIZON 2006 was a youth encounter in Don Bosco style hosted by our Slovakian partner organisation DOMKA. Under the theme 'feel the power of sTeam' the participants worked, lived and experienced a week focussing on team and teamwork in Don Bosco style.  The encounter was open to all European Don Bosco youth organisations (so not only Don Bosco Youth-Net members). The focus of the encounter was 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.	130
5 – 12 August 2006 (Germany, Benedikt- beuern)	Youth Encounter	The "Europäische Jugendwoche 2006" brought together young people from different continents were brought together, lived together and met each other in a Don Bosco manner. By doing this we created an intercultural identity for the group.	100

## 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 2005 – 2006  (NL, Amsterdam & Rijswijk)  (DE, Benedikt- beuern, Chemitz, Bonn)  (AT, Vienna, Klagenfurt)  (SI, Ljubjana)	EVS	Through our partner organisations we have EVS host places available in Klagenfurt (AT), Rome (IT), 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.	3 (NL) 6 (DE) 3 (AT) 1 (SI)
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.	18
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

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July – August 2005 (several places of venue in BE, ES, NL)	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,	8 (BE) 13 (NL) 1 (ES)
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.	27 (AT) 29 (DE) 30 (NL) 2 (UK) 1 (BE)
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.	41 (BE) 5 (MT)
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.	14 (BE) 14 (NL) 8 (UK)

## 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
2 – 5 March 2005 (NL, Assel)	Seminar	The seminar “Putting the Strings Together” has originated out of the co-operation of several Don Bosco Youth organisations inside of the Don Bosco Youth-Net Network. We organised it to explore the theme of efficient networking with experts in this field. We went deep into this topic with help of lectures and discussions on this theme, a study visit to the city of Amsterdam to explore the networking between different organisations to come for a good cause. The most important goal was gaining expertise on this topic for the work of each of the individual partner organisations in their home countries and between partners.	30
13 – 20 August (DE, Benediktbeuer n)	Training course	This training course wanted to prepare young volunteers connected to the network to set-up own international youth activities within the framework of Don Bosco youth-Net. During the workshops we focussed on topics like international teamwork, funding possibilities, project management and the Don Bosco style.	40
11 – 15 October 2006 (BE, Brussels)	Seminar	“A Bridge to a European Future” is a seminar focussing on the upcoming “YOUTH in Action” programme. The first day focussed on European institutions, European youth policy and representation to get an insight in the framework of “YOUTH in Action”. During the second day “YOUTH in Action” was introduced to the participants. The last working day was reserved to start up new projects and partnerships using “YOUTH in Action”.	37

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### *Statutory meetings*

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

<b>Date/ Venue</b>	<b>Type of activity</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Pax</b>
16 January (Belgium, Oud-Heverlee)	Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Agenda</li><li>– Approval report A.B. meeting 13/10/2005</li><li>– State of Affairs</li><li>– Financial report 2005</li><li>– Activity report 2005</li><li>– Master plan 2006 – 2008</li><li>– Representation in YFJ</li></ul>	6
3 March (Netherlands, Assel)	Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Agenda</li><li>– Approval report A.B. meeting 16/01/2006</li><li>– Practical issues about the network meeting in Assel</li><li>– Preparation of the General Assembly</li><li>– State of affairs</li><li>– Representation in YFJ</li></ul>	5
5 March (Netherlands, Assel)	General Executive Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Agenda</li><li>– Approval report G.E.B. meeting 03/03/2005</li><li>– Approval report A.B. meetings 14-15/06/2005, 13-14/10/2005 and 02/03/2006</li><li>– State of affairs</li><li>– Activity report 2005</li><li>– Financial report 2005</li><li>– Master plan 2006 – 2008</li></ul>	21
16 August (Germany, Benediktbeuern)	Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Agenda</li><li>– Approval report A.B. meeting 03/03/2006</li><li>– Proposal training structure for Don Bosco Youth-Net</li><li>– Proposal EVS volunteer for the international secretariat</li><li>– State of affairs</li></ul>	4
13 October (Belgium, Brussels)	Administrative Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Agenda</li><li>– Approval report A.B. meeting 16/08/2006</li><li>– Membership issues</li><li>– Proposal DBYn Nederland: Support for the strengthening of the voluntary activities within DBYN through decentralised cooperation.</li><li>– State of affairs</li></ul>	8

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## 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.
25 – 26 March (BE, Brussels)	Information days (YFJ)	During this weekend MO's of the YFJ came together to follow-up on the development of the new Youth in Action programme. DBYN's staff member took part as member of the YFJ.	DBYN
27 – 30 April (IT, Prato)	COMEM (YFJ)	The main focus of this council of members was the adoption of several policy papers, the preparation of the mission and vision for YFJ and the new work plan. DBYN's staff member took part as member of the YFJ.	DBYN
15 – 18 June (CZ, Prague)	Seminar (YFJ)	This seminar focussed on the topic of participation. There were several workshops to choose from introducing some new perspectives on the topic. DBYN's staff member took part as member of the YFJ.	DBYN
25 – 27 June (MC, Skopje)	Information and networking days (YFJ)	'Sustainability, Coordination and Structural Build-up of Youth work in SEE' was organised by the YFJ as information and networking days on SEE. Mladinski-Ceh took part as DBYN's representative.	Mladinski- Ceh
10 July (BE, Brussels)	Stakeholder meeting (EC)	This stakeholder meeting brought together different stakeholder concerning the new Youth in Action programme: MO's of the YFJ, YFJ itself, EC and the EA. DBYN's staff member took part as member of the YFJ.	DBYN
July	Phone interview (YFJ)	This interview was part of a survey on social inclusion by the YFJ. A local affiliated organisation of J1W took part in it ... explaining the work they do with minor refugees from outside EU.	J1W
September (BE, Brussels)	Seminar (EC)	'Inclusion strategies for young people with fewer opportunities – implementing the European Youth Pact by addressing the needs of young people in transition' was a seminar organised by the European Commission. Federazione SCS/CNOS took part as DBYN's representative of the YFJ.	SCS

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8 - 12 November  (LI, Vilnius)	General Assembly (YFJ)	This was the first General Assembly DBYN took part in. The elections for Bureau members and the approval of the new work plan were the 2 main topics. DBYN's staff member took part as member of the YFJ.	DBYN
5 December  (BE, Brussels)	Public hearing (EP)	Two MEP organised a public hearing on volunteering at the close of the European week of Volunteers. DBYN's staff member took part as member of the YFJ.	DBYN

### *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	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.	+ 200
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.	to release 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 mea- sure

## *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 & street children	Jugend Eine Welt has been campaigning about the Millennium Development Goals throughout 2006. They've used different methods and target groups: workshops in schools, with disabled young people, multimedia presentations, ... Main tool for these campaigns is the work they do with their fair-trade football project.	2.250
Spain	Anti-tobacco	Confed Don Bosco participated in the Europe-wide anti-tobacco campaign. They brought this campaign to their whole organisation, using workshops, flyers, small gadgets, ...	30.000
Slovenia	EU and active citizenship	Mladinski-Ceh developed a game on EU identity and a publication on active citizenship. The idea is to get the important topics within European youth work closer to those concerned: the young people.	?

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## Financial report 2006

The financial report 2006 gives an overview of the expenditure and the sources of financing for the administrative costs of the international secretariat. Our projects are not included as a result of our decentralized way of working, which

Expenditure 2006	Amount
1.	
Personnel costs:	
a) Wages	€ 24.718,60
b) Social security contribution (RSZ)	€ 5.975,97
c) Vacation money	€1.888,79
d) Home-work travel costs (Woon-werk verkeer)	€ 237,00
e) Bonus at the end of the year	€ 117,70
f) Social secretariat	€ 0,00
g) Medical secretariat	€ 113,72
h) Insurances staff member	€ 212,15
2.	
Overheads:	
a) Rental and associated costs	€ 75,00
b) Equipment	€ 639,19
c) Telecommunications and postal costs	€ 2.156,92
d) Office supplies	€ 641,14
3.	
Travel and subsistence costs for the personnel	€ 1.847,66
4.	
Meetings	€ 164,95
5.	
Publication, information, dissemination costs	€ 524,87
6.	
European Youth Forum:	
a) Membership fee	€ 500,00
b) Refunding travel costs	€ 390,26
7.	
Other costs:	
a) Bank	€ 56,10
b) Insurances other than staff member	€ 644,20
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 40.904,22</b>

<b>Sources of financing 2006</b>		<b>Amount</b>
<b>I.</b>	<b>GRANTS</b>	
I.1.	<u>Grant received from EU programmes:</u>	
	a) DG EAC 51/05	€ 14.827,20
I.2.	<u>International public institutions:</u>	
	a) Grant B of the European Youth Foundation	€ 151,00
	b) Grant C of the European Youth Foundation	€ 1995,50
	c) Refunds European Youth Forum	€ 867,93
I.3.	Private enterprises	
<b>II.</b>	<b>OWN SOURCES OF FINANCING:</b>	
II.1	Membership subscriptions	€ 22.554,51
II.2	Solidarity fund	€ 2000,00
II.3	<u>Others:</u>	
	a) Sales	€ 383,40
	b) Gifts	€ 9100,00
	c) Bank	€ 322,62
	d) Social secretariat	€ 20,56
<b>Total</b>		<b>€ 52.222,72</b>
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<b>Balance &amp; assets 2006</b>		<b>Amount</b>
	Income	<b>€ 52.222,72</b>
	Expenditure	€ 40.904,22
<b>Balance 2006</b>		<b>€ 11.318,50</b>
	Reserve 2005	€ 6.467,40
<b>Assets 2006</b>		<b>€ 17.785,90</b>

## Development of the network in 2006

Don Bosco Youth-Net ivzw adopted a new master plan at the meeting of the General Executive Body in Assel, March 2006. This master plan for the period 2006 - 2008 is fully aimed at strengthening 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 2006.

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

In 2006 we continued to organise qualitative activities and projects for young people. Furthermore we could notice an increase in the exchange of volunteers. More young people we exchange between our partners for a European Voluntary Service or Civil service programme, more young people took part in the summer exchange.

We did not yet managed to focus more on the group of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. This will be a working point for the coming years.

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

In 2006 we received for the first time an administrative grant from the European Commission. With this grant we were able to improve our communication. One of the examples of this is the more accurate activity report for 2006.

We encountered a serious decrease of page hits on our website in 2006. There are several reasons for this: the site is demoded, the member organisations do not update their part enough, ... We have to start looking for a new website. Starting point has to be our vision on the purpose of our website.

Facilitate contact and develop cooperation in the Salesian world

We invested in strengthening our network and our partnerships with other international Don Bosco organisations and institutions:

- As a result of the first we can report the interest of the Czech Republic and Ireland to become a member of our network.

- A result of the second is the new website [www.donbosco-accyp.net](http://www.donbosco-accyp.net). It is a database of Salesians houses which offer their accommodation to the service for young people. The website is a joint project with the SDB youth ministry office. It is the digital and updated version of a publication from 1993. We need to think on how to keep it updated and how to promote it. The website is to be released at the G.E.B. meeting in Vienna, March 2007.

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

We had to abandon our idea of the Europe-wide project. The final stroke was giving by the cancellation of the final deadline of the YOUTH programme at centralised level. Now we are seeing how we can “recycle” the efforts done for this project: We will encourage setting up individual EVS projects, usual the new HEI’s. We will investigate further possibilities for group EVS.

We added the “voluntary service”-pages to our website, but haven’t found the right time to release it. This database collects information about past voluntary services, in order to improve the communication between our members. The database is restricted to our member organisations.

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

At the meeting of the General Executive Body in Assel, the members decided to start up a solidarity fund. This solidarity fund compensates the travel costs for people who cannot afford to travel to an essential meeting or activity for the network. In 2006 we used the solidarity fund to support the construction of our training structure.

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

We started up a “training structure”, consisting of 3 steps:

- First step: youth exchanges focussing on intercultural learning. Here we introduce new young people to international activities.
- Second step: training courses on setting up international activities. Here we train the participants’ competences to set-up a international activity by themselves. Furthermore, they can already start-up a concrete project with the other participants, within our network.

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- Third step: training for trainers. Those young people who have helped organising an international youth activity in the Don Bosco Youth-Net framework can take it a step further. In this training course they will learn and practice the competences they need to support other young people in all 3 steps of the training structure.

With this last step, which we plan to organise for the first time in 2007, we complete a full circle based on PARTICIPATION. The aim is creating a system where it are entirely the young people which set-up all steps of the training structure, and by this create a “perpetuum mobile” where young people are trained by young people.

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

The above mentioned training structure also works for this priority. Organising an activity involves decision making at local level on a very practical basis. We see the training structure as a first step into the process of developing this priority. The next will be developing a likewise structure for representational work. We plan to start the development of this “representation structure” in 2007.

Represent the voice of DB young people on an international level

Looking back at our first year of membership in the European Youth Forum (YFJ), we have to evaluate our participation: although we have build already a good name in the YFJ, we need to proceed in a conscious and cautious way. Therefore it is suggested to start developing a representation structure. A key element in this is to collect the reports about participation in a YFJ activity. In 2006 we haven't received these reports from our representatives coming from member organisations. In future the report has to be mandatory.



International network  
represented in  
12 European countries



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Austria	The logo for Don Bosco-Aktion Austria, featuring a small portrait of Don Bosco and the text "Don Bosco-Aktion Austria JUGEND EINE WELT" in a red box.	<a href="http://www.jugendeinewelt.at">www.jugendeinewelt.at</a>
Belgium	The logo for JEUGDDIENST DON BOSCO vzw, featuring two stylized human figures in black and white above the text "JEUGDDIENST" and "DON BOSCO vzw".	<a href="http://www.jeugddienstdonbosco.be">www.jeugddienstdonbosco.be</a>
Germany	The logo for Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern, featuring a stylized 'Z' and 'A' in black and white above the text "Aktionszentrum Benediktbeuern".	<a href="http://www.aktionszentrum.de">www.aktionszentrum.de</a>
Italy	The logo for SCS - CNOS, featuring a stylized 'S' and 'C' in blue and white above the text "SCS - CNOS".	<a href="http://www.federazioneescs.org">www.federazioneescs.org</a>
Ireland	The logo for the Salesian order, featuring three stylized human figures in red.	<a href="http://www.salesians.ie">www.salesians.ie</a>
Malta	The logo for Salesian pastoral youth service, featuring a stylized 'S' and 'P' in blue and white above the text "Salesian pastoral youth service".	<a href="http://www.spys.org">www.spys.org</a>
Poland	The logo for Udm, featuring a stylized sun and the text "Udm" in blue and green.	<a href="http://www.donbosco.pl">www.donbosco.pl</a>
Slovakia	The logo for domka, featuring a stylized 'S' in red and orange above the text "domka" in red.	<a href="http://www.domka.sk">www.domka.sk</a>
Slovenia	The logo for Mladinski-ceh.si, featuring a stylized hand holding a heart in red and black above the text "Mladinski-ceh.si".	<a href="http://www.mladinski-ceh.si">www.mladinski-ceh.si</a>
Spain	The logo for Don Bosco confederación, featuring the text "Don Bosco confederación" in white on a blue background.	<a href="http://www.confedonbosco.org">www.confedonbosco.org</a>
The Netherlands	The logo for Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland, featuring a stylized 'S' and 'B' in blue and white above the text "Don Bosco Youthnet Nederland".	<a href="http://www.donbosco.nl">www.donbosco.nl</a>
United Kingdom	The logo for BOVA, featuring three stylized human figures in red above the text "BOVA" and "Bosch Youthnet Active".	<a href="http://www.salesianyouthministry.com">www.salesianyouthministry.com</a>

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### **Mission Statement DBYN**

*Making a difference for YOU(TH)*

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.