



# Spring 2010

Coalition of Youth Organizations SEGA Spring 2010 Newsletter

Dear Readers,

We are happy to announce that Coalition SEGA will be publishing a new quarterly newsletter. In our inaugural Spring 2010 edition you will find information about SEGA's current projects and activities as well as what we are planning for the future. Please enjoy and let us know at [sega@sega.org.mk](mailto:sega@sega.org.mk) if you have any comments or suggestions!

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### Local Youth Strategies

Coalition SEGA has organized trainings and continues to develop local youth strategies in conjunction with **representatives of Local Self-Governments, Members of Parliament, and representatives of local youth organizations**. Researching and writing local youth strategies with participation and buy-in from the community will allow the following communities to **see their young people as a resource** and put those youngsters in the best possible position to succeed: Prilep, Bitola, Kavadarci, Tetovo, Ilinden, Kisela Voda, Sveti Nikole, Radovish, and Shtip.



## Presentation of Alternative Report on the Rights of the Child Convention in Geneva



**Zoran Illieski**, Executive Director of Coalition SEGA, **presented** part of the **Alternative Report** on the Rights of the Child to the **Committee** on the Rights of the Child in **Geneva**, Switzerland as part of the NGO delegation. The preparation and presentation of an Alternative Report provides an invaluable comparison and contrast to the official governmental report in the efforts to **improve the lives of children and youngsters in Macedonia**.

## Invest in Your Education

Coalition SEGA has brought together **young people, local governments, and the business sector** to help young people make intelligent and informed decisions about their future careers. Through **public meetings** with qualified representatives of the business sector and Local Self-Governments, **young people are learning what career choices make the most sense in today's job market**. Given the challenges facing job seekers in Macedonia today, timely career guidance can provide the difference between successful employment and fruitless job-searching. It also helps to provide the business sector in Macedonia with the skilled labor it needs to compete in the world today.



### Two New Youth Manuals!

As a result of the project “**Promoting Youth Activism in the Undeveloped Regions**”, two manuals were produced. Manuals on “**Youth Participation**” and “**Lobbying and Advocacy**” were distributed to the participants in the trainings which took place under this project. The manuals should be a great help to youth workers and organizations in Macedonia!



## ERYICA membership

Coalition SEGA is pleased to announce that it is now a **Co-operating Member** of the **European Youth Information and Counselling Agency (ERYICA)**! On 30-31 March the Executive Director of ERYICA, Davide Capecci and a representative of the Steering Committee of ERYICA, Sasha Dupor visited sunny Prilep, Macedonia. The delegation from ERYICA and Coalition SEGA met with the Mayor of Prilep, Mr. Marjan Risteski, and discussed the details involved in opening the first Youth Information Center in Macedonia.

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## French EVS Volunteer

Coalition SEGA welcomes **Astrid Courty** from **Normandy, France**. Astrid is here through **Association Senois**, an organization focused on informal education. Astrid is a European Volunteer Service (EVS) Volunteer who will be working closely with the opening of the Youth Information Center in Prilep. She is studying the Macedonian language, learning all about the Macedonian coffee culture, and happily teaching people in Macedonia a little about French culture.

## Upcoming Events

### Opening of the Youth Info Center in Prilep

The **first** ERYICA-certified **Youth Information Center** in Macedonia will open at the end of May! This will provide young people in Prilep with a place completely dedicated to their needs and interests. One small step for young people in Prilep and one giant leap for youngsters in Macedonia!

### European Youth Network Networking Days

On **27-30 May** representatives of youth organizations in Macedonia will have the opportunity to participate in a seminar with representatives of Local-Self Governments and representatives of the European Youth Forum. Participants will get a chance to **expand their network, meet new people, and gain fresh perspectives**.

**Thanks for reading!** If you have any comments, suggestions, questions or you would like to contribute to the Coalition SEGA newsletter please send an email to [\*\*sega@sega.org.mk\*\*](mailto:sega@sega.org.mk) or call us at **+389 48 48 429 390**. Or check out our website for much more information at [\*\*www.sega.org.mk\*\*](http://www.sega.org.mk).

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