

YOUTH WITH INITIATIVE: MEETING IN KOSICE



IMPORTANT TOPIC:

Time schedule
2017

European
Solidarity Corps

Our meetings
and workshops

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WORKSHOP IN SERBIA

KOLPING IS FOR ME...

... a second family...

Galya, Ukraine

... a part of my
hearth...

Natalia, Ukraine

...active friendship...

Dominik, Slovakia

...group of awesome
people...

Milena, Slovenia

Kolping — United
state of friendship

Joanna, Poland

Board meeting in Cologne

The new elected board of Kolping Youth Europe debated in Cologne, Germany from 10.11. till 13.11.2016.

Board members prepared a schedule of the events for the year 2017 and planned the budget and possible fundraising activities.

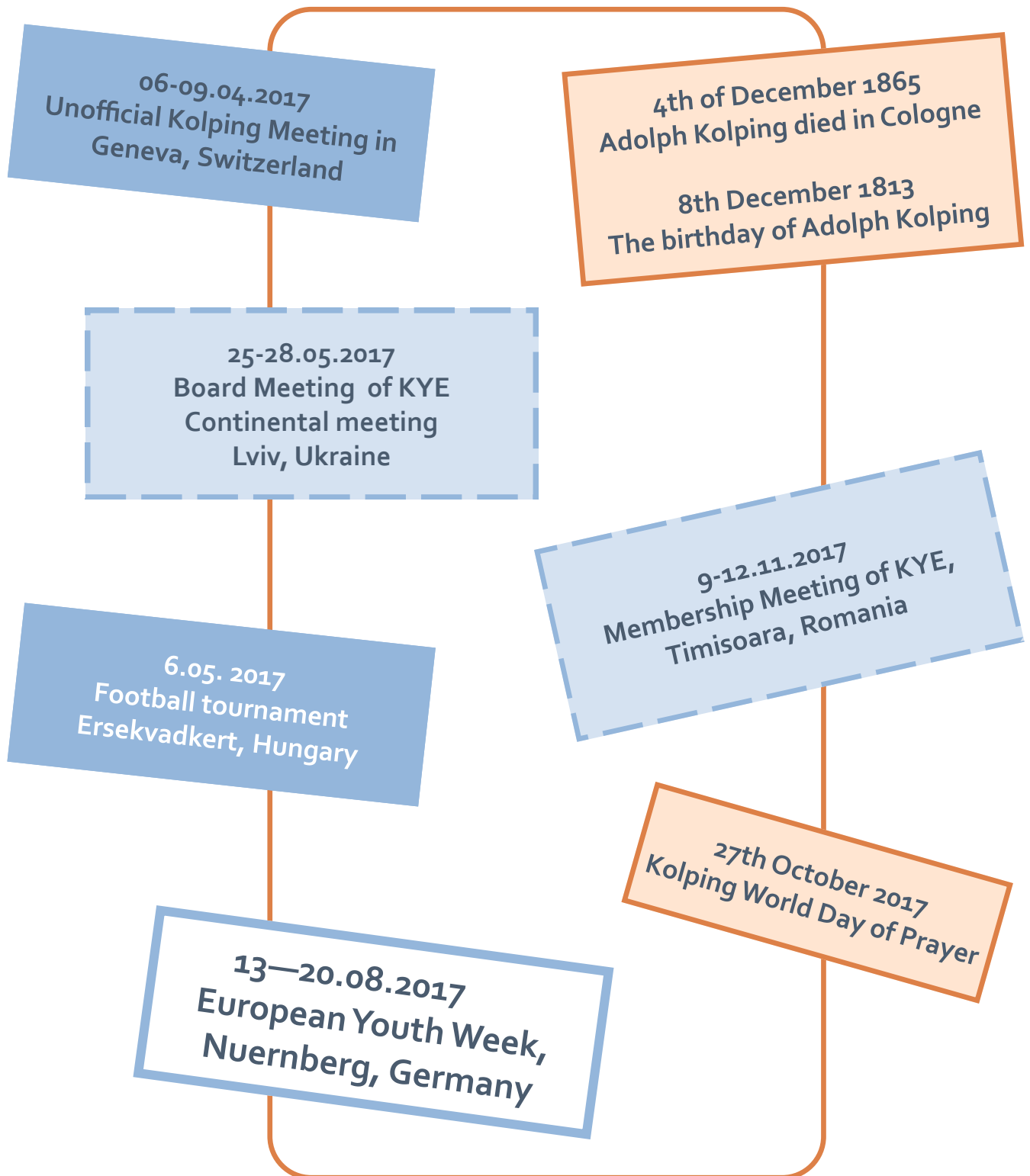
The main activities - European Youth Week and Membership Meeting were discussed in details. On the next page you can see the most important dates of the year 2017.



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Invitations and terms 2017



Invitation: European Youth Week 2017



*Dear Friends,
Kolping Youth members!*

*We are very happy and honoured
to invite you to the European
Youth Week 2017!*

*The event will take place
in Nuremberg, Germany
from 13.08. to 20.08.2017*

*You can expect interesting
discussions about the following
topic:*

Europe – Common values?!

About Nuremberg...

*Nuremberg is the 2nd biggest city
in Bavaria and is also called the
"City of Peace and Human Rights".
It is famous for:*

- ✓the medieval Castle*
- ✓the charming Old Town*
- ✓the painter Albrecht Dürer*
- ✓the Christkindlesmarkt which
is one of the most famous
Christmas markets worldwide*
- ✓and many other historic places.*

For detailed information please follow our internet site and Facebook profile

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS



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The European Solidarity Corps is the new European Union initiative which creates opportunities for young people to volunteer or work in projects that benefit communities and people around Europe.

It is the pool of young people who register their interest to take part in solidarity-related projects and who agree uphold the Mission and Principles of the European Solidarity Corps.

Who can join the European Solidarity Corps?

You can register for the European Solidarity Corps when you are 17 years old but you cannot start a project until you are over 18. You must also complete the European Solidarity Corps project before you turn 31. Also you must be legally resident in or have the nationality of one of the European Union Member States or of the following countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

More information about the European Solidarity Corps find at the europa.eu.

May your new and nice volunteering adventure begin!

VOLUNTEERING

is an excellent example of non-formal learning for young people.

The EU Youth Strategy promotes:

- greater recognition of the value of voluntary activities and the skills it promotes;
- good working conditions for young volunteers and opportunities for enriching work;
- intergenerational solidarity;
- transnational volunteering.

The Council Recommendation on the Mobility of Young Volunteers across the EU aims to create more cross-border volunteering opportunities.

Beside existing Volunteering database, European Voluntary Service (EVS), European Youth Portal and support of Prospective Initiatives under Erasmus +, in December 2016 was also launched European Solidarity Corps.

Renovabis: Partnership Meeting in Freising

Partnership Meeting in Freising, Germany, 2-3.12.2016

Every year Renovabis Foundation organises the Partnership Meeting for the German organisations which have partners in Eastern Europe. Kolping Members are using this opportunity and join to the Renovabis Meetings.

This year in the Partnership Meeting took part the Kolping Members from Ukraine, Serbia, Kosovo, Albania and Germany (Berlin and Limburg).

The Kolping group used this chance to meet each other and discuss about the youth work, especially in Balkan countries.

The Kolping Youth Berlin is also interested in development of the cooperation with this region.

More about the meeting:
<https://www.renovabis.de/veranstaltungen/partnerschaftstreffen>



Renovabis
 Solidaritätsaktion der deutschen Katholiken
 mit den Menschen in Mittel- und Osteuropa

International scholarship in Serbia

Kolping Society of Serbia has organized a Project Cycle Management Workshop from December 6th until 9th, 2016, with the participation of Kolping organizations from Romania, Croatia, Kosovo, Serbia, and a workshop leader from Kolping Poland.



During the 3 days of intensive work, all of the participants have managed to acquire new knowledge and develop skills necessary for project writing and management, as well as to deepen the ideas about the cooperation between Kolping organizations in their countries.



A SMALL IDEA WITH A BIG EFFECT



Kosice, 9-11 December 2016

A visit turned into a small unofficial international meeting. With a dash of motivation, happiness and work, Kolping youth Europe overcomes boundaries and offers activities, adventures and friendship.

Everything started with the aim to visit Bratislava with a friend from Kolping youth (KY) Hungary. When the responsible person of KY Slovakia heard of this, he said that Kosice is more beautiful as Bratislava and we could meet him there. That was the first step towards the first unofficial KY Europe meeting.

After a short moment, a Facebook group was created. KY members from Croatia, Ukraine and the Czech Republic joined in happily. Thanks to Doodle and Hostelworld, a time point as well as an accommodation was found quickly.

On Friday the 9th December, I travelled to Kosice by plane and car with a stop in Budapest. There an exciting and cheerful weekend with twelve KY members from six countries was waiting for me.

FIRST UNOFFICIAL KOLPING YOUTH EUROPE MEETING

Saturday started with a collective breakfast in the Kolping house, afterwards we discovered the snow-covered Kosice. We visited the famous church tower and listened to stories about curiosities of the city. To warm up, we tried local specialties and hot wine at the Christmas market. After that, we successfully fled an EscapeRoom, a game where you need to solve riddles to get out of a room. A nice dinner completed Saturday and small gifts from the different countries were exchanged. We had biscuits from Ukraine, smoked cheese from Slovakia and of course chocolate from Switzerland.

After long discussions and consumption of delicacies of all countries, Sunday had arrived faster than we thought. After a savory brunch at the Kolping house, everyone started sadly the journey home. The next possible destinations had already been discussed and who knows, maybe it will be in Switzerland.

If this story appealed to your spirit of adventure, or you know young people who would love to participate in international Kolping activities, visit www.facebook.com/kolpingjugendeuropa/ and make publicity! During the year, several meetings and workshops in whole Europe are being organized and especially the youth week in summer is a highlight. Next year, the European youth week will be in Nuremberg (DE) from the 13th to the 20th of August. I hope, I will meet you there!

Heinz Strässle
Kolping youth Switzerland



KOLPING YOUTH SERBIA



Forty-four young Kolping members gathered in three Kolping families (Kolping Novi Sad, Kolping Padej and Kolping Sajan) make together the basic of the Kolping youth Serbia. There are also other, so far, unofficial youngsters that participate from project to project, from activity to activity also and they do it with big interest. All of them are working together and making Kolping idea very present in their community.

From year to year activities of young Kolping members in Serbia increase and the network among themselves, as well as the network with other European Kolping members, has become very strong and important.



The biggest event in year 2015 for the Kolping youth Serbia was for sure the Kolping youth week, which took place from July 13th until July 19th in Novi Sad. Forty-two participants from twelve different countries gathered around the main topic "Youth cooperation across borders" and the "Project cycle management". More about this event you can find in Serbian language at:

<http://kolping.rs/index.php/aktuelno/1-vesti/93-kolping-omladinska-nedelja> .

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Trainings for leaders with different topics are good way for improving their skills and activity. In the first part of August 2016 there was a "Team building, communication and conflict skills seminar". Beside developing skills of the participants in the fields of (non)verbal communication and conflict resolution, this seminar has had also a hidden agenda-to develop stronger connection among Kolping youth members from different Kolping families. Workshop leaders have, beside sessions related to the topic and team building exercises, calculated in enough time for the bonds to be developed naturally, through the sport activities and leisure time.

In year 2016 Serbian Kolping youth dedicated themselves also more to discover needs in their surroundings, having also in mind general society climate. As one of the important activities in this field were panel discussion 1 and 2 called "You in the eyes of the employer", which were held in May and November. The main idea of this event was to contribute to the solving one of the biggest problems of young people in Serbia-a

deal with unemployment. The panel discussions were organized with an aim to give the young people in search for a job an opportunity to talk with the people who were on numerous occasions involved into the process of the candidate selection. Through the lectures and discussions about the motivation letter, verbal and non-verbal communication on the interview, mistakes during the application process and behavior during the trial period, the participants were engaged into the complete process. Over 100 participants in total wanted to become more familiar with the topic. In both of the events the discussion has lasted more than one and half hour which tells about the significance of the topic for the participants. The main organizer was Kolping youth Serbia and the event was opened to the public both times. This panel discussions are very significant since they are the first events in which youth had an important role during the organizational process. Panel discussions are planned to be organized every 3 months and to have the youth members more and more active in the organization, until they take over the all organization. Further links will lead you to more information about this events: <http://kolping.rs/index.php/aktuelno/1-vesti/103-panel-diskusija-o-mladima-iz-ugla-poslodavca> and <http://kolping.rs/index.php/aktuelno/1-vesti/108-mladi-iz-ugla-poslodavca-2> .

Serbian Kolping youth members participated also on several events on European level last years, as on Kolping youth week (Esztergom 2014 and Novi Sad 2015), Membership meetings (Slovenj Gradec 2014 and Alsopahok 2016), "Media workshop" (Cologne 2015), workshop "Creative leader motivated group" (Ludbreg 2015). There were also many different meetings for youngsters from regional Kolping countries and Kolping Serbia, as well as their young members, had each time very important role in the preparation or organization or support of those events.

Year 2017 will be, for sure, even more active and creative in Kolping youth Serbia. The official web page of Kolping Serbia can discover you more: <http://www.kolping.rs/> .

KOLPING YOUTH BAMBERG / GERMANY



Germany, as a cradle of Kolping work in general, since the very beginning of spreading the Kolping idea all over the country, gathers many people into Kolping groups. Very fast Kolping became an important part of German society in 19th century and from year to year, from century to century its importance has increased. Today, there is Kolping present all over the

Germany. Both older Kolping members as well as younger ones are very active on different levels - parish, diocesan, regional, national and international. German Kolping society is a model to many other societies from different countries and throughout the years they have built truly strong national and international Kolping network.

Kolping youth Europe has always had nice cooperation with different German Kolping youth groups and for this opportunity will be presented Kolping youth of Archdiocese of Bamberg. Beside the enormous and important contribution of Kolping youth in life of this Archdiocese, next Kolping youth week in 2017 will be organised by this group and held in Nuremberg from August 13th until August 20th. Kolping members from different European countries will have

an opportunity to get to know a part of the interesting and dynamic Kolping life in this German region.

Up to 15 Kolping youth groups with nearly 800 - 1000 members are participating actively in life of their Kolping society, their Archdiocese of Bamberg, but this way also of their state.

In year 2015 Kolping youth of Archdiocese of Bamberg organised and realized campaign „Total sozial 2015“. The main topic was to promote

fair trade, inclusion of asylum seekers and inclusion of disabled people. Archdiocesan Kolping leaders visited every local group to promote the idea and to motivate the groups to participate with their own projects on local level. As a part of this campaign there prepared in 2015 also an event „Orange day“. It was organised the city game together with disabled people sitting in wheelchairs. Exhibition about all events which were part of the „Total sozial 2015“ was the closing event of this significant campaign. Some impression about it you can find in a movie via further link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bopP6_Dp6E.

As the Kolping Germany rewards the best Kolping project each year for the previous year, „Total sozial 2015“ was proclaimed as the best one in 2015.

In year 2016 Kolping youth Bamberg continued with their regular activities, giving the best in their surroundings. Every year they organise annual conference of the Kolping youth of Archdiocese of Bamberg, as well as the trainings for new group leaders and also for experienced ones. Training for new group leaders includes 5 days in autumn and 3 days in spring and targets are young group leaders from the age of 15. In this programme participants learn about methods in youth work, pedagogical basics and the legal framework.

Programme for experienced group leaders includes 3 days of training in spring and this is a possibility for the group leaders to learn something new and exchange the experiences they have made on local level. Main topic of this trainings changes from year to year, for example in year 2015 it was the „nature education“ and in year 2016 „emergency management“. Very important aim achieved in year 2016 are improved contacts between local and regional Kolping groups and increased number of participants of their annual conference.

Participation on several events and seminars on European level was also a part of the Kolping youth activities. In last years they took a part in workshops in Brussels (European Parliament, 2014), Serbia („Let’s flood them with messages“, 2014) and Kolping youth week, 2015) and in

Cologne („Media workshop“, 2015). In year 2016 this group joined to the Erasmus+ project with some other European countries and participated in Cologne at the seminar called „Smart communication, smart youth participation“.

For the plans in year 2017 of this very active Kolping groups you can find out more at their official website:

<http://www.kolpingjugend-bamberg.de/>.

But for sure, they are waiting for you on Kolping youth week in the middle of August. Join!



KOLPING YOUTH OF ARCHDIOCESE OF BAMBERG

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KOLPING YOUTH PORTUGAL

At very west of the European continent, in beautiful country of Portugal, exists very strong Kolping society, with very active Kolping youngsters.



The youth of the Kolping Society of Portugal promote, organize and participate in different kind of cultural and solidarity actions in the communities in which it is inserted. These young people, under the motto of "few, but good" have developed projects and activities in the areas of the well-being, solidarity and inclusion, by putting their knowledge and skills at the service to who are in need.

This initiatives, especially with children and the elderly, allow them to experience and develop values and skills in the areas of well-being, solidarity, tolerance, inter-relief, among others, building a fairer society.

So, some of the actions that Kolping youth Portugal organise are: raising and distributing food products to families in need, fund raising for solidarity, encounters between generations, organization and participation in cultural activities, like peregrinations, hiking and museum visits.

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