

## Membership Meeting 2017 was held in Romania



We know the winners of the  
Photocontest!

Christmas  
is coming!



## Christmas Greetings



*Dear Kolping Members,*

*the cosiness of Christmas never ends  
and its greatest gifts are family and friends.*

*In the name of Kolping Youth Europe  
I wish you and your family  
merry Christmas and a happy, successful New Year.*

*Gellért Szabó  
President of Kolping Youth Europe*



# Christmas in Europe ...

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SERBIA**



**KOLPING  
ROMANIA**



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POLAND**



## Membership meeting of Kolping Youth Europe



Albania, Czech Republic, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Ukraine and Hungary are the 12 countries from where 22 youngsters came to Timișoara (Romania) to represent their national associations at the Kolping Youth Europe membership meeting, which took place on the 9th-12th of November 2017.

## 9-12.11.2017 in Timisoara, Romania

Friday morning we headed towards the office of the organisation and, together with Ana-Maria Andronic, the facilitator of the „Promotion and motivation” workshop, we managed to get to know each other better. Then the Board of Kolping Youth Europe, represented by Gellért Szabó (president), Henrietta Blejan (vicepresident) and Viktorija Erjavec, presented the activity report (important to point out are the European Youth Week, the photo contest and the newsletter) and the plans for the upcoming year, while Patrycja Kwapik spoke about the financial situation. Then followed the presentation of the youth activities of each participating country, which gave us the opportunity to appreciate the diversity and the particularities of each association, at the same time making us think of the words of Adolph Kolping – “The needs of the times will teach you what to do.” During the afternoon we clarified what Kolping means to each of us, which are the target groups when we talk about attracting new members and how we can involve young people in volunteering activities. In other words, we focused on promotion. A great opportunity to unwind and to have fun was the cultural evening that took place afterwards.

The discussions we had on Saturday were focused on motivation. Divided into 5 working groups, we shared experiences, discussed what motivates and demotivates us, identified the common problems we face in our volunteering work and saw how, through the activities carried out, the association responds to every level of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. During the afternoon we mixed business with pleasure and also reinforced the idea of teamwork by working together in order to get out of an escape room. Later that day we participated

at the Holy Mass and said the Prayer of the Faithful in every language of the participants.

On Sunday, during the evaluation session, Serbia expressed its desire to organise the next Membership Meeting of Kolping Youth Europe in Novi Sad. Proposals for organising the European Youth Week are still awaited.

Gathered together from all over Europe and without previously having had the opportunity to interact very much with each other, this promotion and motivation workshop gave us the opportunity to build stronger ties and it also gave us an impulse for the following year. I will conclude with the words of Adolph Kolping, which could be considered a conclusion to our meeting – “Those who want to win people must leave their hearts as a token.”

**Ana-Maria Nicu**



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## International Workcamp in Romania



For a week, the volunteers of the Kolping Association of Romania and Germany, along with the journeyman coming from Sibiu, took a first step for what is to be the “House of Calfes Timisoara”.

The first day was dedicated to presenting the activities of the two associations: Kolping Romania and the Journeyman House in Sibiu. Volunteers have had the opportunity to ask questions and find out why some young people, after learning a job, choose to travel for 3 years and a day to learn practical things to make it easier to live.

The presentation of the Journeyman House in Sibiu was made by Stefan Walter, president of the association. After finishing the class, he chose to stay in Romania and promote the traditional crafts of Transylvania and Banat.

The next day, the young people attended the Holy Mass in the Millennium Church, being greeted and encouraged by the parish priest Kapor Janos.

For three days, a work camp took place on the building site on Ioan Bonțila Street no. 12-14 in the Fabric neighborhood. Demolition and sanitation works have been carried out, attempting, as far as possible, the recovery of bricks, tiles and carpentry, these being more than one hundred years old. The materials will be reused in the construction of the future Fabric Journeyman House, being properly recovered and stored.

The volunteers formed seven work teams, each team being led by one journeyman.

It was a warm day and the program was quite demanding, volunteers being on the site for eleven hours. Journeyman even chose to stay on the site to start earlier and stay up late, being accustomed to work around fourteen hours.

The food was prepared by Ioana and Petre Diaconescu, both of whom are voluntarily involved in the social canteen of the Kolping Family of St. Mary Timisoara.

July 20th was dedicated to the demonstration workshops organized by journeyman and the presentation of Kolping activities on the pedestrian alley Mărășești in the city center. Many people have welcomed and encouraged the initiative of building a Calf House in Timișoara, as well as the activities involving volunteers.

In the last two days the participants visited Kolping House in Caransebes and Maria Radna Basilica.

The Limburg Group was led by Tabea Eberl and Uwe Friedmann, youth leaders from the Kolping Limburg Diocese. In addition to the youth groups from Timișoara, Sânnandrei, Liebling and Tășnad, young people from Oituz and Ploscuțeni, as well as two volunteers from Cameroon, took part. Monica Munteanu - project manager - and Corneliu Bulai - training officer contributed to the organization and management of the seminar. The working group was accompanied by Daniela Barbulescu - president of the association, Istvan Gödri - central praeses and Ana-Maria Nicu - youth leader.

Both the site and the presentations were attended by Rolf Mahrun - Consul General and Frank Ufken - Vice-Consul from the German Consulate in Timisoara, as well as Peter Hochmut - President of the German Economic Club in Timisoara.

Radio Timisoara, TVR Timisoara, and Digi Tv have covered the event.

The initiative was funded by Kolping Limburg and Kolping Romania, supported by the German Banat Economic Club and the Timis County Cultural Directorate.

### ***Kolping Romania***



## Twentieth anniversary of Kolping family St. Joseph, Zagreb

Although Kolping in Croatia is present over 160 years, it was strongly renewed again in late 1990's. In year 1997 the Kolping family St. Joseph from Zagreb started with its work.

The biggest number of active Croatian Kolping youth members currently comes from this Kolping family. As important members of their Kolping family, youngsters participated in the preparation and celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Kolping family's work at the end of the November 2017. Strengthening even more the bonds with all Kolping family members during the preparational way, at the day of the celebration they were dedicated to the younger guests, mostly to the ones

from the Kolping family from German town Hoerste. Two Kolping families have special connection and cooperation for several years and it was an honor to hosts them on this special anniversary also. Beside guests from Hoerste, there were also three generations of Kolping secretaries of the Archdiocese of Paderborn. Having them at the celebration was an opportunity for youth to hear a bit more about the history of the connection between two countries (Archdiocese of Paderborn and Archdiocese of Zagreb), to see and understand better the present connections and possibilities and also to think about the possible future bonds and common projects.





## 24 November 2017 in Zagreb, Croatia



It was real joyfulness to make a short revision of growth of Kolping family and of Kolping youth during the same period.

Beside being active members of their Kolping families, young Croatian Kolping members are also lately improving their connection with different types of cooperations, trying to point out the possibilities for youngsters as an active Kolping members but also as an users of some activities. Their example of enjoyment in Kolping activities covered with Kolping spirit and enthusiasm are the best invitation to others to join.

***Kolping Youth Croatia***



## Ukraine: A Fairy Tale



This year the Kolping Youth Day in Ukraine was held on 4th of November in Czernivtsi. Topic of the meeting was the world of the heroes from fairy tales.

The participants enraptured with richness of the topic gathered at the same place and had a lot of fun. Feys, wolfs, princesses, angels and devils were just some of the personalities and heroes that were present at the feast.

Participants presented their costumes and the activities of heroes and participated also in several games and quests.

*Kolping Youth Ukraine*



## Serbia: You in the Eyes of an Employer



Project "Model of Youth Development for Employment" was promoted on the public event in Novi Sad, Serbia, called "You in the Eyes of an Employer".

This event was organized by Kolping Srbija and its main idea was to give the participants, young people in search for a job, an opportunity to talk directly to lecturers, HR managers, trainers on numerous topics relevant for increasing the employment chances, and ask for specific and direct advises. Around 70 participants have contributed to the very lively panel discussion and since the relevance of the project's topic turned out to be very significant for the young people, Kolping Serbia will continue to organize similar events in the future.



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*Kolping Youth Serbia*



You can find more about the  
project on the internet site:  
[modelyde.net](http://modelyde.net)

## !!! PHOTOCONTEST 2017 !!!



Summer is in a full swing and maybe you spend some holiday time with a kolping friends or at a kolping place. Feel free to attend and share some photos with us and maybe win a small price.

### RULES:

- On the photo need to be visible a **Kolping sign** (any) **and your face**.
- On the background need to be visible **something recognizable**.  
(not just some wall or some general things, but something from which is clear where the photo was taken)
- Post the photo with localization and personal details on our FB site in section Photo competition 2017 which will be pinned on the top of the wall
- There will be three categories.
  1. the farthest photo from the centre of Kolping society (Cologne, Germany) **worldwide**
  2. the farthest photo **within Europe** from geogr. middle of Europe in Slovakia
  3. the **creasiest / funniest** photo
- Evaluation of the contest will be in last newsletter of the year, winners will got some original presents from Slovak organizers and winning photos will be presented in newsletter.

## PHOTOCONTEST 2017

What's up paparazzi! :D ... thank you all who attended our first photocontest and shared the best memories with Kolping and friends. It was really fun to see how amazingly can Kolping Youth spend time together everywhere on the World.



As we promised, here is an evaluation. Winners will receive tasty gift package from Slovakian Kolping. We chose 3 lucky guys for our 3 categories.



The farthest photo from Cologne, Germany  
**Zdravko I. (SRB)** – Machu Picchu, 10 422km from A. Kolpings tomb



Farthest photo within Europe:  
**Heinz S. (CH)** – Lamego, Portugal, 2254km from the geographical centre of Europe in Slovakia



The craziest/funniest picture  
**Sven M. (DE)** – Lima, Peru, Jump on the Kolping board!

**Congratulations to winners and look forward for next competition!**



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