***Georgian- Finnish- Abkhazian International Project:***

**“Europe is our common house - we will make new and better future”**

The project will be held within the framework of International Summer School „Eureka“ with participation of IDP children from Abkhazia and South Ossetia, ethnic Georgian, Abkhaz and Ossetian children living in conflict zones as well as children from European countries.

The project will be opened in Tbilisi. The project will travel to various regions of Georgia (Kakheti, Kartli, Imereti, Lechkhumi, Racha, Svaneti, Guria, Samegrelo) with the motto. **“Europe is our common house, we will make new and better future”** The project will be held from September . 2017 The total number of participants 56. 45 youngsters and 11 service persons. From 17-23 years,

**Implementing Agency:**

Full legal name: Association of Georgia - Finland: Tbilisi - Helsinki and European Alliance for Georgia.

**Other partner:**

Founders of the Center for Georgia –Finnish Friendship and Cultural Relations – Georgia with the Rest of the World - Finland Humanitarian Programs Center “Apsni” - Abkhazia

**Introduction**

Apart from enormous problems the country is facing in the aftermath of the Russian invasion in August 2008 which led ethnic cleansing, refugee crisis and occupation of more than 20% of our territory, is the problem related to physical and mental development of children and young people, victims of this nasty war. Wars and incessant conflicts effect negatively on children. They are divided into two categories: IDP children who were expelled from their homes and children who live in conflict zones divided by occupation lines. They are cut off the rest of Georgia, with little or no access of humanitarian aid and human rights monitoring. They are growing in an isolated world where fear, violence and hopelessness persist. This situation concerns Georgian, Abkhaz and Ossetian children alike.

The occupation lines hinder the divided populations of Georgia from interacting with each other. We strongly believe that that the process of engaging divided generations will play a crucial role into breaking the artificial barriers, reducing mistrust and prejudice, and promoting friendship.

The aim of the project is to engage and facilitate the adaptability of alienated Abkazian and Ossetian youngsters with their Georgian mates, with an ultimate goal of building confidence to support the peaceful reintegration process of Georgia. Also to integrate in European area.

**Project Location:**

**Four days in Tbilisi**

The project will start in Tbilisi with gathering and accommodation of participant children from Abkhazia, South Ossetia and other regions of the country as well as receiving young people from Europe. They will be received by Ilia II, His Holiness and Beatitude of All Georgia at his residence.

Participants of the project will be rewarded with his commemorative gifts by his Holiness Catholicos Patriarch. The experiences of previous year show that Abkhazian young people feel free to open at the meeting with their holiness, and are very frank. The first minutes of the meeting are distrust, unconscious fear and the first inconvenience. At these meetings it is emphasized that for his holiness will be a great desire to enter the land of Abkhazia as a spiritual shepherd and to offer a liturgical prayer for both sides temporarily disconnected with evil interference. Here, in Tbilisi, it is possible to become a spiritual father and godfather of Abkhaz youth who have a great desire, young people from Gagra and Sokhumi have long dreamed about it and are prepared for it

Participating young people will meet and get acquainted with Georgian-Abkhazian; Georgian-Ossetian; Georgian-Caucasian; Georgian-Russian; Representatives of Georgian culture and science working on Georgian-European relations; Mr Anzor Erkomaishvili has greatly appreciated the folklore (Georgian, Abkhazian, Ossetian, Caucasian). Ensembles - "Rustavi", "Phazisi" users. The meeting will be held with open and free speech. Improved mini concert

Introductory meetings after breakfast: Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University. At the University of Abkhazia; Cinema and Theater University, at the Academy of Art, at the Conservatory. (In order to present them in perspective of continuing their studies) .They were grown, professionalized, and their ancestors came from where they originated, feeding Abkhazian and Ossetian culture, theater, cinema, painting, music, writing. In the event of their talent, wish and desire, they will be able to learn to master special professions that will help them to develop their own ethnic culture. (If necessary, there is a readiness to open the chapters of teaching in Abkhazian language).

It is planned to cushion the monument of Dimitri Gulia's Abkhazian writer and public figure in the writers' union: Georgian writers, scientists and culture actors who support initiatives, projects that provide Abkhazian culture with the help of Georgian culture and access to Georgian language and culture. This will enable them to realize their integration into the Georgian family, international class, successful writers, musicians, theater and artists.

**The project participants will set off various regions of Georgia.**

The project participants will attend scientific- cognitive, cultural, educational, sport and fitness modules adapted by Georgian and Finnish qualified experts in respective fields at the International School “Eureka.” (The programs are attached) Also participants will travel various regions of west Georgia by programs of the project.

**Eastern Georgia.**

* Breakfast in the hotel “Sakartvelo” After breakfast, departure to : Sighnaghi (Bodbe) - Tsinandali - the museum of the Chavchavadzes,
* Dinner. (Organizing Hotel “Sakartvelo” Management). Telavi King - Erekle's Palace and Historical Museum
* Return to Tbilisi. Dinner at the hotel.

**South Georgia. Samtskhe-Javakheti::**

* Breakfast in Tbilisi Hotel in Meskheti: Akhaltsikhe, the capital of the jackals, historical museum, Rabat. Cover. Vardzia, Tmogvi, Tsunda
* Theater evening will be held in Akhaltsikhe, with initiative of local community and Akhaltsikhe University students; "From the South Carbide to the Cathedral of Bedia ...!" (Meaning the first king of the United Kingdom of Georgia – Bagrat III, Tao from Abkhazia - in fate and burial at the monastery of "Vlakern". The king who was beaten in Panaskert Prison 1014 was patrolled in the Cathedral of the Virgin Mary and from Tao to Bedia And the unity of the Georgians will be handed over to their King-owner.)
* Dinner in Akhaltsikhe (organizing the hotel "Georgia" management)
* Return to Tbilisi Dinner at the hotel

**Western Georgia - Imereti - Kutaisi**

Breakfast in the hotel "Sakartvelo" and travel to Kutaisi. The hotel "Bagrati". Kutaisi Historical Museum Historic sites of the city; Royal Residence - "Golden canopy", White Bridge, Old Kutaisi, Spiritual and Cultural Centers: Bagrati, Gelati, Sataplia, Motsameta; Prometheus Cave)

* Dinner, dinner at the hotel "Bagrati"

**Kutaisi**

* After Breakfast meeting with writers of Kutaisi, scientists, public figures and student youth. At the end of the meeting will be shown a doc film On the Tragedy of Andria Kurashvili, the father of the Georgian Yuri Anua and the Georgian monk of the Abkhazian warrior who sacrificed the artificially confiscated Abkhazian-Georgian conflict
* In the courtyard of the Bagrati Cathedral will be symbolically presented a joint creative evening; **"We are one!" - King Bagrat unites us.**
* Lunch, dinner at the hotel.

**Lechkhumi - Tsageri - Lower Svaneti - Lentekhi.**

* .Breakfast at the hotel "Bagrati". Departure: Tsageri-Khvameli, Lado Asatiani House Museum, Maxims Confessor's Way - Monastery. Kvemo Svaneti: Lentekhi, ethno-culture.) Tsageri's ancient castle - towers;
* .Dinner by the "Bagrati" hotel management.
* Lechkhumi hospitality, concert at Tsageri "Green Theater" (Open Air); The guest is for God - "The road from Abkhazia to Lechkhumi and to Savaneti is short!"

(The evening will be built on the historic and exciting fact - how father saved his five sons, the Abkhazian host - Emkvari, a friend of his own gave his son to a friend, after the years he stands for the independence of the country, battle with Georgian Hero Kote Abkhazi. They were true heroes of Georgia, sacrificed themselves independence of the country).

* Return to Kutaisi at the hotel.

**(4) days: Guria - Adjara - Batumi.**

* Breakfast in Kutaisi, Hotel "Bagrati. Departure: On the way Guria and his sights.
* Lunch in Batumi. Hotel "Prestige". walk in the city. Introducing old and new neighborhoods, the city's backyard: Gonio, Petra, the fortresses; The border village of Sarpi; Makhinjauri-green cape ...

During the stay in Adjara participants will visit Batumi Archaeological Museum; Botanical Garden, Dolphinarium; Music-colored fountain and entertainment attraction; Opera theater; Meet the legendary former representatives of the children's opera group; The city's well-known public figures, students .

* Young Abkhazian people who are involved in the project will visit the mountainous Adjara. In the village of Feria will meet the representatives of Abkhazian Muhajirs, the Abkhazian elderly faithful Abkhazian traditions
* Specially, Abkhazian youth who are participating in the project will organize a solemn meeting with their Abkhaz compact settlements in Adjara, their children. They get acquainted with each other, exchange ideas, which will become the basis for their approximation, relationship with each other.
* Meeting with Adjara governmental circles is also planned ... Project coordinator in Adjara, Member of Parliament of Georgia, Svetlana Kudba, Chairman of Abkhaz Women's Committee.

**Samegrelo**

* Breakfast. After breakfast travel to Samegrelo region. On the way Poti as the center of ancient city Iberian culture; Martvili and Martvili Canyon; Dinner in Martvili:
* Fortress-Godji-Nokalakevi; Khobi Monastery, residence of the Patriarch of Western Georgia and the honest cloak of the last Savior Mary from the time of the Government of Levan Dadiani; The architectural complex of the main cathedral and monastery of Samegrelo;

**The final part of the project - closing: Zugdidi**

* Breakfast at the hotel "Golden Fleece". Departure to Zugdidi. Congratulations to the main cathedral of the monastery lavre-complex under construction of "Iveria saint Mary" Meeting with Metropolitan Gerasime and other spiritual fathers.
* .Historical and architectural museum of the Dadiani and the complex of its principal garden-park; Welcome to the palace. An honest cloak of the Holy Mary, in the Cathedral of the former Principality of the Cathedral and now the Cathedral of the Cathedral "Vlakerne holy Mary".
* The closing ceremony of the project: The meeting of host and guests with the participation of local and invited performers. Concert with creative program.

Will be presented in Zugdidi, as the old dadianuri Georgian-European city - a bridge between Abkhazia and the rest of the parties and to Europe. both ancient and Christian periods, the original synthesis of the Georgian-European cultures is a unique integration of its urban and palace-park architectural complex of the United States treasures rarest collections.

* Farewell dinner in Zugdidi.
* Farewell to the participants of Abkhaz group at the Enguri Bridge. On the way the maternity monastery of Iveria Holy Mary, a spiritual-cultural center built by Levan Dadiani and a fortification military architecture, which was a great strategic importance in the north-western Georgia in medieval times. Rukhi Fortress and "Otsantse-Satanjo - Enguri Bridge"
* The Way of Peace and Good Angels, Friends!
* . Return rest of the project participants in Tbilisi and farewell to European guests.

**General Agency Profile and Experience:**

Association of Friendship between Georgia and Finland; “Tbilisi-Helsinki and European Alliance for Georgia” was established in Tbilisi, Georgia in 2001. The organization forms partnership with its associated group “Center for Georgia –Finnish Friendship and Cultural Relations – Georgia with the Rest of the World,” established in Helsinki, Finland in 2002.

The organization seeks to promote Georgian history, culture and economic capabilities within European and Scandinavian countries. For this reason, the association is basically oriented on setting up and supporting cultural and academic networks between Georgian and Finnish communities, based on shared values and mutual interests. The cemented ties will contribute to the growing interest of the European community to Georgia and support our goals of European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

**The list of implemented projects by Association of Friendship between Georgia and Finland; “Tbilisi-Helsinki and European Alliance for Georgia:”**

**1.** Finnish-Georgian New Year Events - the Center for Georgia –Finnish Friendship and Cultural Relations hosted a reception for the promotion of Georgian culture, folklore and choreography in the cities of Helsinki and Vantaa, Finland in December 2010. Apart from professionals, the performance also involved the beneficiaries of the Project “Eureka,” who familiarized with Georgia during their summer school sessions.

2.Arranging conference “Georgia is excellent opportunity for foreign investments and tourism” – the event hosted various business groups from Finland in charge of hi-tech companies, as well as local entrepreneurs interested in agricultural products, wine and tourism (September, 2010). Participants familiarized with the business climate and legislative basis of Georgia. The business groups shaped further commitments and action plans.

3.“Financial Support and Solidarity to War Affected Children of Georgia – Santa Claus from Lapland with Georgian Children” – the event took place from 1 to 9 January, 2010 with the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland and Finnish business sector. The project provided Christmas presents for the war affected children in the cities of Gori, Koda and Tserovani of Georgia.

4.“26 May is the Independence Day of Georgia!” – the Center for Georgia-Finnish Friendship and Cultural Relations keeps up with the tradition of celebrating the Independence Day of Georgia every year, involving diplomats, scholars, business groups and media.

5.“Healing the Wounds of War to Children – Make the World Safe!” – establishing the international summer school “Eureka” under the patronage of the President of Georgia, through partnerships with Finnish community. During 2005-2006, the programme involved Georgian IDP children, who attended the summer school in Adjara region, Georgia, together with their Ossetian, Abkhazian and Chechen mates. In parallel, the project was branched in Finland, which provided shelter for children displaced from various conflict regions of the world.

6. Georgian Art in Finland – launching a business trip of Georgian graphic artists to the cities of Helsinki and Vantaa of Finland in June, 2006. Arranging their personal exhibition.

7.Promoting Georgian culture and economic capabilities in Europe – arranging a presentation of Georgian folklore and vine culture in the cities of Helsinki, Turku and Espoo, Finland in 2006 (performance by Georgian State Academic Folk Song and Dance Ensemble Rustavi; presenting Georgian cuisine and wine products).

8.Georgian and Finnish New Year and Christmas events in Finland – presenting the projects related to the promotion of Georgian culture, folklore and choreography, Georgian language, alphabet and Georgian cuisine (December 2006).

9.“Happy New Year Georgia!” – launching video live stream from Lapland and Helsinki, Finland, (2006-2007).

10.The project European Alliance for Georgia- Let us Fall the Wall of Mistrust and Hatred! Join us for Peace and Peaceful Co-existence! was implemented in the frame of summer school Eureka in Batumi from the 9th to 29th August 2011

11.Georgian - Finnish International Project ; For Peaceful Co-existence and Better Future! Let us Trust Each Other’’ .The project held within framework of International Summer school Eureka with participation of IDP children from Abkhazia and South Ossetia, ethnic Georgian , Abkhaz and Ossetian children living in conflict zones..The project opened in Tbilisi. The project took place in Gudauri – Stepantsminda. The project held From November 15 to November 29, 2013.

12. On 26 February in Helsinki held presentation of Finnish writer Krista berglund, Susan ikonen, TeuvaLaitilaJa Ville Ropponen, Name of the book is " Loytoretkia Georgiaa"

Authors of the book were in Georgia. They had meeting with Georgian People, culture, Life,. Their book is about their trip in Georgia. There is information about Georgia and Georgian people.Organizators of this presentation were EteriSarre - President of Georgian - Finnish friendship association. : MananaKvenetadze -Machavariani : President of the Association Georgia - Finland: Tbilisi - Helsinki and European Alliance for Georgia.

13.By the Initiative of the organization from March 21 to 29 march there were 20 Finnish students in Georgia. They are working as journalists. Their aim was to introduce Georgia for the Finnish audience. To introduce Georgian past, especially the time during Soviet Union. Association has made a tip for these students, in Gori museum of Stalin. Also there were meeting with the Georgian Sportsmen who are world, European and Olympic champions. Finnish student Ina Kauppinen, MillaHagg, Maija-StinaTamminen, MinnaHarkonen met with a Footballer MurtazKhurtsilava and well known Wrestler Roman Rurua. Both meeting were very interested. Students were invited to eat Georgian well known dishes. It will be memorable day for Finnish students. Also there are planned changing programs between Georgian and Finnish students.

14. By the support of the association on March 30 in Finland there was a concert of the national ensemble of Georgia. Sukhishvilebi”. It was an anniversary date of this ensemble. 60 years ago their first trip out of Georgia was in Finland. The Finnish audience was very happy that they have an opportunity to see this concert. This day was memorable of these two nations. The audience was great this fact also is a great step between Georgia and Finland.

**Achievements:**

The projects were implemented in 2005 and 2006 within the framework of International Summer School Eureka under the slogan- “Let’s heal the wounds of children caused by war to make the world safe” in 2011 under the slogan- “ Let us Fall the wall of mistrust and hatred!” And in 2013 under the slogan; “For Peaceful Co-existence and Better Future! Let us Trust Each Other’’ Join us for peace and peaceful co-existence! In Batumi, a summer resort town at the Black Sea coast. Georgian refugee children from Abkhazia and Tskhinvali Region, Abkhazian and Ossetian teens living in the conflict zones of Georgia as well as Finnish children as well as children from various countries of the world (Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ghana, Sudan, Angola, Serbia) who have gone through different wars and granted asylum in Finland took part in the previous project. It should be noted that in a short time they built warm relationships with each other and made new friendships. They still continue to keep in touch with one another. Participation of children around the world, involvement of professional pedagogue-specialists’ with their own modules; Georgian-Finnish high standard integration-rehabilitation-sport-health-tourist – educational –cultural modules, various events and a documentary film shot within the framework of the project caught attention of society, local and foreign media. The projects were a message to the civilized world that Georgia seeks peace and peaceful solution of the conflicts. It was a demonstration that Georgia pays attention to such projects aiming at tolerant, multicultural and multiethnic society. The implementation of the project made a positive contribution into the process of rapprochement and peaceful co-existence Georgian children and representatives of ethnical minorities of Georgia-

The project Finnish Solidarity with War Victim Children- Santa Claus from Lapland, an ambassador of peace visits victim children of war which was held in January 2010 aimed to help IDP children and those living in conflict zones recovering from the effects of the war and encouraging them. Santa Claus is regarded as an ambassador of peace in the world and his visit to Georgia at that very moment, when the country was recovering from the war was strong moral support. The project was not confined to the capital city; it expanded and encompassed the town of Gori and refugee settlements of Koda and Tserovani. All these projects caught attention of the media and enjoyed a highly positive public feedback at local and international level alike. .

In 2011 the project funded by COBERM under the title; “Let us Fall the Wall of Mistrust and Hatred! Join us for Peace and Peaceful Co-existence! achieved significant results. The participants were then 15-16 years old and nowadays they are the students of University of Sokhumi and Tskhinvali. They have close relations with each other by social networks, from this point the established Student movement In Abkhazia- Sukhumi and in Tskhinvali , Participants of This project Vadim Ekhvaia and Eka Koraeva has started a student movement with other Abkhazian and South Ossetian students.

Now they believe that their country is Georgia, they believe that Georgians are not their enemies they are friends. This movement is called “We will make a new, Better future”. Alsothey established Abkhazian mothers movement “lets teach our children to forgive each other”. The founders of this movement are Nina Mirtskhulava and her mother Khatuna Mirtskhulava. They are from Sokhumi. Nina Mirtskhulva participated in the project “let’s heal the wounds of children caused by war to make the world safe” in 2006. Nina graduated from Sokhumi University and now studies Master’s in one of the universities in USA. Her mother Khatuna Mirtskhulava also took part in the project as a teacher; She still lives in Sokhumi and is an active supporter of our projects together with other Abkhaz youngsters. The participants of this project are the children who are in these organizations. They are resource to build a new and developed Georgia. Their goal is to achieve steady progress and get closer to Europe and to live in a healthy and peaceful society. They will trust each other.

Nowadays we wrote to the prime -minister of Georgia to do all necessary things for the Abkhazian and South Ossetian to study and get high education without payment. Also Finnish side as a part of this project arranged for enrolling a few Abkhazians and Ossetian in Finnish universities.

TV Obiektivi invited Ana Atsamba, a participant of the international project - “Let us fall the wall of mistrust and hatred! Join us for peace and peaceful co-existence!“ Financed by COBERM, finished her speech with the following words: “My father is Abkhazian and my mother is Georgian. I have two hands, right and left. I cannot cut either. Both my parents are precious for me. When the Eureka 2011 finished, one of the participants from Sokhumi named Akhra came and said to me: Ana, we should find a way to trust each other and build confidence with each other. I will come back, Ana.” - These words are my great hope. These words best describe what the project changed in their life**.**

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The project that was implemented in 2013 with the support of COBERM proved very successful. It surpassed all our expectations. The project participant children built warm relations with each other and removed all the barriers that hindered them from trust building. Two Abkhazian girls decided to baptize in Stepatsminda Church and chose ethnic Georgians as their godfathers. This fact says a lot.

The previous projects and experience showed us that these young generations are capable to build a new strong, independent, democratic and economically thriving country sharing European values and principles. They are striving for progress and bright future. And what is most important, they did not point guns at each other.

**Project Baseline**

The “Eureka” summer school is implementing activities of high academic standards geared towards youth from conflict zones. Their academic modules cover a wide range of areas, such as scientific and educational, cultural, sports and fitness, culture and arts, etc., using international standards adapted from Finnish methodology-a methodology combines physical and psychological rehabilitation side by side with courses that foster tolerance, understanding and humanity among conflict affected youth. Furthermore, all modules are designed to help interaction among divided populations from conflict zones with the purpose to increase interaction that will ultimately reduce prejudices of “the other.”

Abkhaz youngsters will be invited from Abkhazia (Sokhumi, Gagra, Gudauta, Tkvarcheli, Gulripshi, Gali) from South Ossetian youngsters will be from Tskhinvali and Akhalgori.Participation of young people from European countries (such as Finland, Sweden,Estonia, France and Spain) will give them more motivation and courage to engage in the project. It is also a good opportunity for them to interact with foreign mates. And to get close with a Europe.

**Situational Analysis**

One of the tolls of the is facing in the aftermath of the August 2008 conflict is its negative impact on people from all the conflict areas, in particular the youth. They are divided into two categories: IDP children who have to leave their homes and children who live in conflict zones divided by the administrative border lines. They are cut off the rest of Georgia, with little or no access of humanitarian aid and human rights monitoring. They are growing in an isolated world marred by depression and hopelessness towards the future. This situation concerns Georgian, Abkhaz and Ossetian children alike.

The current situation hinders the divided populations of Abkhaz, Georgians and Ossetians from interacting with each other. We strongly believe that that the process of engaging divided generations will play a crucial role into breaking the artificial barriers, reducing mistrust and prejudice, and promoting friendship.

Correspondingly, by bringing together youth from Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia, the project gives a rare opportunity for teenagers living separately-who have common past and common concerns- to engage within the framework of joint cultural and social activities. Furthermore, the project aims to help develop a common vision for how interactions among this group of youth could be continued. Thus, the project is relevant from a confidence building perspective as it aims to stimulate people to people contacts in a meaningful way, by engaging youth from Georgia, Abkhazia and South Ossetia in a number of educational and cultural activities that aim strengthening the culture of tolerance and gives the opportunity for them to know each other.

**Project Overall Objective:**

Deriving from all above mentioned factors, the project aims to provide a platform for dialogue and interaction that will facilitate dialogue between divided communities. Hence, we plan to bring together Georgian, Abkhazian and Ossetian youngsters and engage them into academic and cultural activities, as well in European sports and rehabilitation programs**.**

**Project Specific Objectives:**

1) Exploring new ways of communication with people beyond the artificial barriers in Abkhazia, Georgia and Tskhinvali region/South Ossetia, Georgia, through internationally agreed norms for conflict resolution.

2) Facilitating interaction of alienated Abkhazian and Ossetian youth with Georgian community with an ultimate goal of supporting their peaceful engagement processes.

This project will be held within the framework of international Summer school “Eureka”, and it will include the following European-Finnish Integration - Educational - Cognitive Rehabilitation- Healthy - Sport Culture Art modules:

These modules have been developed by qualified Finnish pedagogues and scientists. These modules are adapted in various countries, where children who have sustained different wars take spiritual, mental and physical rehabilitation courses. The module encourages tolerance, restoration of trust and integration of children into the society

**Project Outputs:**

Output 1. Positive Interaction between Georgian, Abkhazian and Ossetian youth is enhanced via participation in a camp, together with youth from EU countries.

Output 2. Engaging and facilitating new ideas for future joint cooperation between Georgian, Abkhazian and Ossetian youth are elaborated.

**Methodology**

Under this activity, 4 modules will be covered by school-academy “Eureka”. The list below represents the detailed review of the activities that are planned to be organized in frames of “Eureka.” The modules will run in Georgian, English, Abkhazian and Ossetian languages.

**Module 1:** The program includes an experienced Finnish scholar-teacher programs that are adapted to different countries of the world. The main focus will be on educating residents of the conflict regions, understanding the youth of different ethnic groups, restoring confidence in the educational community, peaceful coexistence in the united space, their European space and ways of integration with the outside world. It is important that Finland's experience is exemplary and exemplary by organizing the psychological, social assistance and rehabilitation programs of migrant people from different countries around the world, including conflicts, wars and natural disasters. Problem of Abkhazian and Ossetian youth participating in the project; Occupied, living in the informational vacuum as a result of war and conflicts, is a residential place allocated from the world by wires. Peace, peaceful coexistence, progress, good education, realization of their capabilities. Finland's experience in the early years has successfully completed, creating an independent, successful, outstanding education and economic models. The role of young people - the protection and development of the country, tolerance, solidarity, peace and peaceful coexistence will be exemplary for them. Project Includes cognitive and educational program planned within the “Eureka “project; also includes Finnish, Swedish and English language blitz programs / Program Manager; Finnish teacher - specialist Pauli Sarsama.

**Module 2**: The program will be implemented for the spiritual and physical rehabilitation of ethnicly different teenagers, the rapprochement of one another, the peaceful coexistence in the united space. Special Integration - Sports - Recreation Programs Massive sporting events, sports competitions will be conducted in advance schedule; "Sport Peace and Friendship Ambassador!" "Sport for all!" Will also play a game “SALIBAND" - a kind of popular sport in Finland and Scandinavia In the framework of the Open State, the Finnish state sport program "All should be healthy", will be organized to popular sport in Georgia. A wide range of recreational activities will be held. In which all can participate. The psychologist will work in the program.

Head of Program: Eteri Sarre, Master of International Sports, Chief Specialist at the Sports Rehabilitation Finnish Center for war victims and Conflict victims. Finnish State Sports Program KKI "All should Be Healthy" prize winner, head of children's and children's copyright programs.

**Module 3:** The program includes; Folklore, choreography, theatrical blitz-programs. Cultural exchange is provided. Young people from different countries of the project and ethnicities and nations will be able to demonstrate themselves; Present their national culture, folklore, get acquainted; Learn how different cultures, history of different parts of Georgia, as well as young people participating in the project.(The program provides: blitz-program for music, choreography, painting, and graphics)

**Module 4:** Tourism: The module will run under the motto “Explore Georgia.” Participants are enabled to visit historical monuments, churches, fortresses and other places of interests in Georgia. Youngsters the frame of the project will visit Tbilisi, Mtsketa, Saguramo, Shiomghvime, Kakheti, Imereti, Samegrelo. They are encouraged to identify local ethno-cultural traditions and folklore, to meet new people and organize various events together. (Chief specialist Manana Sotkilava, scientist)

**Organize a final conference on results of the project for relevant stakeholders.**

The closing ceremony of the project: The meeting of host and guests with the participation of local and invited performers. Concert with creative program will be presented in Zugdidi, as the old dadianuri Georgian-European city - a bridge between Abkhazia and the rest of the parties and to Europe. Both ancient and Christian periods, the original synthesis of the Georgian-European cultures is a unique integration of its urban and palace-park architectural complex of the United States treasures rarest collections.

Project Methodology This Finnish – Georgian international project, which serves the peaceful resolution of conflicts, was established in Finland several years ago. We were supported by the highly qualified diplomats from the Finnish side. Our aim was to find the way to get connected with the people who lived in the conflict regions. We seek to build confidence among Abkhazians, South Ossetians and Georgians through breaking down the wall of mistrust and hatred, overcoming barriers and reducing prejudice.

The goal of the project is to provide a platform for dialogue and interaction that will facilitate the rapprochement of the divided communities. Hence, we plan to bring together Georgian, Abkhazian and Ossetian youngsters and engage them into academic and cultural discussion, as well as sport and rehabilitation programs. The program modules are adapted in various countries, where children who have sustained different wars take spiritual, mental and physical rehabilitation courses. The module encourages tolerance, restoration of trust and integration of children into the society.

**Selection of participants:**

We have long – lasting relations with a number of Abkhaz people. (Our Relations dates back to 2005). It is not difficult to choose beneficiaries. The Humanitarian Programs Centre “Apsni” in Abkhazia and “New Tskhinvali” in South Ossetia are our partners who help us in selection of youngsters. Attention is paid to adults’ academic achievements, personal qualities, creative Ability, and good command of the English language. We certainly need approval of their parents for their participation in the project. The message of the last project funded by COBERM was: No War! Building peace and confidence. We invited young people from European countries to the take part in the project and the title of the project was named European Alliance for Georgia. We sent letters to the all foreign missions accredited in Georgia. Our proposal was to obtain their support for the project. Some of the embassies had positive feedback and they are our partners now; they have selected young people who wanted to join this project and to undergo joint activities together with the Georgia, Abkhaz and Ossetian youth under the ”Eureka” auspices. We hope this relation will become closer than it was earlier.

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**Sustainability**

It is anticipated that similarly as during the previous COBERM funded project the sustainability of the project will be ensured through primarily the new relationships and friendships that would be forged between the Georgian, Abkhaz and Ossetian youth. Direct interaction will contribute to the first step in confidence building that is altering perception regarding “the other” and developing tolerance and understanding. We anticipate that these youth will remain in touch, as the previous group, since these participants are new ones, new people from their respective communities, family and friends will hear stories about this project. Some of them are studying various universities of Georgia, and some of these youth will have increased higher education opportunities as well. Further, it is anticipated that these young people will remain in touch via social media. We aim to stimulate that these youth will develop relationships by exploring possible ways for future joint initiatives for the future within the “Eureka” international school. Information on the results will also be provided to the international community and other relevant stakeholders to enlist their future support as well.

**Security Considerations**

Logistical support, as well as guarantee for the safety of participants from Abkhazia region and Tskhinvali Region/South Ossetia, is provided by the list of public figures and officials:

**From Abkhazian side**:

Annua Manana–Representative of Abkhazian Government Avidzba Leila – Teacher / Pedagogue Marshania Ada - Abkhazian scientist Anchabadze Giorgi, Abkhazian scientist Professor of the Sokhumi University Xalitba Nino, Abkhazian mothers movement

**From Ossetian side:**

Koraevi Elguja , person with broad experience of working with teenagers Kochievi Valeri, person with broad experience of working with teenagers.

**From European Side:**

Sarre Eteri “ Founders of the Center for Georgia –Finnish Friendship

and Cultural Relations – Georgia with the Rest of the World “ President

**Monitoring & Evaluation Methodology:**

Monitoring and Evaluation activities will be carried out by the Association of Friendship between Georgia and Finland. The monitoring will have the following steps: Development of a questionnaire for the “Eureka” camp participants regarding their expectations and a final evaluation to understand if the expectations were met. All youth participants will be asked to keep a diary; at the end of the “Eureka” camp teachers will provide activity reports to identify what has worked well and what not during the summer camp and what were positive and negatives for collecting lessons learned. The students will be asked to fill out an anonymous comprehensive evaluation of the “Eureka” camp that will be analyzed by the Association of Friendship between Georgia and Finland. These reports will be included in the final report to the donor.

**Strategy for mitigating risks:**

It should be noted that there is a big desire and willingness from young people living in the conflict regions to take part in the project which serves building confidence. Wars and incessant conflicts effect negatively on children. In case of some urgent circumstances and tense situation, the Humanitarian Program Centre Apsni will take responsibility for their peaceful return to their families. The centre has support from some representatives of the de facto government of Abkhazia.

In previous projects funded by COBERM in 2011- 2013, we encountered the problem to bring Abkhazian children to the project “Let’s break down the wall of mistrust and hatred! Join us for peace and peaceful co-existence!” The project coincided with the presidential elections in Abkhazia. Also there was a tense situation on the border in 2013, when we implemented a previous COBERM project in Georgia, called” For Peaceful Co-existence and Better Future! Let us Trust Each Other’’ in Gudauri. However, we managed to ensure that Abkazian children peacefully crossed the so called administrative border and participated in the project which proved very successful.

Elguja Koraevi (father of the one of the participants), Head of Ossetian parents Group will assume responsibility for peaceful return of Ossetian children to their families.

We have a long year relations with the Abkhazian NGO who are involved. And having contact with participants parents. They trust us. And for the preparations for the project we fully trust them. Therefore, we have good reasons to believe that the risks are decreased.

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