



## NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL



**ECC**

European Co-ordination Committee



# Opening Speeches



- Official speech by Rosario Valastro - the need to strengthening the youth network and encouraging youth to speak out and take actions;
- Austria Red Cross Secretary General - emphasizing the importance of ECM for preparing youth for the Regional Conference;
- Austria Youth Red Cross Secretary General - Austria RC being happy to host ECM and Regional Conference, again the importance of the youth contribution;
- Leon Propp from IFRC- Youth is an important part of the RC/RC International Movement and IFRC highly appreciates its crucial role in the development, Youth is not just future but our present as well;



# ECM overview/ECC Introduction/ECC Report/ECC election procedure/Youth Commission



- Barbara Nadasiova informed audience on the essence of ECC and ECM, one is a coordination Committee and another a cooperation meeting;
- Youth was informed on the ECC performance for the last two years-main strategic directions, working methods, challenges and ECC candidate changes, main achievements;
- Rosario Valastro briefly presented the ECM election procedure and minor changes to it;
- Camilla from Youth Commission made a speech on the youth commission structure, its status as an advisory body, current members, how youth can cooperate with youth commission and what they can expect;



# Strategy 2020



- Leon Propp, IFRC Zone office-presented the core information on strategy 2020. Mainly youth has been informed on the differences between strategies 2010 and 2020, new priorities and challenges facing the world;
- Leon has made a very interesting overview on current humanitarian situation in the world and in each country the role that youth plays in responding to the needs of vulnerable;
- The examples of conflict in Georgia, Italy and Haiti earthquake operations have been mentioned.

# Strategy 2020 working groups



- Participants were divided in three working groups according to the main strategic directions which are as following:
  - ✓ Saving lives, protect livelihoods and strengthen recovery from disasters and crisis;
  - ✓ Enabling healthy and safe living;
  - ✓ Promote social inclusion and culture of non violence and peace;

# Youth of the Future



- Gerard Mchale offered an interesting presentation taking a look at the challenges faced by youth within the European network;
- The presentation was rather interactive and youth representatives have been given a floor to ask questions and express their opinion on many youth issues, like the relevance of ECM and ECC, also having a youth position at the Europe zone office in Budapest;
- The importance of both ways communication was emphasized, NS youth representatives should become more responsive and check ECC mails;
- The presentation was followed by EYRCYN Pre Meeting which lasted 15 minutes



# Flee Market



- Each NS has been given an opportunity to decorate a stand and present the youth activities;
- Participants also exposed the items of national cuisine and the wonderful atmosphere has been created through playing each country's National or pop music;
- Youth leaders were able to approach each youth representative and learn more about the successful projects and initiatives;
- National Societies distributed RC related promotion many of which has been rather beautiful, catchy and creative;
- The event started at 8pm and lasted for 3 hours; There has been many singing and dancing what made the flea market a youthful celebration;

## Photographer of the Day

- Thanks Poland for providing very nice photos and reflecting what was going on for the whole day

