## <u>Kärnten Gestern, Heute, Morgen – Europe 4Ever!</u>

## Carinthia Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow – Europe 4Ever!

 Duration of the project:
 01.07.2010 - 30.11.2010

 The date of the youth exchange:
 21.08.2010 - 28.08.2010

 The date of the Advanced Planning Weekend:
 16.07.2010 - 18.07.2010

This international youth exchange (under Action 1.1 of the Youth In Action programme) will be taking place in Carinthia, Austria, from the **21**<sup>st</sup> to the **28**<sup>th</sup> of August **2010**.

The project will tie in to the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the 10th of October here in Carinthia, which will commemorate an important event in the history of the region. On that day in 1920, a referendum was held in the region in which areas with a high proportion of Slovenian speakers had to choose whether to remain part of Carinthia or to become part of the former Yugoslavia. They chose Carinthia, and ever since this has been celebrated as a demonstration of Carinthian unity.

We would like to use this occasion to stage an international youth exchange in which the participating young people are able to learn about the local history of Carinthia. We will use this as a springboard to allow them to learn about each other's historical and cultural background, before engaging with themes related to the topic of the Carinthian referendum – such as "Democracy", "Minorities in the EU", "Borders Past and Present" and "Youth in Europe".

These themes will be explored through a mixture of discussions led by experts, excursions to a variety of sites in the local area, workshops, and learning games. At the end of the week the young participants will also have the opportunity to express what they have learned creatively, through music, art or theatre.

Participants will be aged between 16 and 20 and the working language of the project will be English.

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