Progress of European Environment and Health Youth Coalition-led activities on WASH in schools

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1. Survey on hygiene knowledge, attitude and practise
   - Moldova
   - Lithuania
   - Romania

2. Youth-friendly brochure “HYGIENE MUCH”
   - Austria
Survey on hygiene knowledge, attitude and practice
Project objectives

To get better insight into the level of knowledge regarding hygiene, primarily hand washing, among high school students.

To get pupils’ perspective on water, sanitation and hygiene conditions in schools.
• Project duration – one school year (2014/2015)

• Target group – high school children (age range 12-19 )

• A cross sectional study

• Statistical analysis was performed by using SPSS
Part 1: Student’s hygiene knowledge, attitude and practice

Please tick the box to indicate what describes your daily habits the best:

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<th>Always</th>
<th>Fairly often</th>
<th>Sometimes</th>
<th>Never</th>
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<td>1. Do you wash your hands before meals and preparing a meal?</td>
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<td>2. Do you wash your hands after coming back home?</td>
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<td>3. Do you wash your hands after using the toilet?</td>
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<td>4. Do you wash your hands after contact with a pet?</td>
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<td>5. Do you wash your hands after contact with a sick person?</td>
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<td>6. Do you wash your hands after visiting public places (e.g. public transport, supermarkets, restaurants)?</td>
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<td>7. Do you use soap to wash your hands?</td>
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Part 2: Students’ opinion concerning hygiene and sanitation conditions in the school

1. Do you use the school toilet?
   a. Yes, regularly
   b. Yes, sometimes
   c. Yes, only when I absolutely cannot hold on anymore
   d. No, never. If no, please provide the reason: _________________________

2. Is toilet paper being provided in the school toilet?
   a. Always
   b. Often
   c. Sometimes
   d. Never

3. Are waste bins being provided in girls toilets for safe disposal of sanitary towels?
   a. Always
   b. Often
   c. Sometimes
   d. Never

4. Are you satisfied of level of privacy, which is ensured in the school toilet?
   a. Yes, I’m satisfied
   b. I’m quite satisfied
   c. I’m not satisfied
   d. I’m not satisfied and I avoid to use the toilet
Implementing partners

Lithuania
Romania
Moldova
*Selection process* for Lithuania and Moldova was random while in Romania all schools in Piatra Neamț town were included in the study.

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<th>City / Area</th>
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<td>Moldova</td>
<td>Implemented nationally</td>
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<td>Romania</td>
<td>Piatra Neamț town</td>
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<td>Lithuania</td>
<td>Vilnius district</td>
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We planned to collect 1000 surveys in 3 countries, but we collected **2192**
• Designed in Romania
• Translated into the national languages
• Displayed in all schools where the survey was conducted
Final results & recommendations are expected in the end of October 2015
Launch of the youth-friendly brochure
“HYGIENE MUCH”

BIG thanks for your feedback and comments!
Project objectives

To rise awareness for the integral role that hand washing and clean, functioning sanitary facilities play in every day life.
Structure of the brochure

Chapter 1:
Schools and Hygiene. Is there a connection between those two?

Chapter 2:
Toilets – Everyday necessity!

Chapter 3:
Menstruation – Full disclosure!

Chapter 4:
Hand washing – Important business!

Chapter 5:
Hygiene playlist & Info
• General introduction to the topic written in a youth-friendly language;

• Facts and figures;
  e.g.
  According to the WHO almost 80% of all sicknesses due to infection are transmitted because bacteria gets from your hands to mouth, nose and face.

• Positive thinking;
  e.g.
  Washing your hand regularly does not only have hygienic pros. It also helps getting rid of the nasty dirt under your fingernails.
Dissemination strategy

• Available in **German, English and Russian**, hard copies + PDF version

• **Free download** from [www.eehyc.org](http://www.eehyc.org) website

• **Dissemination strategy developed**

• **Printing of additional 600 copies:**
  - 100 in German
  - 250 in English
  - 250 in Russian

• Exploring the opportunities for translation & printing in other national languages in 2016
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