



OUTWARD BOUND ROMANIA™

Aventură și învățare • Kaland és tanulás • Adventure and learning

Annual report
2016



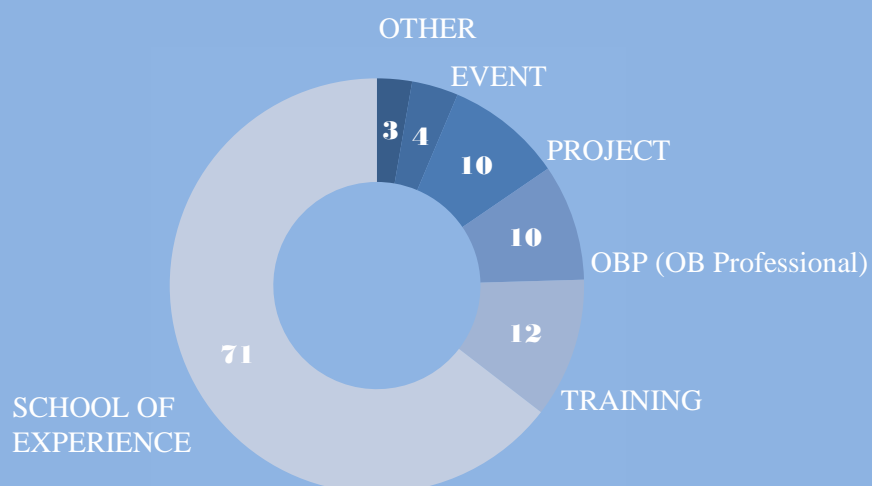
The year 2016 brought even more quality into our programs. Even if we organized programs for less participants, we succeeded to raise our Student Program Days what constitutes one of our permanents goal. This was achieved by longer programs. We strongly believe that in order to change we need to have strong experiences which can be lived in longer programs, especially through expeditions. The number of schools we work with has raised and we had some good national and international cooperation. Through the EWOCA project we succeeded to change the aspect of the instructors lodge. We increased the variety of courses we can run around the Outward Bound Center in Sovata by a new site, a water pond. In November 2016 we attended the Outward Bound International Symposium held in North Carolina, USA, where we had the chance to reconnect with old and new colleagues throughout the OB network and could lay the ground for future partnerships and cooperation.

Ádám Horváth Kovács
Executive Director

To help people discover and develop their potential to care for themselves, other, and the world around them through challenging experience in unfamiliar settings.



110
PROGRAMS



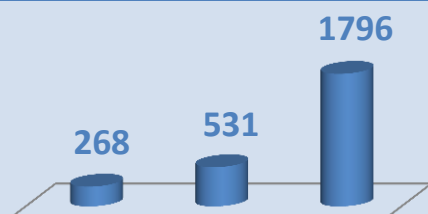
366,5
DAYS OF ADVENTURE

8808
PARTICIPANTS
DAYS

In 2016 we conducted 110 programs. [School of experience](#) is our most popular program, when classes (from all ages), groups of people come for a 3 – 4 day course to develop their team, themselves and step into another stage of group dynamic in their real life. [Trainings](#) are professional courses about teaching experiential education methods (trainers, teachers, educators,). [OBP](#) programs are customized to the clients, who are companies, NGOs, institutions. We won 10 international, national, local [projects](#) or we took part of organizing it. [Events](#) are one day programs like ropes courses, [other programs](#) are those courses what are different from a general OB course, like sky/English camp or taking part in festivals.

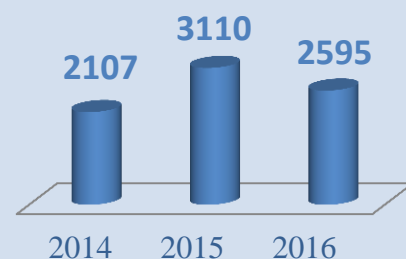
PARTICIPANTS

2595

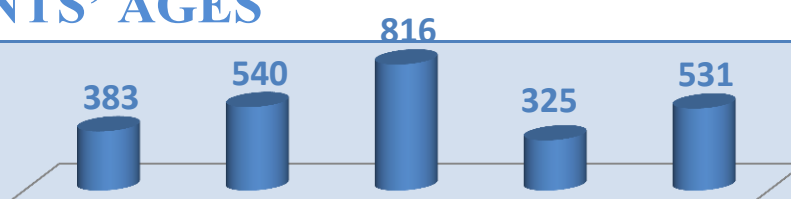


MIX* ADULT YOUTH

*adults and youth together



PARTICIPANTS' AGES



MIX*

AGES

AGES

AGES

ADULT

*adults, youth
together

6-10

11-14

15-18

18+

PARTICIPANTS came from:

Tîrgu Mureş
Odorheiu Secuiesc
Sfântu Gheorghe
Sibiu
Braşov
Bucureşti
Mecurea Ciuc
Ilfov
Cluj Napoca
Sângeorgiu de Mureş
Făgăraş
Sighişoara
Sovata
Timişoara
Miercurea Nirajului

Ploieşti
Carei
Saulia
...

Hungary
Germany
Estonia
Poland
Portugal
Finland
Turkey
France
...



OUR PARTICIPANTS LEARNING POINTS:

11-14 years old participants said after their course:

86%

of participants learned that with **teamwork** they can achieve more.

82%

of participants will pay more attention to their **surroundings** and **nature**.

79%

of participants reported to **help** others more in the future.

78%

of participants now they know they are **able to do more**.

77%

of participants reported feeling more **trust** in the others.

They liked the most:

Ropes course (31%), hiking (28%), rappel and climbing(12%), activities(11%).

15-18 years old participants said after their course:

90%

of participants learned that with **teamwork** they can achieve more

80%

of participants reported feeling able to **co-operate** with the others and work as a team

80%

of participants now they know they are **able to do more**.

79%

of participants will pay more attention to their **surroundings** and **nature**.

78%

of participants reported feeling more **trust** in the others.

72%

of participants are **open** to new things and I can easily **adapt**.

31% of our participants said that our courses are a challenge for them mentally and physically.

Our participants fill out an evaluation form right after their course, where they can rank there experience with number's from 1(min) to 5(max). Our staff processes the data and evaluates the results.

We ask our teenager participants to word those skills in what they want to develop in the future:

„I have to stand with two feet on the ground and learn to observe.”
- 14 years old participant

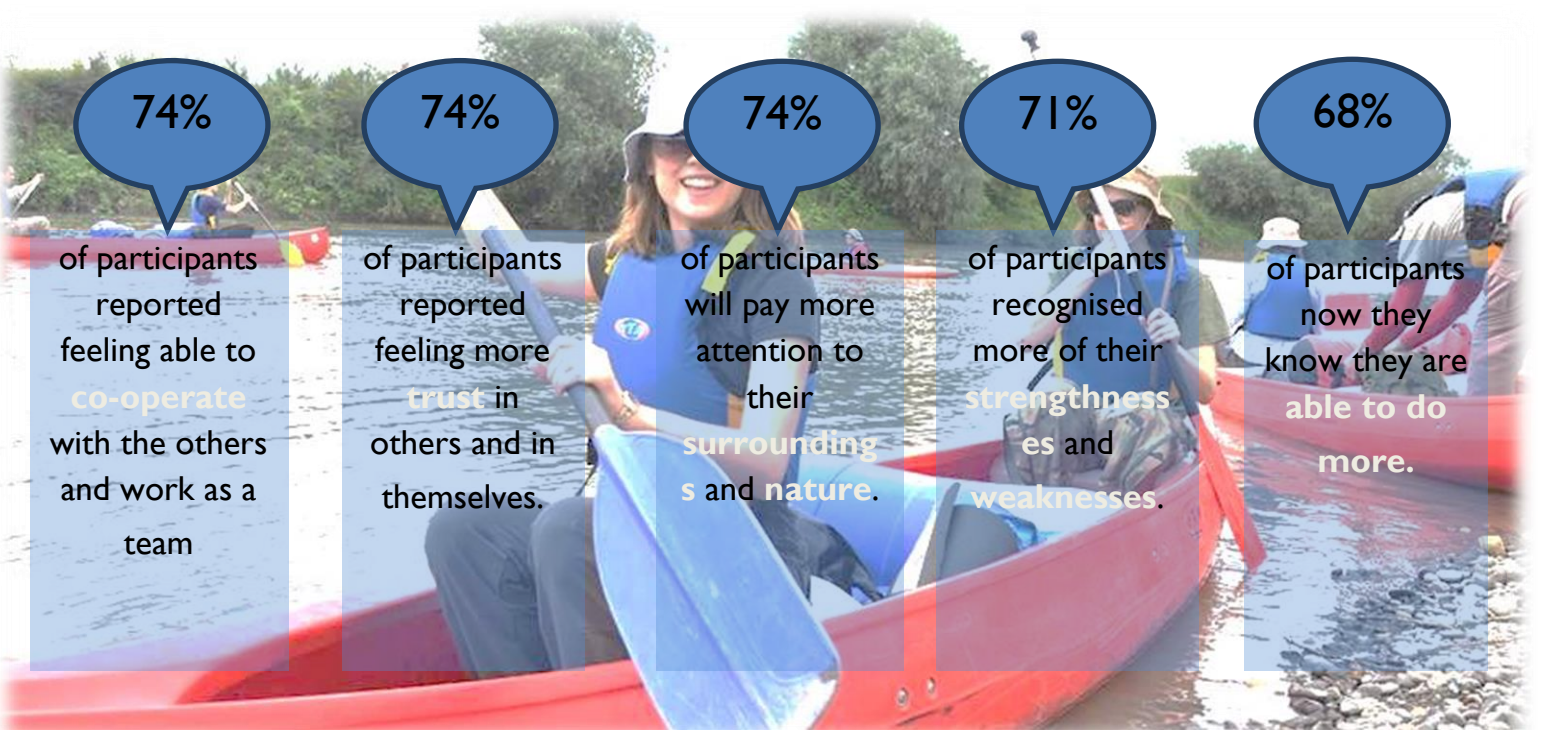
„I need to be braver even if the results are negativ or positive.”
- 17 years old participant

„We must persist, we can not give up.”
- 14 years old participant

„I experienced that trust others is indispesable beside of openness and expansiveness. I have to be more open and patient.”
- 16 years old participant

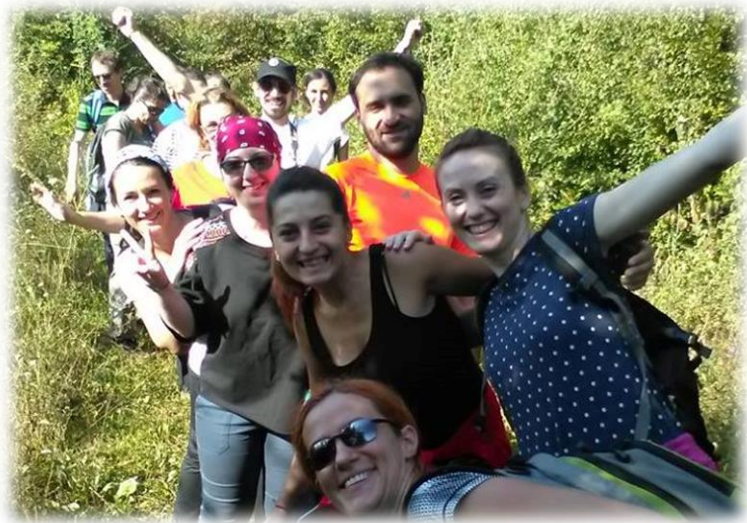


18+ years old participants said after their course:



Outward Bound for adults

We believe and experience that not just the youth benefits from our programs but also adults and other persons who feel the need of personal and/or professional development. For those people we offer different kind of programs:



Academy of Experience

– for teachers, educators, facilitators, social workers. Learn and practice educational and teaching methods, put in practice new tools of experiential education.

„I understand that every opportunity is good for learning.” - participant from this course

Professional trainings

– like basic and advanced training of trainers, industrial alpinism. These are accredited courses where we focus on theories based on practice.

„I think it is more effective than the traditional method and should be applied in any kind of area, specially in schools.” – TOT participant



„We find out by playing what emotions we feel, what we are able to do and what can be crossed!...

We can do more!”

– OBP participant

Outward Bound Professional

– we focus on improvement of corporate teams by customizing the activities for their needs. We believe that if they learn how to work and solve their problems efficiently on their own skin, they can transfer the knowledge and experience in their professional life too.

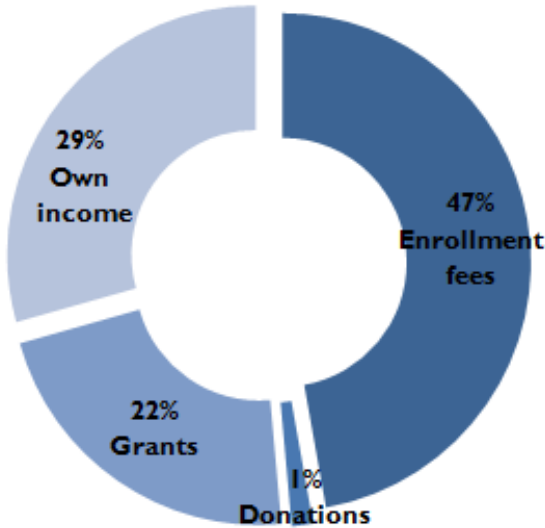
In 2016 we had a good collaboration with:

Fény Association, Rákóczy Union, Harghita County Child Care, MOL, Transilvania University, Braşov, Transilvanian College, Coats Odorhei, IT Expert, Aletheea, Leco Impex, AISB, Domus Foundation, Sângeorgiu de Mureş Mayors Office

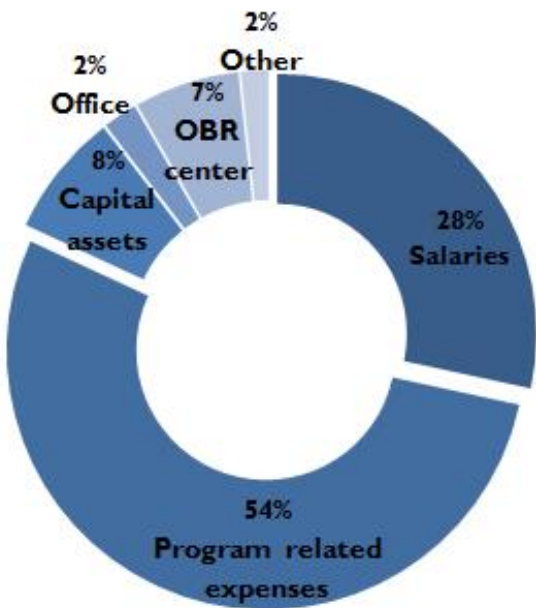
Financial results 2016

Based on financial situations we try to keep the program fees as low as possible in order to give possibility for as many as possible young people for development, because we believe that our courses have a positive impact on society through our participants. We achieved these high participant numbers, thanks to those companies that chose us and our programs to develop their own working community.

REVENUES	Amount EUR
Enrollment fees	82,911
Donations (individuals and sponsorship)	2,431
Grants	38,758
Own income from forprofit activities	51,600
Revenue in advance for 2016	0
TOTAL	175,700



EXPENSES	Amount EUR
Salaries	53,964
Program related expenses	101,744
Expenses related to capital assets	14,675
Office expenses	4,050
OB center expenses	12,477
Other	3,260
TOTAL	190,170



It is important to step out of my comfort zone. I would like not to be convenient always. I would like to evolve in facing the unknown.

Events, happenings in 2016



Ability training – for social workers who work with people with disabilities (Erasmus+)



GraduAction – softskill development training(Erasmus+)



EWOCA - workcamp



Tavaszi Szél – Strategic partnership- create methods for educator who work with people from foster homes for growing up them in a more effective way (Erasmus+)



Youth Leadership training – for active youngsters who are active member of NGOs (Bethlen Gábor Alap)



Stellar Leadership Program (British Exploring) –cooperation and giving support for the program

Thank you

The following persons, institutions supported our work:

David Jesse
István Kovács
Eurolief-Exeter (John Bird)
Szabolcs Suba

ERASMUS+ program
DJTS
BethlenGábor Alap



Our Board of Directors:

István Kovács – Chairman
Endre Bodoni – Vice Chair
Tamás Hargitay – Vice Chair
Csaba Salat – Member
Gerő Szekeres - Member
Imola Samaj - Member
Szabolcs Suba – Member

contact us: info@outwardbound.ro
visit us: www.outwardbound.ro
www.outdoortraining.ro