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Un exemplu de acțiune colectivă. Consiliul organizațiilor non-guvernamentale de tineret din Oradea. Studiu de caz
An example of collective action Council of youth NonGovernmental Organisations from Oradea. Case study

Abstract:

This paper investigates the dynamics and structure of the Council of Youth Nongovernmental Organisations from Oradea (CONT), as an example of collective action of NGO representatives. The Council was founded in November 2000 as a result of many discussions on the importance of joint action of NGOs in the direction of answering common problems. Since the beginning it works as an informal group, without any legal bases. Its biggest achievement is that the people involved in this group succeeded to regulate the access of public funds, from the Local Council of Oradea. We investigated its structure, the roles taken in this group, the decisional processes through its all activity, using different methods: participatory observation at CONT meetings, interviews with NGOs representatives and content analysis on the messages on internet discussion list of Oradean youth NGOs.

The general conclusion is that this structure increased its influence in the community being now constituted as pressure group. The internal dynamics proves that it is highly probable, though further investigations should be taken, that this structure is mostly directed by its informal and instrumental leader whose ideas are mostly taken into account and followed by the member organisations. This means that the structure has its roots in the needs and intentions of one association that coordinates the others so it can reach particular objectives.