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## **“Youth at the Top 2016”: a beautiful experience and some unforgettable memories!**

**On 12th and 13th July, throughout the Alps and the Carpathians,  
more than 500 young people reached the summit**

### **A reminder- What is "Youth at the Top"?**

*It's a project which every year mobilises groups of young people from different countries in the Alps and the Carpathians on a common date, in an active, civic process, with an imaginative approach. The operation proposes a collective framework, while leaving plenty of room for local initiatives.*



### **"Youth at the Top" : what an adventure!**

On 12th and 13th July, for the second edition of the operation, **almost 700 participants (more than 500 young people and about 150 adults) from 8 countries of the Alps and the Carpathians** together saw what it was like to live as a group and share exciting moments in the mountains: an event that will long remain in their memories.

In all, 37 events took place in the Alpine Arc and 4 in the Carpathians. Initially more than 50 events were planned, but some organisers were forced to cancel or postpone their project because of thunderstorms. Despite this constraint, most events were held at the date scheduled. In very cool temperatures, walking in the rain and at times even facing snow, the youngsters reached their summit and spent the night there. In refuges, bivouacking or in tents.

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