

POWER ON THE SPOT!

an international training course on local actions to enable young people to discover their potential, in order to participate in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe

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CALL FOR PARTNERS

Dear friends and colleagues, the Slovakian organization “Rada mladeze Zilinskeho kraja - Regional Youth Council of Zilina” is planning on implementing a **6-day-lasting international training course on how to implement local actions to empower young people to discover their potential, in order to participate in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe**. The training course is targeted at youth workers, youth leaders and youth representatives and is envisaged to take place from September 10th – 17th of 2016 in Slovakia. Funding will be applied for at the Slovakian National Agency for ERASMUS+: Youth in Action, Key Action 1, Mobility of Youth Workers. For this project, **we are looking for international partner organisations** from the ERASMUS+ KA1 Programme Countries (28 EU member states + FYROM, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey). Being a partner organisation entitles you to send 2 – 3 participants to the training course.

● MAIN ELEMENTS OF THE TRAINING COURSE

- ➔ Getting to know each other and creating a **safe and creative learning and working environment**
- ➔ Sharing **realities of youth and youth work** in the different regions of Europe that we represent
- ➔ Exploring how to **empower young people** to discover their potential and how to create the conditions for **real participation in society**, with a focus on activities and measures on local level (eg municipal youth parliaments)
- ➔ Expert support in fostering of **thematic partnerships and follow-up projects** on local and international level
- ➔ Discovery of **Slovakia and fun**

● EXPECTED OUTCOMES

The training course aims at **building up the competences of youth workers, youth representatives and the institutions they represent** to empower young people to discover their potential and to create the conditions for real participation in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe. A focus will be put on activities and measures on local level (eg municipal youth parliaments), as well as respective **follow-up projects** will be fostered. The training course also contributes to the **personal**

and professional development of the participants and raises their employability, as well as the capacities of youth organisations in the field. In the big picture, the proposed project strives to positively contribute to the level of **participation, inclusion, cohesion and diversity in Europe with the means of youth work.**

● CONTEXT

The proposed training course is complementary to and in line with the **EU youth conferences** taking place in the frame of the current **presidency of the Council of the European Union** trio (Malta, Netherlands and Slovakia), especially with the youth conference taking place in October 2016 in Kosice/Slovakia, aiming at “**enabling all young people to engage in a diverse, connected and inclusive Europe**”, and meeting the horizontal priority of “talented youth”

● PEDAGOGIC APPROACH

The training course will be based on the **specific needs of the participants and partner organisations**, and will be **highly participatory**. Diversity, e.g. in the group of participants, will be considered as a resource for the exchange and transfer of competences, as well as special attention is paid to the intercultural dimension of the project. There will only be few frontal lectures, the main part of the training course will be delivered in the form of **practical sessions implemented by the participants in a learning-by-doing fashion**, using the full toolbox of **non-formal education and experiential learning**. The trainers will take care of creating a **supportive and safe learning environment**, where participants are encouraged and coached while mastering challenges that contribute to their **personal, professional and organisational development**. The learning takes place both on individual level as well as in **synergetic group processes**. Special attention is paid to making the **learning points of the training course relevant, sustainable and transferable**, eg by producing exhaustive documentation and by providing templates for tailor-made development and action plans.

● TARGET GROUP

This training course is targeted at **youth leaders, youth workers and representatives of youth**. Ideally, participants should be in a position to be **able to influence the decision making of their organisation**. Participants must be aged 18+ and be residents in the country of the nominating partner organisation. Participants should be **fluent in english**, and be willing and **committed to work hard** (about 9 hours per day at least). Participation from **beginning till the end is mandatory**, absence without prior agreement with the organisers leads to expulsion from the programme and cancellation of the reimbursement of travel costs. Participants should furthermore commit to **carry out any preparatory task** asked for by the organisers, and be willing to **follow-up on the training course** via active youth work, ideally in co-operation with their sending/partner organisation.

● PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

In order to become a partner organisation in this project, **interested institutions must comply with the following criteria:**

- you are **legally established** in a country belonging to the **ERASMUS+ Programme Countries** (28 EU member states + FYROM, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey)

- **you are non-profit making** (e.g. Civil Society Organisations, NGOs and NPOs, municipalities and local administrations, ...), and you work for the benefit of society
- you work (among other) **with and for youth**
- you share, promote and live **European values**, especially solidarity, respect, human rights, intercultural dialogue, unity in diversity, cohesion, inclusion, active participation and European citizenship
- you have a **strong local and/or transnational dimension** in your projects, and you are interested in international co-operation
- you **commit yourself to full participation in all stages of the project**. This comprises of:
 - ➔ **PREPARATION:** you identify suitable participants (either from your own organisation or from your local partners and networks), and you support them for their active participation in the training course, including the execution of preparatory tasks assigned by the coordinator, the identification of learning needs, and the arrangement of travel, insurance and visa
 - ➔ **IMPLEMENTATION:** you stay in touch with your participants and with the coordinator at all times and make sure you and your participants make relevant contributions to the project and get benefits for your organisation and your target groups
 - ➔ **FOLLOW-UP:** you make sure that the learning points and outcomes of the training course are transferred back to your organisation (e.g. via a report or local training course by the participants), you commit to implementing the learning points and outcomes of the training course in the work of your organisation (eg via follow-up projects), and you make sure the learning points and outcomes of the training course are further multiplied and disseminated (eg via local training courses, dissemination of the reports via web 2.0, follow-up projects etc).
- you agree that if you do not succeed in recruiting suitable participants for this project, the coordinator will recruit replacement participants from your country on your behalf
- we especially encourage the participation of organization from countries of the most recent (Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg), the current (Netherlands, Slovakia, Malta) and the upcoming (United Kingdom, Estonia, Bulgaria) presidency of the Council of the European Union trios, as well as organisations **directly involved in youth participation** (eg youth parliaments, youth councils, ...). But of course the call is open to all programme countries and all organisations involved in youth work.

● CONDITIONS

The training course is envisaged to take place in **from September 10th – 17th of 2016 in Slovakia**. To finance this activity, a grant is sought for from the Slovakian National Agency for **ERASMUS+**, “Youth in Action”, Key Action 1, Mobility of Youth Workers. If approved, the following conditions can be offered to the participants/partner organizations:

- The **international travel costs are covered** according to the rules of ERASMUS+ YIA KA1 (*distance band calculator, 100-499 km = 180 euro, 500-1999 km = 275 euro, 2000-2999 km = 360 euro, 3000-3999 km = 530 euro, 4000-7999 km = 820 euro*)
- board, lodging, local transports, all materials and the content of the training course are covered for a **participation fee of EUR 50**.
- You are in charge of arranging your own **insurance for your travel and stay** in Slovakia.

● NEXT STEPS

In order to apply as a partner organisation, you must

- ➔ **Have a “PIC” number!!!**
- ➔ **DULY fill in the following online form (deadline Saturday, January 30th):**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/17VRsXUWzHf4GQYJFYPCNvjorgPy6GgZ5AG39vsZEmTk/viewform>

- ➔ **Send to us a filled and signed mandate: (deadline Saturday, January 30th):**

<http://www.pimpmyngo.org/calls/MANDATE.POTS.FORMATTED.docx>

That MANDATE must be filled out, signed in blue ink and stamped, and sent back to us by e-mail both as word document and as scancopy (pdf or jpg or tiff) the latest by January 30th!

Please feel free to give us any kind of feedback and wishes for the content of the project! Also, please forward this call to any persons or organisations you deem interested. We wish you good luck for the application process, and we look forward to implementing a great project together with you. All the best from Slovakia!

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