



Dear friends and colleagues,

Regional Youth Council of Zilina as a partner organisation of DRH Norway School for Cooperation and Development is participating in implementation of a 6-day-lasting international training course on **how to initiate**, **support and run social initiatives** and projects based on community needs, with a focus on social entrepreneurship.

The training course is targeted at **youth leaders and youth workers** and is envisaged to take place from **June 7th – 14th of June 2016 in Hornsjøen, Norway**. Funding is applied by the Norwegian National Agency for ERASMUS+, Key Action 1, Mobility of Youth Workers.

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, e.g. by producing exhaustive documentation and by providing templates for tailor-made development and action plans.

Slovak Republic is able to nominate participants complying with following criteria:

- At least 18 years old, preferably from Zilina Region
- Active in the field of youth (youth workers, youth leaders, project managers)
- Ready to take part in the whole seminar and share experience
- Able to communicate in English (B2 level or above)





Financial conditions

Food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the organizers during the project. Travel costs are defined according to the distance band used by the Erasmus+ Programme. Maximum travel allowance for Slovakia is 275 EUR per person. Expenses exceeding the indicated amount will not be covered by Erasmus+ grant. Travel costs will be reimbursed by bank transfer through the sending organizations AFTER the seminar and after participants provide travel documents and invoices to host organisation. Local transports and sightseeing are provided for a participation fee of EUR 50. Selected participants will be in charge of arranging their own insurance for travel and stay in Norway.

Regional Youth Council of Zilina will provide assistance in organizing travel and offer a possibility to have preparatory meeting for selected participants.

Accommodation

HORSNJØ Hotel http://www.hornsjoe.com/no is situated 30 km from Lillehammer, approx. 200 km from Oslo. Participants will arrange international travel to any airport of Oslo and then reach Lillehammer by train. From Lillehammer there will be a pick-up service organised by DRH school.

Selection procedure

Organizers decided to apply a two-step selection process. Firstly, Regional Youth Council will create a shortlist based on application forms. If necessary, phone interviews will be organized. As a result, **2 delegates and 1 substitute will be nominated** to attend the training. Participation of one, two, or all three nominees will be then decided by host organisation, taking into account the **quality of applications received from all 14 participating countries**. Final decision will be made by the end of March.