

CALL FOR TRAINERS

Learning module “Youthful Europe”

consisting of training courses supported by e-learning on the topic of Europe with the focus on identity, values and participation

The Austrian, German and Polish National Agencies for the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme together with SALTO South East Europe, Euromed and Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centres are developing a learning module on the topic of Europe with the focus on identity, values and active citizenship.



The learning module is foreseen to consist of an online educational tool (already under development) and residential training courses with e-learning phase. The aim of the module is to provide youth work practitioners with a possibility to explore different approaches towards Europe through identity, citizenship and participation and to develop competences to address European dimension in young people’s daily life.

Background and aim of the learning module

The concept of Europe is for many synonymous with modernity, affluence and civic values, such as equality, solidarity and social inclusion. These notions largely constitute the common narrative on what Europe is and what means to be European, therefore facilitating the sense of shared identity and interdependency in the continent.

Due to increasing mobility in Europe, young people today have been evermore socialised to European citizenship and sense of belonging in addition to their national or local identifications. However, following the recent economic crisis and its socio-political impact, the sense of unity has begun to unravel, evoking political extremism and xenophobia. Consequently, Europe has begun to represent a threat instead of an opportunity for a number of young people, who are struggling for economic independence and self-actualisation in the midst of accumulated uncertainties.

	<p>Youth work as civic practise gives space for young people to explore their potential as active citizens and encounter societal challenges. In the frame of Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme, young people get a chance to discover themes and topics relevant for them in a European setting, as well as explore possibilities for mutual exchange and understanding with their peers from other countries. However, often the multiple meanings and potential of the European dimension remains distant or abstract, not only for the young participants, but also for those leading the projects. The aim of the module is to provide youth work practitioners with a possibility to explore different approaches towards Europe through identity, citizenship and participation and to develop competences to address European dimension in young people's daily life.</p> <p>The borders of Europe as a geographical, political and cultural entity are under constant negotiation, in which the supranational entities, namely the European Union play an important role. The regions neighbouring the European Union provide an interesting perspective in defining and reflecting the identity of the continent. Therefore the learning module addresses specifically the questions relevant in the context of the respective regions.</p>
<p>Overall design of the module and responsibilities of the selected trainers</p>	<p>The learning module consists of an online educational tool, and a residential training course supported by interactive e-learning phase prior to the residential activity. The online tool will be a realised in a form of an educational public website consisting of information on the topic and practical exercises. The website is supported by an application for tablets and smart phones. The training course will build on the educational contents of the tool.</p> <p>The residential part of the training course will be supported by an e-learning phase, when the selected participants will have a chance to participate in facilitated discussions on the topic via e-learning platform and carry out practical exercises in the their local environments. The training courses are foreseen to be implemented semi-annually in the forthcoming years of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme.</p> <p>The trainers' responsibilities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to co-develop the educational concept of the module together with the organisers and the author of the educational tool; • to design and implement the residential training course in cooperation with the organisers; • to facilitate the e-learning phase; • to compile a report of the training course; <p>The selected trainers will be assisted by the author and administrator of the established e-learning platform to facilitate the e-learning phase.</p>

<p>Objectives of the learning module</p>	<p>The learning module will be developed to reach the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to critically reflect on approaches towards Europe through identity, citizenship and participation; • to provide participants with concrete tools and methodological support in order to associate youth activities with European dimension; • to make participants acquainted with the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme;
<p>Profile of the trainers</p>	<p>The selected trainers should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • understanding of the principles and processes of non-formal learning; • prior experience in developing pedagogical modules in the frame of non-formal education; • understanding and knowledge of the concepts of identity, values and active participation, and their application in international and intercultural contexts; • understanding of the objectives and principles of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action programme; • Good overall trainer competences in leading non-formal educational activities for groups; • Prior experience in international youth work, in particular in the European framework; • Excellent ability to communicate in English; • Prior experience in using e-learning tools and templates is an asset; <p>Three of the selected five trainers should be based in the regions neighbouring the European Union (Western Balkans, Euromed or Eastern Europe and Caucasus / Russia). Two other trainers should be based in the Erasmus+ Programme Countries.</p>
<p>Time involvement and fees</p>	<p>The training courses are foreseen to take place semi-annually in all three regions (Western Balkans, Eastern Europe and Caucasus / Russia and Euromed) in spring and in autumn. Two trainers at the time will conduct one training course. The trainer based in the region (Western Balkans, EECA / Russia or Euromed) will implement the training course in the respective region together with a colleague from Erasmus+ Programme countries.</p> <p>A two day preparatory meeting is foreseen to take place in the beginning of 2016. The trainers will be contracted for one training course at the time with a perspective to continue the cooperation in the future. The fee for the involvement in 2016 – 2017 will be calculated on a basis of a daily fee of 280 EUR x 2 days of preparatory meeting, 6 days of training (4 for residential activity and 2 for e-learning phase) and 1 day for reporting = 2520 EUR / trainer, including VAT, if relevant.</p>

Application and recruitment process	Interested candidates are invited to fill in the online application form at http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/1385 by 20th of December 2015 . All candidates will be informed about the results by 23 rd of December.
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