Dear partners and friends,

The training course: **"Strategic partnerships and activities for promotion of youth sport work during the European Week of Sport"** will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia in May/June 2016. We hereby kindly ask you to recruit participants from your organizations that will be able to participate at the training course and give back their knowledge and skills in the topics of the training course.

The training course will take place in **Serbia** (Novi Sad) from **31st May** (arrival in the afternoon)to **8th June** (departure in the morning after the breakfast) **2016**.

# *About the training course*

Ability of sports sector to affect physical activity levels tends to be underutilized & it is recommended to support local authorities and NGOs that promote/organize sport. We are trying to put EU Guidelines/policies into action by educating more youth workers for quality envisioning and promoting the youth sport work events that thus contribute to increasing participation in quality sports. In order to achieve this, our project is also empowering the participants for starting quality and strategic partnerships with other stakeholders of youth sport work and for European Week of Sport (EWS).

The training course "Strategic partnerships and activities for promotion of youth sport work during the European Week of Sport" gathers 32 participants, trainers and staff members from 14 partner organisations from 13 countries (Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, FYR Macedonia, Slovenia, Italy, Romania, Bulgaria, Spain, Malta, Estonia and Cyprus). It will be held in Novi Sad, Serbia on 31/05 – 08/06/2016.

**Objectives:**

* Exchange realities on sports & youth work in our countries
* Understand & promote concept “Sports for all” and personal development on mental/physical level for youngsters through sports
* Exchange different sport methods/games from our countries and thus inspire creative development& innovative combining of those into future youth sport work activities
* Define all stakeholders in relation with youth sport work and understand difference between sport clubs/organisations and youth clubs/organisations and usage of sports in them
* Define what quality and strategic partnerships for youth sport work are and set recommendations for youth NGOs and youth sport workers how to develop those
* Discuss Sport and health policies in EU and candidate countries and further promote sport and health enhancing physical activities, especially by organising youth sport work activities and events for EWS
* Achieve common understanding of suitable youth sport work activities to be organised during the EWS; agree upon quality criteria and standards for organising those, envision and start developing them
* Learn how we can use Erasmus+ YiA for promotion of sport and health-enhancing physical activities
* Develop new projects and future European level cooperation among participating organizations with sports methodology in youth work

Training course is based on the approach, principles and methods of non-formal education with lots of sport activities. The language of the training course will be **English.**

***The participants should fulfil the following criteria:***

* To be active youth workers already involved or willing to get involved in “sport for all” activities and empowering mainstream and youth with fewer opportunities through different sport and outdoor activities
* Willing to organise youth sport work activities during the upcoming European Week of Sport
* Willing to enter into partnerships with participants from different organisations and countries and willing to work on further development of strategic partnerships with local and European stakeholders of youth sport work on behalf of their sending organisations
* Willing to apply and multiply the knowledge received on this training course
* Able to attend the entire duration of the course
* Age above 18
* Able to work in English

***Travel and visa costs reimbursement***

Travel costs will be reimbursed only for the cheapest way of transport and preferably for the return tickets. You will be reimbursed with **at least of 70%** of your travel costs (for all the original tickets and ways of travel that are plane, bus, train or ferry, **NOT taxi** and **NOT car**). The 70% travel reimbursement was set while project was defined and applied for. However, we believe that we will be able to refund all of you even with 100% of your travel costs if your travel expenditures are checked and confirmed with the organisers in advance and approved.

Participants must keep all travel documents (tickets, travel agency invoices and boarding passes) as organizers are able to make any reimbursement only on the bases of presented documents!

The travel reimbursement will be done by bank transfers **after** you return home and send us the **ORIGINAL** boarding passes and tickets (and after you submit/send us the filled in evaluation forms of the training course). When you are buying a ticket, ask for additional bill as well, if possible!

Please don’t buy your tickets before we approve them! When you will plan your trip and **BEFORE** buying your tickets, especially if your planned travel itineraries are different than **31st May – 8th June 2016**, please inform us in advance, so we can approve your tickets and travel costs. Also, if you travel from elsewhere than your town and country, please, inform us, so we need to approve it as well. Thanks a lot in advance!

When planning your trip have in mind that there are some cheap flights to Belgrade airport, but you can also travel to Budapest airport as well, and from there take a minibus or train to Novi Sad.

We expect participants to arrive to the hostel in Novi Sad no later than 19:30 hrs on 31st May 2016, so please do plan your flights accordingly.

For additional information, please be free to contact organizers. Like that we will avoid some uncomfortable situations in advance.

***Participation fee:*  NONE!**

# All accommodation and food costs in the hostel are covered by the organisers.

# *Applications*

**To apply, please fill in the application form on following link:**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18EOoTOEmpepghOLpz87KI3q9gXdbtd6eTWgPs5YatIA/viewform?c=0&w=1&usp=mail_form_link>

**Please note that the deadline for applications is 5th April 2016.**

Selected participants will receive the detailed infosheet till 10th April 2016.

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