

Capacity Building Project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs”

Call for participants

Training Course

“Youth Work methodologies for Sustainable Development Goals”

Dear partners and friends,

The training course “Youth Work methodologies for Sustainable Development Goals” aims at building the competences of youth trainers and youth workers to understand, support and engage in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition, it is a space for development of new practice, making links between different initiatives, networks and preparing the Balkans for bringing the Sustainable Development Goals into life. The training course will gather 32 youth workers and junior trainers.

[The Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) also known as Global Goals, are a universal set of goals aimed at contributing to the efforts for achieving more sustainable development in all corners of the world. The SDGs are the result of the [Rio+20 Conference](#) and the need to adopt a universal framework that will expand on [Millennium Development Goals \(MDGs\)](#) that are due to expire in 2015, and to shape the development agenda at the national, regional and international level until 2030. The SDGs were adopted in September 2015 by the UN member states at the UN Summit in New York, and they will be applicable from January 2016. The SDGs or Global Goals could be perceived as a trigger for stimulating the dialogue, partnerships and joint actions of citizens, groups, movements, organizations and institutions working in various causes to allow the creation of the spaces, initiatives and changes that will positively affect development of citizens, communities, cities and states and contribute to the future we want.

The capacity building will take place near **Novi Sad, Serbia** from **12th June 2016** (arrival in the morning) till **17th June 2016** (departure).

We kindly ask you to share this call for participants and recruit participants as soon as possible.

About the Project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs”

The project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs” is implemented by [Center for Human Rights and Development Studies \(CHRDS\)](#) in cooperation with 15 partners from the Balkans and EU. The overall aim of the project is to strengthen the capacities of CSOs in the Western Balkans and European Union to support the SDGs’ related reforms and advocate for active youth involvement in the SDGs’ implementation process.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- (1) to build capacities of the CSOs to engage in advocacy for SDGs’ related reforms and/or to use the Agenda 2030 as a base for their advocacy work;
- (2) to provide innovative approaches and partnerships among CSOs towards young people and institutions with the focus on accelerating sustainable development reforms and youth engagement within those reforms;
- (3) to strengthen the cooperation of Balkan civil society with the other European Union organizations as a step towards motivating more intensive international cooperation and partnerships related to the SDGs.

The project steers and stimulates innovations. In addition, the project uses innovative approaches to methodology. Within the project, one seminar for youth organizations’ management and youth leaders and one training for trainers and youth workers will be organized. This way we will make interventions into 2 directions: first one is to support youth leaders and youth organizations’ management to actively engage in SDGs and related reforms advocacy, and the second one is to introduce and integrate the SDGs

in the youth work and youth field. The Seminar for youth leaders and youth organizations' management took part in February 2016 working at building competences of youth leaders to understand and support the Sustainable Development Goals process, that includes but it is not limited to contextualization of SDGs, development of the national and local SDGs implementation and action plans, SDGs partnerships building, monitoring and evaluation of SDGs. The training for trainers and youth workers on youth work methodologies for SDGs is the second event of the project and it aims at developing capacities of trainers and youth workers to run non-formal learning activities with youth on SDGs. During the training course we will also explore some of the outcomes from the Seminar and use them in the youth work.

About the training course “Youth Work methodologies for Sustainable Development Goals”

The training course for youth workers and junior trainers aims at building and developing competences and capacities to run educational activities on the topic of the Sustainable Development Goals especially at the national and local level. One of the training course focuses will be to provide space for practice based on inputs so that the youth workers are able to understand the SDGs and their relevance, as well as how to design educational activities on the topic of SDGs.

Specific objectives of the training course are:

- To understand and be able to run non-formal learning processes with young people on the topic of SDGs
- To raise motivation to explore the SDGs and develop tools to use in youth work
- To motivate networking and further youth work cooperation to promote the SDGs

The language of the event will be **English**.

Provisional Timetable:

Theme of the day	Preparing		Implementing		Evaluation
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6
	Breakfast				
Arrival	Team building exercises Introduction to the learning objectives	Intro to SDGs	NAIOMME of educational activity	Practice sessions on SDGs	My learning as a trainer Youthpass
Lunch					
Getting to know each other	Me as a trainer	Non-formal learning with youth	Preparing to practice	Looking back - conclusions	Evaluation and closing
Dinner					
Welcome party	Intercultural evening	NGO Bazaar	Creating a booklet	Dissemination of results	Goodbye party

Participants

The participants should fulfil the following criteria:

- To be age 18 or above;
- To be active youth workers and/or junior trainers;
- To be willing to apply and multiply the knowledge gained on this training course;

- To be able to contribute with development of new educational approaches for Sustainable development goals;
- To be able and interested to take engage in sustainable development and Sustainable Development Goals;
- Ability to work in English;
- To be able to share the new knowledge with the members of his/her organization once he/she gets back;
- To be able to attend for the entire duration of the event.

According to the project application there are 16 countries involved in the project: Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, and United Kingdom. Each country can have 2 participants. We strongly encourage applicants from the above mentioned countries to apply.

Travel, costs and reimbursement

Travel costs will be reimbursed only for the cheapest means of transportation and preferably for the return tickets. You **will be reimbursed** for your travel costs only once we receive the original tickets and boarding passes for your trip. Acceptable means of transportation for the project are: plane, bus, train or ferry, **NOT taxi and NOT car.**

Participants must keep all travel documents (tickets, travel agency invoices and boarding passes) as the organizers are only able to make reimbursement upon presentation of the above described documents! The travel reimbursement will be done by bank transfers to your private bank account **after you return home** and send us the **ORIGINAL** boarding passes and tickets and after you fill and send us evaluation form. When you are buying your ticket, if possible, ask for additional bill as well!

Important: Please do not buy your tickets before we approve your application and send you more details!
Thanks a lot in advance!

For additional information, please feel free to contact us as this way we will avoid some uncomfortable situations in advance.

Participation fee: **NONE!**

Participants will be accommodated in Sremski Karlovci near Novi Sad. We will provide 3 meals and 2 coffee breaks per day. All additional meals, drinks and other costs, participants will cover by themselves.

Applications

To apply as participant for the training course, please fill in the following application form:
<http://bit.ly/1SWJOaZ>

Deadline for applications is **7th May 2016 23:59 CET**. All candidates will be informed about the selection results by 9th of May 2016.

Contact us

For more information about the project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs,” training course, application for participants, travel or any other questions related to the project and the training course, please send us an e-mail at info@chrds.org.