PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY FOR YOUTH EXCHANGES "NEXT STEP: QUALITY"

12-16 FEBRUARY **2024**

Płaczewo (north Poland, close to Wejherowo)

Organizer: Centre for Youth Cooperation and MobIIIty, Gdynla, Poland

We are an NGO accredited by the ERASMUS+ Programme in the Youth field. Annually, we organize two youth exchanges in Poland and facilitate the participation of young individuals in exchanges abroad.

With over 20 years of experience in this field, we aim to establish a network of organizations – partners of youth exchanges within the Erasmus+ Programme, fostering a mutual understanding of the principles of the Programme as well as the outcomes that we want to achieve.



- to enhance the quality and quantity of youth exchanges organized by participating partners;
- to increase the number of partnerships with the organizations working in the field of youth exchanges in the Erasmus+ Programme;
- to develop the competencies of youth workers/leaders in organizing high-quality youth exchanges;
- to learn how to implement Erasmus Youth Quality Standards in youth exchanges co-organized by participating organizations.

PARTICIPANTS

This activity is for:

- people with prior experience as a leader/coordinator in at least one youth exchange;
- representatives of organizations willing to host a minimum of one youth exchange within the next 2 years;
- people authorized to make decisions concerning partnerships,
- representatives of organizations interested in enhancing the quality of the organization's work;
- leaders/coordinators eager to share their practices and knowledge related to youth work.

Participants must be over 18 years old and fluent in English.

We anticipate 20-25 participants from Programme countries + Ukraine and Georgia



We will explore the concept of quality, share best practices, and explore the different phases of the youth exchange project life cycle.

PROGRAMME

The programme will be divided into 3 parts:

- building partnerships by learning about ourselves and the partner organizations;
- learning about quality tools for youth exchanges, exchanging best practices, and developing the quality standards for common youth exchanges;
- planning youth exchanges to be organized in different European countries within the next two years.

Expected results:

- worked out quality standards for youth exchange activities among partners;
- at least five youth exchanges planned and ready to be organized within the next two years;
- improvement of the participants' competencies in developing and designing non-formal education programmes for young people.

Individual applications must be submitted before December 17th :



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ORGANIZATIONAL

The activity will take place at a <u>venue</u> where we regularly organize youth exchanges – an agricultural place run by wonderful people who share our values \bigcirc

Organizers cover accommodation, food, and travel costs up to the limits according to the distance calculator.

Participants are expected to arrive on the 12th of February at Gdańsk airport or Gdynia Główna train station before 17:00, from where transportation to Płaczewo will be arranged.

Return travel is scheduled for the 16th of February after 12:00 (earlier departures from Płaczewo will not be organized).

If you need to arrive a day earlier or stay a day after, contact us to explore possibilities.

