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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS - ERASMUS+ PROJECT

G.R.A.F.S.Y.

(GRAphic Facilitation for Sustainability and Youth)



Training Course | 19th - 26th June, 2024

Ecovillage [Torri Superiore](#), Italy

CONTENT

Faced with the question of what are the biggest obstacles to collaboration, many of us tend to give the same answer: the others. This reflects the way we have learnt to focus on the distances that separate us rather than value our **intellectual diversity**, that is the ways in which each of us is uniquely gifted, the way we process information and formulate questions, and what engages and inspires us.

This training will provide tools for **collaborative intelligence**, which starts from the valorisation of everyone's cognitive styles (auditory, visual, kinesthetic). We will focus in particular on **graphic facilitation** as a tool to support participation in collaborative projects.

TOPICS AND METHODS

- Graphic facilitation
- Embodied learning
- Collaborative skills
- Group facilitation



VENUE

The mediaeval village of Torri Superiore is a small jewel of popular architecture located at the foothill of the Ligurian Alps, a few kilometres from the Mediterranean Sea and the French border, close to the coastal town of Ventimiglia. Originating in the thirteenth century, the village is structured in three main bodies with more than 160 rooms, all connected by an intricate fabric of stairways.

Its complex structure has often been compared to a fortress or a labyrinth, perched on the mountainside. The village has been entirely restored and is now open to ecotourism, for courses, meetings and programs of environmental education, and offers accommodation for stays and vacations.

For its character of historical complex, unfortunately the ecovillage is not completely accessible. Please take this into account when planning your participation.



FACILITATORS

Sara Bigi

Sara Bigi is 32 years old and has been involved in social activism and community organising for 12 years. She works as an educator and a group facilitator in different contexts, with a preference for projects with young people, the world of volunteering and participation, education, community building and climate change projects, and feminist activism. In her work experiences she integrates skills related to education, facilitation of group dynamics and graphic facilitation, the world of agriculture and crafts, social mediation and theatre acquired in volunteer experiences abroad and in Italy and in various training and personal studies. She is part of the group of facilitators supporting the activities of La Prossima Cultura and since 2015 she is co-founder of an intentional community located in the hills of Reggio Emilia: Ecovillaggio Alvadōr.

Dario Ferraro

Dario Ferraro is a facilitator, project manager and filmmaker with experience in various roles related to the design and implementation of Erasmus+, ESC and Horizon Europe projects. As a project manager, he is responsible for creating partnerships and developing new projects for the GEN Europe European network and other ecovillages and sustainable initiatives. As a facilitator, he works with several ecovillages in Europe in the development of transformational learning programmes and supports groups of young people engaged in collaborative initiatives. As a trainer, he works on programmes related to project development, group facilitation, participatory documentary, embodied learning and deep ecology.

TRAVEL AND COSTS

Arrival day is Wednesday 19th of June after 14:00. Departure day is Wednesday 26th of June after breakfast. You need to be able to attend to the full duration of the activity in order to participate.

This project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the EU, which means that travel and participation costs are covered. Participants will have to buy their tickets in advance and will be reimbursed after the activity. If this arrangement is an obstacle to your participation, please let us know. The tickets will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount that depends on the country where the travel starts. To be eligible as a participant, your country of departure and arrival have to be the same.

MAXIMUM REFUNDABLE AMOUNTS

210€ from Italy and France

320€ from Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Netherlands, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden

360€ from Finland

GREEN TRAVEL

To reduce the project's environmental footprint, all participants except those coming from Finland will be asked to avoid flying for travelling to and from the training. Please make sure that you are comfortable with this condition if you apply.

Participants from Bulgaria, Czechia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Netherlands, Serbia, Slovenia and Spain will also be refunded for the costs of a maximum 1 overnight stay that they need to spend while travelling each way. Only for participants from Sweden the maximum number of nights will be 2 each way (4 in total). You will need to provide a proof of payment (tickets, etc.) and the maximum amount is 60€ per extra night. Food expenses along the way are covered up to a maximum of 10€ per day within the limits of your travel days.

IMPORTANT! Please note that this measure is not intended to support holidays or other detours before or after the training, and that the amount spent will be refunded only if it is part of a coherent travel plan coming from and going back to your place of residence.



HOW TO APPLY?

If you want to participate in this training, please fill [this questionnaire](#) by **Wednesday 15th of May, 2024**.

Participants' selection will be based upon the information that you share with us in the questionnaire and consultation with the project's partner organisations.