



HOW TO COMMUNICATE DIGITAL RELATED THREATS AND PROVIDE TOOLS TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Training course for youth/social operators and young journalists Palermo, Italy - 24/29 November 2024

While the benefits that new technologies have brought to the daily lives of each of us are obvious, in recent years, and especially since the pandemic, there have been increasing problems related to the use and misuse of digital tools and devices by (not only) young people. From cyberbullying to digital addiction and privacy violations and cyberviolence, daily news shows the increased number of potential risks connected to the digital world.

While they have the technical skills to use these tools (for example, all young people know how to make a video on a smartphone), many young people (and adults) do not have the basic skills to use these tools safely for themselves and others (for example, not everybody understand the privacy implications of sharing photos and videos online).

While the European Union has developed and is developing operational and regulatory tools to govern such an important sector, how can these issues be addressed with young people, how can youth workers and organisations be given tools to deliver engaging and not boring or too much theoretical digital safety and wellbeing activities?

Why not use the tools of gamification? Why not use games to engage and interest young people and make them more aware of their own wellbeing, rights and safety as digital users?

As a follow-up to the Erasmus+ project SADE - Safety awareness in the digital age, the Italian association InformaGiovani ETS is organising a training aimed at youth association operators, teachers, social workers and journalists, where the possibility of using gamification and escape games will be shown.

The training is based on the content of Dig.Comp. 2.2, the European Digital Competence Framework and will focus in particular on four aspects:

- protection of devices: smartphones, PCs and networks
- protecting personal data and privacy
- protection of users' health and well-being
- protecting the environment in digital contexts.

Who we are

The **InformaGiovani ETS (IG)** association was founded in 2001 with the aim of promoting human and civil rights, especially for young people facing or at risk of facing social obstacles. Since 2010 IG is leading an informal European network on social volunteering, youth inclusion and participation, recognised by the EACEA of the European Commission, that nowadays counts 16 members in 14 EU countries. Since 2010 it has been a partner of Alliance network of European Voluntary Service Organisations and is member of the Eurodesk network.

The association has four main fields of action and intervention

- Promoting and encouraging access to information and the correct use of media and digital tools;
- Training young people and adults in non-formal education tools and techniques;



- Local and international volunteering as a tool for social intervention and active citizenship training;
- Supporting the participation of young people with fewer opportunities

The association focuses on activities of social inclusion and rehabilitation of young people who are facing or are at risk of social exclusion, in particular NEET, young unemployed, young migrants, young people with sensorial disabilities, and young offenders in probation period.

The association is accredited by the Italian Youth Agency for the implementation of activities under the EU programmes Erasmus+ and European Solidarity Corps and is a training body recognised by the National Order of Journalists. It is currently accredited for youth mobility (KA1) and holds an ESC Quality Label as LEAD organisation.

IG manages a youth information point and Eurodesk Centre in the city of Palermo, hosted in a property confiscated from the Mafia.

Training Course and Methodologies

Activities will be organised in the indoor spaces of the hotel covering around 6 hours per day.

Methodologies used will be based on a non formal approach like working in a team, simulation, games, role playing, sharing of practices, as well as thematic sessions with frontal lessons.

Participants are asked to contribute actively to the activities with inputs, contributions, ideas, proactivity and interest and by sharing their (and their organisations) experiences and activities.

Considering that part of the activities will be implemented by using an Escape game produced in the frame of a previous Erasmus+ project, after the training, participants will be invited (and supported) to propose and test the escape game with other local young people to obtain feedback, with the support of the partner organisation.

Profile of participants

Youth workers, young activists, youth leaders, educators actively involved in NGO's, and journalists. Each profile, excluding journalists, must be a member of an association and accompany their application with a support letter written by the association they will represent. This request derives from the desire to organise this activity as a basis for future partnerships on this and other topics.

The group will consist of a total of 23 persons, plus local InformaGiovani staff. We expect to involve no more than 3 persons from each country (except Italy)

Considering that all activities will be implemented in English, a B2 level of knowledge of this language is required.

All participants must be available to participate in all activities from the evening of the 24th till the evening of the 28th. Exceptions can be made only for arrival in the late evening of the 24th due to travel connections.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Board, lodging and insurance are covered 100% by the Erasmus+ plus funding.

Travel cost will be reimbursed on the basis of actual expenses up to budget limit calculated according to [Erasmus+ distance band calculator](#) as follows:

Max reimbursement	Distance band
Up to 23 Euro	0 - 99 km
Up to 180 Euro	100 - 499 km
Up to 275 Euro	500 - 1999 km
Up to 360 Euro	2000 - 2999 km

Expense incurred in currency other than Euro will be converted according to the monthly rate set on the official website [InforEuro](#)



Accommodation and food

The whole activity will be organised in Palermo in a 3 stars hotel. Food will be provided at the venue (vegetarian food also available). Participants will share double, triple, quadruple rooms, divided by gender.

How to apply and deadline

To apply, you need to fill in the form available at <https://www.informa-giovani.net/sadetc> by the 10th of october 2024 evening.

ONLY SELECTED PERSONS will be contacted back and will be required to confirm their participation by buying their travel ticket.

Selected participants will receive further information about logistics, agenda and other relevant information.

If you need information or clarification on the project, please write to monic@informa-giovani.net