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MoveON Moving Towards Gender Sensitive Youth Work in Europe



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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

"MoveON - Moving Towards Gender Sensitive Youth Work in Europe" is a long term project which envisages 2 activities - a Training Course for Youth Workers and a Youth Exchange for Young People. Both activities will be targeting youth workers and young people based in the countries of the European Union (Sweden, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Greece) and the Neighboring countries (Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Ukraine).

The long term project **"MoveON - Moving Towards Gender Sensitive Youth Work in Europe"** aims at increasing the awareness of youth workers, youth leaders and young people about gender perspectives and challenges in Europe, providing participants with skills to develop good quality projects and non-formal activities locally and internationally under the Erasmus+. Through the project, partner organizations would like to tackle gender issues and look for solutions which can be adapted to their organizations as well as societies and daily lives. The project aims to develop and improve the knowledge and understanding of youth workers involved in the project on various gender-related concepts, analyze traditions, roles and perceptions of gender in different European countries and societies.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

The project pursues the following objectives:

- A) Exchanging experiences, best practices and knowledge between youth workers and youth organizations on gender mainstreaming and women empowerment;
- B) Developing participant's knowledge and understanding of various concepts related to gender and emphasizing the importance of gender equality in youth work;
- C) Providing space for learning about gender issues by sharing and comparing the realities in the European Union and the Neighboring Partner countries;
- D) Promoting gender sensitivity in youth work and gender-sensitive approach in the participating organizations;
- E) Facilitating networking among participants and promoting development of joint projects under Erasmus+ promoting gender equality;
- F) Developing quality support systems for youth activities and capacities of youth organizations to develop partnerships.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

While planning their trip to Armenia, the participants are recommended to reach Yerevan through 2 airports: **Yerevan International Airport (Armenia)** and **Gyumri Airport (Armenia)**. Now many low-cost companies fly to Armenia. Budget carriers **Ryanair, Eurowings, SkyUp airlines, Bees Airlines** and **WizzAir** entered the Armenian market. You can fly from Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Italy, Austria and Lithuania to the capital Yerevan and the city of Gyumri.

If you don't find any affordable flights to Yerevan or Gyumri, you can check out also Tbilisi or Kutaisi where also some budget carriers fly.

The participants landing in Yerevan or Gyumri will be picked up by the organizers.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

The first stage will take place from **3rd to 11th of October, 2021**. The **3rd** of October is an **Arrival** Day. Make sure you arrive at the hotel between 12:00 to 18:00. We will have a welcome dinner all together at **19:00**. The official program starts on the 4th of October.

11th of October is a **Departure** Day. Check-out should be performed after breakfast.

NOTE! You can arrive in Yerevan or Tbilisi a couple of days earlier or stay a couple of days longer to see around or to travel a bit. However, this should be done at your own expense. The Hosting organization can help you to find an accommodation for extra days, but you should bear those extra costs.

TICKETS AND REGISTRATION

You should make a small research and purchase the cheapest tickets. The **deadline** to purchase the tickets is **10th of September**.

NOTE! The ticket should be consulted with us before you buy it. You should consult the tickets with the Project Manager, Mrs. Diana Babakhanyan - **dianababakhanyan@apy.am**. She will help you to find the best option. Only after the confirmation, the ticket can be purchased.

Once the participants buy the tickets, they will be asked to fill in an **online Registration Form** till **20th of September**. This will help the organizing team to develop the program that meets the expectations of the participants!

THE PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

The Training Course is designed by Youth Workers and for **Youth Workers** based on their needs and the needs of the partner organizations. The Training Course is targeting 30 youth workers and youth trainers aged 18-40, who either already work on the topics of **gender equality, gender mainstreaming, women empowerment** and **LGBTQ rights** or are interested to start working on the topic. Thus, we want to create a group with mixed experiences so participants can also learn from each other.

Additionally, the selected participants should be interested in confronting gender based violence and gender stereotypes in their home countries and would be ready to transfer their gained knowledge to the youth in their organizations and countries.

The targeted audience of Youth Workers from partner organizations are interested to promote gender equality through the youth work they provide and are eager to mainstream gender in their organization. However, they often don't have the means to analyze in depth the causes of social and political events, thus facing a lack of opportunity not only to grow professionally and as youth workers, but also to find innovative solutions in social and political matters and to meet the needs of young people they work with. It will be essential to keep the regional balance of participants making sure there is an equal number of participants coming from the East and the West of Europe. In this way, the idea is to create a mix, which will give the opportunity to talk about this subject from as many perspectives as possible.

Gender equality will be ensured in cooperation with the partner organizations, so that in total same amount of male and female participants will be ensured. It is important to engage **equal number** of male participants because often discussion on gender equality are led by women and for women. It is important to engage men in this process. Gender balance and gender-sensitive approaches are an important part of the design and implementation of all our projects. Because of the sensitive topic of the project, it is obvious that a gender balance can help in interpreting the different issues from several points of view and as a result have more interesting and inter-gender dialogue.

VISA INFORMATION

Member states of the EU and Eastern Partnership do not need visa to enter Armenia. Armenia has a **visa-free** regime with all the countries of the EU and Eastern Partnership. In case you arrive to airport in Georgia, it also has a visa-free regime with the EU and EaP.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND TRAVEL COSTS

Country	Organization	Number of participants	Maximum travel costs
Armenia	Armenian Progressive Youth	5	0 EUR
Belarus	Liga dobrovolnogo truda molodezhi	4	275 EUR
Bulgaria	Sdruzenie Aktivno Balgarsko Obshtestvo	4	275 EUR
Cyprus	YEU Cyprus	4	275 EUR
Georgia	International Center For Peace And Integration	4	180 EUR
Greece	United Societies Of Balkans	4	275 EUR
Sweden	Foreningen Framtidstaget	5	360 EUR
Ukraine	Institute of Ukrainian Studies	4	275 EUR

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

100% of the total travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month given by the European Commission.

NOTE! Please check travel budget limits above. If travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project, the organizers will only be able to reimburse participants the maximum travel costs indicated in the travel budget. You are therefore strongly advised to consult the tickets with us and book your flights well in advance.

IMPORTANT! According to sustainability policy of the organizers, only the tickets that are bought by 10th of September can be reimbursed. This means that the deadline to consult us and have your ticket purchased in 10th of September.

Reimbursement: All the participants will receive the travel reimbursement through a bank transfer.

IMPORTANT! In order to receive the travel reimbursement, every participant should attach the following documents to the reimbursement form:

- **Tickets** (there must be price and name of the person stated on it).
- **Boarding passes** (in case of loss – please get a confirmation from the airlines, that the flight was taken)
- **Invoices** – yes, even if you have a ticket, our accounting still needs an INVOICE.
- **Online Check-in** should be made before your leave Yerevan to make sure you give as Boarding Passes from the way back as well.

COVID-19 Measures

Please check the following travel restrictions before your trip:

- Upon entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia via air and land borders travelers will be asked to provide a **COVID-19 PCR test** certificate with negative results taken within the previous **72 hours**.
- The PCR certificate should be in Armenian, Russian or English, include the name, surname, date of birth, and passport number of the examined person, printed on the official letterhead of the medical institution conducting the test, identifying all contacts of the organization, test result signed and sealed by the head of the medical institution.
- In case the participant is fully vaccinated, no PCR test is required in Armenia. The participant needs to show the **vaccination certificate** upon arrival. The certificate should be in English, printed on the official letterhead, and should contain the following information:
 1. all contacts and the name of the head of the medical institution where the vaccination was taken,
 2. the name, surname, date of birth, and passport number of the vaccinated person,
 3. the vaccine manufacturing name and the product's serial number, the dates of the first and the second dosages, signed by the head of the medical institution with its seal.

Safety measures during the Training Course:

- We will make sure that the common areas at the hotel have hand sanitizer and water dispensers;
- We will open the windows every 15 minutes to let the fresh air in the room;
- We will have the thermometers, face masks and sanitizers at the hotel; We will replace the activities that include hugging and physical contact.

INSURANCE

Please keep in mind that you are self-responsible for sufficient insurance (illness/personal liability/cancellation/theft etc.).

Hosting organization takes **no responsibility** for the individual insurance. Make sure you have a travel insurance valid in Armenia from **3rd** to **11th** of **October**.

ACCOMMODATION

During the Training Course and the Youth Exchange, the participants will be accommodated in double rooms in a hotel.

The name and the address of the hotel will be communicated to the selected participants. Two participants will share a room with a private bathroom.

The hotel will provide all the necessary supplies for participants' comfortable stay – towels, certain amenities, as well as free Wi-Fi.

During all the activities, food will be prepared by experienced cooks, provided at the venue. Three meals and two coffee breaks per day will be provided. The participants will inform the organizers about their dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan, halal food, allergies) in the application form, so the staff can arrange the menu according to their needs.

Moreover, the participants will have an opportunity to get to know the local cuisine of Armenia and the traditions of all the participating countries.

INTERCULTURAL EVENING

During a special evening we will share characteristics from our culture. We ask you to bring foods and **non-alcoholic** drinks to share! You can also think of some other things to share with the group from your culture: stories, dances / songs etc. Just no power point presentation or country promotion videos, as it would be the best if you can share something in your own words! By the way, to present something from your culture does not mean it has to be something from your country: it can also be from a region, a city etc.

NGO FAIR

One of the aims of the project is to develop cooperation and new projects between the NGO's. That is why we are going to organize an **NGO fair** where every organization will have a chance to **present** itself. Make sure you bring some informational materials, flyers, booklets or publications representing your organization.

YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATES

All participants will receive a **YouthPass certificate** in the end of the project. Upon their request participants will get also Annex to Youth Pass with 8 Key Competences.

LANGUAGE

The language of the course is **English**.

DEADLINES

5th September – The participants are chosen by the sending organizations.

10th September – The tickets are bought by the participants.

20th September – The Registration Forms are submitted by the participants.

30th September – The arrival list and the airport pick up information is sent to the participants.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Weather in Armenia

October, is a pleasant autumn month in Yerevan, Armenia, with average temperature fluctuating between 21°C (69.8°F) and 7.5°C (45.5°F). October is the ideal month for visiting Armenia with pleasant temperature but rainy weather. More info: <http://www.bbc.com/weather/616052>.

Currency in Armenia

Armenian national currency is the Dram (AMD). There are ATM machines and banks all around the city. Payments with VISA/Master Card credit cards are possible in most of the supermarkets, cafes, shops and restaurants.

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THE ORGANIZERS



Armenian Progressive Youth (APY) was founded in Yerevan, Armenia in 2009 by a group of young people. Today it grew up into a big organization which counts many local and international volunteers, hundreds of members and followers, thousands of direct and indirect beneficiaries from Armenia and all over Europe. Armenian Progressive Youth NGO (APY) has been working with young people since for 10 years. Our mission is to promote active citizenship and active political and economic participation of young people in civic life, to economically empower marginalized youth and promote youth entrepreneurship, to increase the activism of young people and contribute to the development of civil society in Armenia. APY aims to bring positive changes into Armenia through active engagement of young people in the society. APY has implemented around 300 local, national and transnational projects involving 25000 young people from Armenia. The main experience of the organization lies within the areas of education for active citizenship, youth economic empowerment, active participation and civic education. We are championing especially for the inclusion of NEET, marginalized youth and rural young people.



Association Framtidståget (Sweden) was founded in 1997 by Yousef Yebari in Stockholm, Sweden, and currently has about 150 members and several employees. Translating from Swedish, Framtidståget means the Train of Future. It is a non-profit organization, aiming to give people the second or even the third chance. Our philosophy is accepting all people without conditions and prejudices about their social-economic, ethnic, cultural and religious background, as well as emphasizing the idea of democratic, tolerant and integrated society. Having in mind this philosophy, we have 2 branches of activities: the professional one and the ideal one. We deal with professional cognitive treatment work, providing psychological help to people with social problems – alcohol and drug addiction, violence in family, discrimination in society etc. In the framework of ideal, non-profit work we organize various social, humanitarian, integration projects, as well as provide lectures about democratic principles, recommendations on how to start own organization or association.