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Youth Workers for Sustainable Organizations

Youth Workers Mobility

Dear partner organization!

As mentioned before the first training in the project Youth Workers in Sustainable Development the second part of the training will be implemented **from the 7th to the 13th of May 2022** in Slovenia (the exact location will be selected shortly). The idea was that the same participants take part in both trainings, but if that's not possible, exchanges are possible with our knowledge.

The main idea of the project is to equip individuals with the knowledge and skills for behavioural change in themselves, and in youth that they work with, towards more sustainable and environmentally just way of being.

Type of activity: Training under the Youth Workers Mobility

Activity date: **from 7th to the 13th of May* 2022**

Activity location: Slovenia

* first and last day are meant for transfer

Partners involved:

- Asociatia GEYC - Romania
- Active Bulgarian Society - Bulgaria
- Youth For Exchange and Understanding Cyprus
- Center for Intercultural Dialogue – Republic of North Macedonia
- MOJU - Portugal
- Peace Action Community - Estonia
- JOETZ - Belgium
- CSV Polis - Italy
- Youth Network No Excuse - Slovenia

1) GENERAL INFORMATION AND ACTIVITY BACKGROUND

It is not a secret that our planet is not treated in a way that it should be and that we are still quite a long way away from sustainability. Every day we cut down more than 30.000 hectares of rain forests that represent the lungs of our planet and which on a yearly basis effects more than 50.000 species. Majority of the rain forest is cut down due to the livestock industry, which is the second biggest green gas emission producer and is responsible also for water pollution. Between 4.8 to 12.7 million tons of plastic is disposed into oceans on a yearly basis, which does not include the plastic that ends on landfills, and we also produce up to 300 million tons of new plastic every year. But our problematic consumer habits are visible also regarding the fashion industry. Fast fashion that is so widespread now days in majority contributes to the 10% of green gas emissions that the industry produces in a year and is responsible for being the second largest water consumer on the planet.

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We could of course go on and talk about food waste, air traffic, natural disasters, that are the consequence of our treatment of the planet, etc. But just by observing the environment, and not even looking at the numbers, we can easily see that by going on as we used to is not an option anymore. As the politicians and the industry in majority are not addressing the challenges that we can see everywhere or at least they are not addressing them quickly enough, the responsibility for change often falls on the shoulders of the individuals.

The NGO sector plays an important part here as it can promote behavioural changes in youth and themselves to act in a more sustainable and environmentally just way. The project empowers youth workers to be able to change their own behaviour and impact the behaviours of their organizations and the youth that they work with. We wish to gather good practices that we can implement on a daily basis and create guidelines (handbook, etc.) for more sustainable organizations and way of living in general.

3) PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

Participants should be:

- **youth workers or other relevant individuals** that work with youth
- required age of the participants is **18+**
- **previous knowledge** on the topics of sustainability and climate justice are not a requirement but can be helpful
- **have a motivation and interest** to work towards greater sustainability
- **can participate in both trainings**

4) ACTIVITY PROGRAM BEFORE AND ON THE 2ND MOBILITY

After the first mobility, participants will carry out a local activity e.g., small project/event/campaign that will address the issue of sustainability (which was discussed at the first training). Besides, the participants will try to make at least one sustainable change in their own personal habits.

During the second training we will focus on:

- sharing experiences gained in the meantime with other participants (e.g., presentation of local activities and improvement of personal habits)
- finishing the guidelines for youth workers and youth organizations that we worked on during the first training
- dissemination of the guidelines to other youth organizations
- evaluation of the project; suggestion of further follow-up activities.

5) HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply to the activity, please **fill in the form** available [here](#), **by the latest 17th of April.**

➔ **Note:** this form is meant **only for the 2 confirmed participants** from each organization. For your internal selection of participants please use other means of application!

➔ **Note:** if the participants require a travel visa to enter Slovenia, you should adapt the selection of the participants and the form completion accordingly.

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6) FINANCES (TRAVEL GRANT AND OTHER ASPECTS)

The Erasmus+ Programme finances the travel expenses up to the following amounts:

Organization	Participants	Travel Grant per Participant
Asociatia GEYC - Romunia	2 youth workers	275 euros
Active Bulgarin Society	2 youth workers	275 euros
Youth For Exchange and Understanding Cyprus	2 youth workers	360 euros
Center for Intercultural Dialogue – Republic of North Macedonia	2 youth workers	275 euros
MOJU - Portugal	2 youth workers - <i>both participants with fewer opportunities</i>	360 euros
Peace Action Community Estonia	2 youth workers - <i>both participants with fewer opportunities</i>	275 euros
JOETZ - Belgium	2 youth workers	275 euros
CSV Polis - Italy	2 youth workers	180 euros

Also note, that the **COVID tests are covered under the Erasmus+ grant**. As with the transfer, we will also need the receipts/invoices issued to the organization to be able to refund the costs due to testing. COVID testing is covered from the whole project budget, therefore the above travel grant partly also covers testing.

➔ **Note:** please let us know beforehand how many of the participants will require testing and what the price will be, so we are able to adjust the budget accordingly.

Important information!!!

In case the participant will spend more money for travel than the Erasmus+ Programme has approved, the participant will receive the amount approved by the Erasmus+ Programme.
In case the participant will spend less money for travel than the Erasmus+ Programme envisioned, the participant will receive the amount for which he or she has provided the receipts to the organizer.

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Reimbursement procedure and requirements

Please note that only public transportation costs with the cheapest mean available are reimbursable. You are eligible for reimbursement only if you have attended 80% of activities during the event. In order for the participant to receive the reimbursement for travel expenses, they will have to provide the organizer with the following documentation:

- A completely filled out reimbursement form with all required information /the form will be sent to you after the activity);
- **Original** boarding passes and all other tickets for transport (also originals) – please note that copies are not acceptable, except if the boarding pass was issued digitally;
- Receipts/invoices of payment for all travel expenses which you would like to get reimbursed.

The reimbursement will be transferred to the participant **in 90 days after they will provide a complete reimbursement documentation** to the organizer.

7) ACCOMODATION

During the activity, the participants will be staying at a well-located accommodation in the city of the activity, probably in rooms by three, so that the venue will be easily accessible. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided, together with the coffee/tea breaks. We will give the exact information on the accommodation once we have all the information.

If the participants would like to stay in a private room (single/double), please let us know in advance. The amount that exceeds the planned price for accommodation should be paid to the organiser three days before the start of the activity at the latest.

8) PRE-ACTIVITY TO-DOS

During the 1st training participants talked about testing **sustainable guidelines** in your organizations, adopting more **sustainable habits** in everyday life and implementing **local activities** within your organizations. As you know, changing to more sustainable behaviour and influencing others to be more sustainable is an important aspect of our project. An important aspect of the project is conveying gained knowledge and experience from the 1st training to our local community.

1. Try or even adopt any new **sustainable habits** in your personal life.
2. Review the [draft of the guidelines](#) for sustainable organizations that you've created during the 1st training. Include, test them in your regular workflow within your organizations. Feel free to comment on them before the mobility.
3. **Implement any local activity with a focus on being more sustainable.** It can be organized for your members or wider, for your community in general.

Important!

Please, bear in mind that during the mobility you'll present your findings of the process, your local activities etc. to others.

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Last but not least, each team should also prepare a little something for the cultural evening. It could be a quiz, a presentation, a dance lesson etc. Be creative! 😊

9) HOW TO GET THERE

To reach Slovenia by plane, you can fly to the following airports:

- [Ljubljana](#), Slovenia
- [Venice Treviso airport](#), Italy
- [Venice Marco Polo airport](#), Italy
- [Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari airport](#), Italy
- [Zagreb](#), Croatia

In order to reach the venue of the event, you can use the following means of transport:

- [GoOpti shuttle](#) – usually the easiest and cheapest way of transfer
- Train
- Bus

10) ABOUT THE ORGANIZER AND CONTACTS

No Excuse Slovenia is an organization in the public interest, which strives for positive social change and personal growth of young people. With the help of non-formal education encourages young people to social participation and activation of their peers. We harness the momentum of rebellious nature in young people to create positive change. Our focus is: Criticize, Suggest and Act. While it is easy to criticize, we encourage young people to go further and come up with solutions to tackle the problems they have identified in their local environment and broader.

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