



FACILITATE LEARNING AMONG CULTURES

Erasmus+  training course



Misaktsieli, Georgia | 19–27 April 2016

Project background

Mobility programs such as Erasmus+ are providing multiple opportunities for youngsters to meet other cultures and organize international meetings that aim to develop intercultural understanding while bringing down stereotypes and reinforcing shared ideas of what Europe and its diversity means. These meetings are at the same time one of the main activities European Commission is promoting in order to strengthen European Citizenship and establish cooperative partnerships.

In this context, many of the youth workers involved in this type of activities become facilitators of very sensitive topics, sometimes without going through an accurate process to get comprehensive understanding of its complexities. For this reason, these meetings can bring great results when properly planned and facilitated, but also can easily lead to clashes and misunderstandings among those participating, perpetuating or even building new prejudices and barriers among them.

Due to the specificities of these environments, youth facilitating these activities precise developing several competences, which basically include: awareness about culture and its dimensions, educational approaches in non-formal learning, problem/conflict solving in intercultural settings and competences on facilitation of activities using appropriate non-formal methods.

Organizations are running activities with their staff members, placing them in “facilitator” or “trainer” roles, but in many cases those youngsters have not attended comprehensive education activities that equipped them with all the competences necessary to guarantee effective and tailored educational proposals and methods.

This Training of Trainers aims to contribute to the development of the mentioned competences among the members of the partner organizations and contribute to the overall improvement of the capacities of youth workers.

“Facilitate learning among cultures” will provide a double learning dimension. First, understanding the elements of culture, its dimensions and the complexity of intercultural environments, as well as the challenges (misunderstandings, false debates, tensions, conflicts) that could arise due to the particularities of the setting and that endanger the outcomes of the activity. Second, providing participants with tools to work in these settings, through understanding the logics of non-formal learning, the importance of group dynamics, the different leadership competences and approaches, exploring potential mediation roles of intercultural youth work.

The Training Course will take place in Georgia, from 19th to 27th of April 2016, and will include 28 participants from 14 countries from EU and EECA region.

Project aim and objectives

The aim of the Training of Trainers is to increase youngsters' understanding of culture and their capacities to lead intercultural activities with educational objectives.

More precisely, the objectives of the Training of Trainers are:

- To explore the different dimensions of culture and how these are connected with intercultural learning;
- To strengthen the competences of youth leaders/trainers to plan and implement efficient educational activities in international youth encounters;
- To raise the awareness of youth leaders/trainers of the specificities and complexities while facilitating intercultural youth meetings;
- To create a portfolio with the outlines of the activities and workshops lead by the participants;
- To plan common international youth encounters for young people with fewer opportunities.

Methodology

The methodological approach of the Training of Trainers is based on non-formal education and its principles and an intensive practical phase in which participants will develop and implement their own workshops and get feedback from trainers and their peers. Workshops, discussions, presentations, theater, role-plays and theoretical inputs will be used during the first days of the training.

Duration

7 days (excluding arrival and departure)

Participants

28 participants, one male and one female per organisation (preferably aged between 18 and 25 years old).

The participants should be:

- Interested in developing competences to work as trainers/facilitators in intercultural activities,
- Basic experience in leading educational activities with youngsters, at local or international level,
- open minded,
- aware of the characteristics of the learning environment (non-formal education),
- ready to share and explore,
- preferably working on the youth field and with experience in this learning environment,
- should have communicative level of English.

Accommodation

Kapiloni Hotel Misaktsieli

This family hotel, which hosts several trainings per year, is situated in the historic village of Misaktsieli. Guests enjoy free Wi-Fi available in common spaces and plenary, and the Aragvi River is just a 5-minute walk away.

The simple rooms at Kapiloni Hotel come with an en suite bathroom. Toiletries, a hairdryer and slippers are provided.

European and traditional Georgian cuisine is served in the Kapiloni restaurant, and in the evening guests can enjoy a drink at the bar.



Meals

Participants will be provided 3 meals a day, as well as coffee breaks. Dietary needs such as vegetarianism will of course be taken into consideration as much as possible. Please be however open-minded and curious to Georgian cuisine.

Travel budget

Please do not buy any tickets without our confirmation or permission, before buying the tickets you should always contact us and send us travel plan of the participant and **ONLY** after our permission you can proceed.

City	Country	Organisation	Number of participants	Travel cost per person
Ganja	AZE	Bridge to the Future	2	180
Minsk	BLR	League of Youth Voluntary Service	2	275
Břeclav	CZE	Evropske centrum mladeze Breclav	2	360
København	DNK	SILBA - Support Initiative for Liberty and Democracy	2	360
Tbilisi	GEO	"Academy for Peace and Development" Union	5	0
Megara	GRC	Youth Horizons	2	275
Budapest	HUN	Kulturális Kapcsolatokért Alapítvány	4	360
Magenta	ITA	Young Effect Association	2	360
Druskininkai	LTU	Viesoji istaiga Druskininku veiklaus jaunimo klubas	2	360
Ungheni	MDA	CREATORII	2	275
Warszawa	POL	FUNDACJA AUTOKREACJA	2	360
Gorišnica	SVN	Feniks-um	2	360
Erbaa	TUR	Erbaa Egitim ve Yardimlasma Dernegi	2	275
Kyiv	UKR	All-Ukrainian Association for Youth Co-operation Alternative-V	2	275

Insurance

Participants are required to have an insurance for the whole duration of the project. This is obligatory for your safety and health.

Weather

All updates about the weather are here:

<http://www.weather.com/weather/today//Misaktsieli+MM+GGXX2983:1:GG>

Travel to Misaktsieli

Most common arrival point is Tbilisi international airport. Flights to Tbilisi mostly are operated by Turkish Airlines, Austrian airlines, Lufthansa, Airbaltic, Georgian Airlines (Airzena), Polish airlines (LOT), Aerosvit and Belavia, etc, from/via Vienna, Munich, Istanbul, Amsterdam, Riga, Kiev, Minsk, Warsaw and Prague. Budget flights to Kutaisi are operated by WizzAir from Budapest, Katowice, Warsaw and Vilnius. From Kutaisi airport there are direct bus connections after each landing to Tbilisi.

For participants arriving from Azerbaijan we recommend to use minibus and Train connection to Tbilisi.

All participants will be picked up from the Tbilisi International Airport, bus and train stations and will be brought to Misaktsieli.

Please note that if some participants will stay longer for holiday reasons, organisers will not provide them with transportation to the airport and accommodation.

Visa and travel documents

Participants coming from Azerbaijan, Belarus, the European Union, Moldova, Turkey and Ukraine do not need visa to enter the territory of Georgia. Participants will need to have only a valid international passport. Citizens of any member state of the European Union can enter Georgia with their sole identity card. **Please check the validity of passport before departure.**

Reimbursement of travel expenses

We ask you to bring us all boarding passes and tickets with invoices for your travel expenses. If you do not have these documents we will not be able to reimburse your money.

Travel costs are fixed amount of money per participant based on the travel distance. Travel distance was calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission.

In every Partnership Agreement with every Partner states the rule about money that will be given to the Partner for travel expenses. We will reimburse you the amount of money that you have spent to travel tickets but not more than the fixed amount per participant from each country.

The costs of travel by private car cannot be reimbursed.

Application and deadline

The application form can be accessed at the following link:

http://culturalrelations.org/Files/Erasmus/Application_form-FLAC.docx

Deadline for application: **1 February 2016**



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