

# REGIONAL COOPERATION

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## Aims and objectives

For different reasons, not all young people can be fully involved in the labor market. There is a category of youth that is neither in employment nor in education and training (“NEETs”). Young people who are neither in employment nor in education or training are at risk of becoming socially excluded – individuals with income below the poverty-line and lacking the skills to improve their economic situation.

In 2018, according to Eurostat, 16,5 % of the 20-34 olds in the EU were neither in employment nor in education and training (‘NEETs’). The proportion of young people neither in employment nor in education and training in 2018 ranged from 8,0 % in Sweden to 28,9 % in Italy. If we talk about the countries participating in this contact making seminar, then the situation is as follows. In 2017, among young people aged 20-34, the highest level is in Turkey (33,2%!), Hungary (17,0%) and Poland (16,4 %), that Czech Republic (15%), Finland (13,1%), Lithuania (12,7%).

Unlike for unemployment or employment, there is no international standard for the definition of NEETs. Eurostat, the International Labour Organization and certain other organizations have adopted the following definition of the NEET: the the population of a given age group and sex who is not employed and not involved in further education or training.

At the European level, the label NEET has an immediate value as an additional indicator of unemployment and youth marginalisation and disengagement. Because they are neither improving their future employability through investment in skills nor gaining experience through employment, NEETs are particularly at risk of both labour market and social exclusion.

With this contact making seminar (CMS) we want to establish international, national and regional cooperation of organizations directly working with youth in order to reduce the number of NEET young people and to open for them the world of youth opportunities, including Erasmus + Program.

### **We want to focus on two important aspects of cooperation:**

**1) National cooperation.** Very often, youth organizations working in one country compete among themselves for access to the main target group – young people, forgetting that we all have one main mission – to support young people and this is not a business where we have to be the competitors. We want to create an atmosphere of mutual assistance and understanding in the context of involving young people in a social society.

**2) Regional / International cooperation.** Each country is unique in different contexts, including in the field of youth work. At the same time, as practice shows, countries that are geographically close have similar problems, so together we can think over qualitatively new solutions to existing issues and get an additional synergy effect. Therefore, we proposed to be participants for organization from neighboring countries, like Poland, Czech Republic and Hungary; Finland and Lithuania; Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus; Georgia and Turkey.

### **Aim**

The main aim of the contact making seminar “Regional Cooperation” is to develop national, international and regional cooperation among the youth workers in order to share experiences and knowledge on working with NEET youth and their engagement in a dialogue to foster the EU social cohesion.

We believe that the CMS will be beneficiary for all organizations involved as it will expand the partnership network on national and regional level. Some organizations have not very big experience, so for them it will also be very important to learn about the work with NEET youth.

**The CMS will take place in Budapest, on 31 March – 7 April 2020 and will gather together 33 youth workers, youth leaders and educators from 10 different Program countries: Belarus, Czech Republic, Finland, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Turkey, Ukraine.**

## Methods

The programme of the CMS will be in the framework of **non-formal education**, using an interactive and participative approach. The seminar will provide the space to exchange knowledge and experience about working with NEET youth and will engage the organizations to constructively contribute in this topic.

## Participants' profile

**Participants' profile includes following criteria:**

- Youth workers and youth leaders who are involved into the daily activities of the youth organizations and who are interested to develop networking projects in this field.
- Already have experience in working with young people, especially NEET, organizing initiatives and projects
- Be motivated to contribute to the CMS with their experience and competences
- Be committed to attend for the full duration of the seminar
- Be aged 18 years old and above
- Competently able to work in English language as it will ensure effective communication between all participants and all relevant stakeholders.

## How to prepare?

**Task 1:** Observation day in your local community or/and in your daily work with young people.

- What attracts your attention? What are the main problems faced by young people?
- What issues create deeper concern in you and towards which you are more passionate about as a youth worker, especially in the context of working with NEET youth?
- Please register the discoveries you've done.

Deadline: before the CMS.

**Task 2:** Prepare a presentation about your organization and how you work with young people, including NEET youth and youth in the risk of social exclusion. Deadline: before CMS.

**Task 3:** Intercultural preparation. Watch the 2 TED talks below and share your reflections about them on the FB page of the project. The main goal is to encourage reflection on diversity and intercultural issues, as well as to stimulate in you the need and the interest to present your culture in a non stereotypical way, interacting thus with each other in a way that is more human and personal. This online communication in FB will be moderated by the team of trainers. Deadline: before CMS.

**TED's list:**

1) "Don't ask me where I'm from, ask me where I'm local".

[https://www.ted.com/talks/taie\\_selasi\\_don\\_t\\_ask\\_where\\_i\\_m\\_from\\_ask\\_where\\_i\\_m\\_a\\_local](https://www.ted.com/talks/taie_selasi_don_t_ask_where_i_m_from_ask_where_i_m_a_local)

2) "The danger of a single story".

[https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda\\_adichie\\_the\\_danger\\_of\\_a\\_single\\_story](https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story)

**Intercultural preparation task:** The programme will include an international night for which we ask you to bring your local food, beverages, sweets and anything you think that might represent your culture/country. To celebrate and educate about the different cultures and nationalities present, national groups will be given 10 minutes each to present their countries through culture.

## The venue

**ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS:** The contact-making event will take place in **Classic Hotel** in **Budapest**, Hungary. The hotel is located 20 minutes from the city centre, in a quiet and elegant Buda district within easy reach. Thanks to its easy accessibility it is a perfect choice for participants arriving by public transport. **Address:** Zólyomi u. 6., Budapest 1118 Hungary. <http://classichotel.hu>

In the hotel, 2 or 3 participants of the same sex and different nationalities will share one room. Towels and bed linen are provided by the hotel. Each room has its separate bathroom and toilet. The seminar room and dining room are located in the same building. Organisers will provide participants with three times of food per day. Coffee breaks will be self-service. Dietary needs such as vegetarianism will of course be taken into consideration as much as possible. Please be however open-minded and curious to Hungarian cuisine. **All the costs are covered by the programme.** The costs of the drinks or food that will be ordered in the hotel cafe out of breakfast, lunch and dinner, participants will cover by themselves. Participants are kindly required to arrive to the project venue (Hotel Classic) on 31 March before 3pm. **Please note that if some participants will stay longer for holiday reasons, organisers will not provide them accommodation out of project days (31 Mar. – 7 Apr.)**

**TRAVEL DAYS** are 31 March and 7 April 2020. Participants can stay longer only if prices of flight tickets are not higher than on travel days.

### REACHING THE VENUE:

**Public transport from Budapest airport:** the fastest way by public transport is bus 100E to Astoria (*second stop*) from you have to take any of bus 8E or 110 or 112 till the stop called *BAH csomópont* from where you have to take only a few minutes walk.

**From Népliget bus station:** take metro 3 (blue line) till *Ferenciek tere* stop and then take any of the buses mentioned above to *BAH csomópont* stop.

**From Kelenföld bus and train station:** take any of bus 53 or 139 or 240 till the *Fehéró utca* stop and just walk up to the hotel.

**TICKET PRICE:** Bus 100E: 900 HUF (2.5 EUR); other buses: 350 HUF (1 EUR) – tickets can be bought online (mobile application) or vending machines in front of the airport (with credit card or Hungarian forint in cash) or in cash with Hungarian forint at the bus driver. You can check the bus lines and directions and plan the transportation on the following web page <https://bkk.hu>.

## The venue

Participants coming from the European Union do not need visa to enter the territory of Hungary. Participants from these countries will need to have only a valid identity card or an international passport. Participants entitled to receive financial support if travelling from Turkey (60 euro) and Belarus (80 euro). **Please check the validity of your ID or passport before departure. Before travelling, check whether you are entitled to leave your country and enter Hungary with your travel documents!**

## Insurance

Participants are required to have an insurance for the whole duration the activity. This is obligatory for your safety and health. The European Health Insurance Card is valid only in Hungary. In case you have the card, you do not need to have additional insurances.

## Travel arrangements

**Please do not buy** any tickets without our confirmation or permission. You are strictly required to contact us and send travel plan of the participant beforehand. You can proceed with the ticket purchase only after you get our permission.

Travel plans have to be sent to [andras.lorincz@culturalrelations.org](mailto:andras.lorincz@culturalrelations.org) within 5 days of approval of applications. Deadline for purchasing tickets: 12 March 2020.

We kindly ask all participants to ask for an invoice/receipt for all travel tickets with the following data on it: **Kulturalis Kapcsolatokert Alapitvany. Address: Gyongyosi u. 45., 1131 Budapest.**

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. In order to receive full travel reimbursement, participants have to attend on the educational programme, fill in the individual participants' report after the activity and take part in dissemination of results. **Deadline of sending ALL travel documents: 20 April 2020!**

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. 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 on travel tickets but not more than the fixed amount per participant from each country. The costs of travel by private car cannot be reimbursed. Extra costs (insurance and catering during your travel) cannot be reimbursed.

In case of EU citizens, reimbursements will be made via bank transfer to the partner organisations not earlier than 3 months after the end of each training and after you send back the documents of return trip. Payment of bank transfer fees will be borne by recipients.

In case of non-EU citizens, reimbursements will be made on the spot in cash in EUR on the last day of the activity (ONLY in case all travel documents are provided).

## Keep in mind

**!!!** It's very important, that you keep all travel tickets/boarding passes/invoices, and bring it with, so that we are able to reimburse the travel costs. **!!!**

## Additional expenses

The official currency of Hungary is forint (HUF). Do not forget to change your currency if you want to buy souvenirs or some extra things you need (accommodation and meals are provided for the project days). Budapest local transport company's ticket offices and vending machines accept bank cards. You can find a list of exchange offices in Budapest [here](#). 1 EURO is around 335 HUF (Hungarian forint). We do not recommend exchange offices at the airport.

## Weather

All updates about the weather in Budapest are available here:

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/hu/budapest/187423/april-weather/187423>

## Reimburse limits

Country	City	Organisation	Number of participants	Travel cost limit per person (EUR)*
BLR	Minsk	LYVS	3	275
CZE	Otrokovice	CESTA ROZVOJE	3	180
FIN	Espoo	ACR	3	275
GEO	Rustavi	GACR	3	360
HUN	Budapest	ICRP	5	0
LTU	Kaunas	ACTIVITS	3	275
MDA	Chisinau	MILLENIUM	3	275
POL	Orzesze	FEIO	3	180
TUR	Karacabey	TSCR	3	275
UKR	Kharkiv	STELLA	4	275

\* Participants coming from Turkey and Belarus to Hungary can receive an additional reimbursement of their visa expenses if claimed.

## Application

Candidates eligible for participation shall send their filled application form to the partner organisations by 5 March 2020. The application can be accessed online at:

[http://culturalrelations.org/Files/Erasmus/Application\\_form-RC.docx](http://culturalrelations.org/Files/Erasmus/Application_form-RC.docx)

5.3.2020

application  
deadline

12.3.2020

buying of  
flight tickets

31.3-7.4.2020

activity in  
Budapest


## Facebook group & website


We invite all participants to join the Facebook group dedicated to the project:


<https://facebook.com/groups/RegionalCooperationCMS>

## Contact the organisers


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