



project development for social transformation

Erasmus+ training course



Misaktsieli | 9–16 May 2016

Project background

The EU is slowly recovering from a severe crisis that affected its main pillars at all levels – and that is still reshaping the nature of it. The EECA countries are nowadays suffering a strong recession due to the international consequences of the sanctions imposed to Russia in the last year and the economic relations of its neighbouring countries (all EECA countries suffered a devaluation of their currency above 30% in the last 8 months, being Ukraine the most affected).

Youth unemployment within the EU reached its peak during the first quarter of 2013 with over a rate of 24% (Eurostat), and the figures in the first quarter of 2015 are not much better, being slightly lower of 23%. Countries especially affected by these figures both in EU and EECA already for years are Spain (53.3%), Greece (49.8%) Italy (43.9%), Armenia (39.3%) or Georgia (35.5%).

In this given context, youth suffers from these general trends and youth organisations proved to be potential platforms for personal development of youngsters and potential actors for youth participation in social, economic, cultural and political life. Nevertheless, according to the EU Flash Barometer, only 22% of youngsters within the EU are actively involved in youth clubs or any kind of youth organisations, being these figures lower in the EECA region.

In the described context, it becomes of special relevance for youth organisations to arise as a relevant actor and be competent to develop initiatives and projects that address the needs of youngsters and reach the highest quality standards. Lacking competences when planning projects addressing the complex realities youngsters are facing can lead to frustrating consequences, such as misplaced actions, ineffective strategies, lack of funding, impossibility to capitalise results, among others.

Against that, the project aims to contribute to the development of competences of youth workers on project development and management for social change. For that, the project objectives focus on two main elements: First, to gain an overall understanding of social change processes and, second, to increase the capacities of youth workers to designing tailored project proposals that effectively foster these processes.

By understanding these different concepts and its interconnections, the training course will contribute to increase organisations and youth workers quality of their work, raising their own capacities to design tailored projects addressing the needs of their target groups and consequently empowering them.

The training course will take place in Georgia between 9–16 May, 2016. 24 participants from 12 EU and EECA countries will participate in the activity.

Project aim and objectives

The aim of the Training Course is to develop the competences of youth workers on project development and management for social change.

More precisely, the objectives of the Training Course are:

- To share youth challenges and good practices connected with youth work and social change,
- To understand the basic theories of social change,
- To explore the tools to develop coherent theory of change,
- To analyse youth realities in the communities through context analysis tools,
- To share and use tools for project development at practical level,
- To develop project proposals and establish follow-up activities that contribute to social change connected with youth needs,
- To create a portfolio with activities and good practices used by the organisations.

Content

The main content of the training course will include:

- Theories and logics of social change
- Context analysis tools
- Theory of change and Logical Framework
- Project development tools

Methodology

The methodological approach of the Training Course is based on non-formal education and its principles. It will include workshops, discussions, presentations, theatre, role-plays, theoretical inputs and group work. The training will also provide an intensive project development and partnership building component.

Duration

7 days (excluding arrival and departure). Arrival day is 9 May while departure day is 17 May.

Participants

The participants should have:

- Previous experience with project writing/development with at least one international donor.
- Capacity to establish and create partnerships and commit with follow-up application of processes
- Interested in developing competences and implement follow-up initiatives,
- Aware of the characteristics of the learning environment (non-formal education),
- Working regularly on the youth field,
- Should have communicative level of English.

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	Day 1 (9 May)	Day 2 (10 May)	Day 3 (11 May)	Day 4 (12 May)	Day 5 (13 May)	Day 6 (14 May)	Day 7 (15 May)	Day 8 (16May)	Day 9 (17 May)	
8:30 – 9:30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
09:45 – 11:30	<i>Arrival</i>	Ice-breaking and getting to know	Context of Youth	My personal path	Internal Analysis - SWOT	Project Cycle Basics and PM&E	Social Change in Progress Project Development	Results of Special Call	<i>Departure</i>	
11:30 – 12:00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		
12:00 – 13:30		Team building	Context of Youth	Approaches to Social Change - Participation	SWOT and Grouping	Context Analysis	Social Change in Progress Project Development	Follow-up: Planning Partnership Erasmus+		
13:30 – 15:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
15:00 – 16:30		Intelligent Groups - Teambuilding	Approaches to Social Change - Power	Creating a Portfolio	Free Time in Tbilisi	Context Analysis	Social Change in Progress Project Development	Final Evaluation		
16:30 – 17:00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break		Coffee break
17:00 – 18:30		Expectations and Needs	Approaches to Social Change – Our Theory of Change	Creating a Portfolio		Tools for Planning	Social Change in Progress Project Development	A.O.B		
18:30 – 19:00		Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection				
19:30 – 20:30		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Traditional Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		Dinner and farewell party
21:00		Welcoming and Ice-breaking	Cultural Night	Free Space	Movie Night		Free Space	Special Deadline		

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.

Country	City	Organisation	Number of participants	Travel cost per person
ARM	Yerevan	ArmActive	2	180
EST	Tallinn	Mittetulundusühing Youth Senate Tallinn	2	360
GEO	Tbilisi	"Academy for Peace and Development" Union	4	0
GER	Iserlohn	b-free	2	360
HUN	Budapest	Kulturális Kapcsolatokért Alapítvány	4	360
ITA	Reggio Calabria	EuroDemos Youth Mobility NGO	2	360
LIT	Rokiškis	Rokiškio jaunimo centras	2	360
MAC	Strumica	Mladinski Senat Strumica	2	275
MOL	Chisinau	EcoVisio	2	275
POL	Pleszew	Stowarzyszenie "Grupa Dzialania"	2	360
TUR	Erbaa	Keçecider	2	275
UKR	Chernivtsi	PORA!	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/l/Misaktsieli+MM+GGXX2983:1:GG>

What to bring?

The programme will include an international night fow which we ask you to bring your local food, beverages, sweets and anything you think that might represent your culture/country.

Please bring your laptops for the project development days.

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 Armenia, the European Union, Moldova, Turkey and Ukraine do not need visa to enter the territory of Georgia. Participants from these countries 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 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.

Application and deadline

The application form can be accessed at the following link:

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

Deadline for application: **15 March 2016**



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