

# Religion, Future Generation, Stereotypes

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# ReFuGees

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## Project background

Europe is facing a crucial moment in which religion and intercultural understanding are playing important roles in the life of its citizens and we encounter everyday stereotypes, fear for diversity, intolerance and rejection, exclusion of youth and a non-communicative approach. Refugees crisis was the last drop for making the bubble exploding in a series of events which have not been easy to overcome.

"ReFuGeeS - Religion, Future, Generation, Stereotypes" is born from this Euro-Balkan background in where the involved countries found themselves as the most affected ones of a sad scenario of past and present issues concerning religious and faith matters which sometimes lead to avoidance, violence, and marginalisation; we do not realize the importance of the religious patrimony and cultural treasure belonging to it.

Non-formal education, religious diversity, mutual understanding and volunteering actions are the key factors which can change the perspective, induce to the right interpretation of things and to a more democratic and inclusive Europe for all those involved actors working and non-profiting in the field of refugees' crisis and humanitarian help.

## Project aim and objectives

The main objectives of the training course will be achieved by the following points:

- 1) to discuss and analyse the traditions concerning the religions in Europe;
- 2) to discuss about the needs for interfaith dialogue and its challenges;
- 3) to promote the respect of the fundamental Human Rights and the link with the faith and religious issues through the use of non formal education tools for learning planned ad hoc;
- 4) to share and overcome stereotypes and wrong knowledge/ideas about the cultural diversity in our religions and societies;
- 5) to consider the role of active citizens with diverse groups of people;
- 6) to introduce the participants in a pro-positive, democratic and healthy attitude and to address them to the mutual understanding to be spread out in our realities.

## Content

The main methodology used will be the one of non-formal education, completed with some theoretical inputs, and we will use creative and interactive methods such as simulations, presentations, brainstorming, fish bowl, open debates and theatre.

## Duration

6 days (excluding arrival and departure), from the 4th till the 9th of December 2016. Travel days are 3rd and 10th of December.

## Participants

24 participants and 3 trainers and facilitators coming from 12 Programme and Partner Countries.

## Participants' profile

This project has been designed and developed to be addressed to Youth Workers and Leaders, Youth Activists and those active in youth organisations or dealing with youth matters.

In order to be eligible as a participant, it is necessary to be over 18 years old and legally resident in the country in which the organisation is registered.

The participants should:

- Be 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.

## ReFuGeeS Training Programme

	DAY I 03.12	DAY II 04.12	DAY III 05.12	DAY IV 06.12	DAY V 07.12	DAY VI 08.12	DAY VII 09.12	DAY VIII 10.12	
9.30 – 11.00	ReFuGeeS people arrive the venue from the morning until 18.00 maximum	Official Welcome and Erasmus+	Democracy building and integration	Approaches to social employment and entrepreneurship	Practices in teambuilding for Humanitarian work	International Cooperation and intervention	Close the circle: competencies plan for ReFuGeeS	Breakfast and Departures	
11.00 - 11.20		Coffee Break							ReFuGeeS people leave
11.20 – 13.00		Our ReFuGeeS Think tank, fears and expectations	Participation, Human Rights and Youth in our society	Conflict resolution and integration	Empowering Integration: the Tree of society for the next generations	EU policies: pros and cons within the Euro-Balkan area	Tailor competencies in Youthpass and Erasmus+ for refugees		
13.00 - 15.00		Lunch							
15.00 – 16.30		Cooperation towards our future	Inclusion vs Exclusion	Capacity: youth work for change	Preparation to visit and Free time in Pécs	A portfolio of EU projects for Youth in Human Rights	Plan the quality project for Erasmus+		
16.30 - 16.50		Coffee Break							
16.50 – 18.00		Map the Gap in refugee crisis	Approaches to socio-cultural change	Euro-Balkan plan for change: Religion, Future, Generation, Stereotypes	Free time in Pécs	Mission Project Management	Evaluation and debriefing		
18.00 – 18.20		Everyone at the venue	Reflection and evaluation	Reflection and evaluation		Middle Term Evaluation	Reflection and evaluation	Closing Ceremony	
19.00	Dinner Time								
20.00 >	Informal Hello to everybody – Teambuilding	ICE – InterCultural Evening	Free time	Free time	Free time	Free time	Farewell Party		

## Travel to Dombóvár

- For participants arriving by plane to Budapest we suggest using public transport (bus #200E from Airport to last stop, then change to metro line #3 to Deák tér, then change to metro line #2 and get off at Keleti railway station or Déli railway station depending on where your train leaves from. You can check trains at <http://elvira.mav-start.hu/elvira.dll/x/index?language=2> A train route from Budapest lasts for 2 hours and costs 12 EUR (Full price. Student discount is 50% and all EU student cards are valid in Hungary).
- For participants arriving from neighbouring countries (e.g. BIH, CZE, POL, SRB) we also recommend to use train and bus connections to Budapest or Zagreb.

You are required to choose the cheapest travel option.

**Participants are kindly required to arrive to the project venue (Hotel Dombóvár) by 6pm on 3rd December.** Most common arrival point is Dombóvár train station where trains from Budapest and Zagreb stop.

The hotel is just 1,5 kilometres (20 minutes walk) from the train station. See a detailed map [here](#). Our staff will be ready to guide you from the train station to the hotel. A taxi ride costs between 2-3 euros from the station.

If you arrive by bus, the main bus station is just opposite of the hotel.

Address of project venue: H-7200 Dombóvár, Hunyadi tér 1. (Hotel Dombóvár)  
<http://hoteldombovar.hu>

## How to prepare and what to bring?

Participants should be prepared to present the situation of refugees and refugee policy in their countries, and to bring data and maybe some newspapers about it. 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.

The "ReFuGeeS" project expects to give a preparation to the participants and a warm-up online via Facebook group and via emails which is compulsory to follow and attend as there are linked activities during the implementation phase in Dombóvár to it.

Once the training course is launched you will be asked to send 3 tasks:

- Send a slogan in favour of solution making for the refugee crisis;
- A short article link related to refugee crisis in the own country (in own language and with a short summary in English);
- Give a personal motivation of the reason why you have the wish to participate to "ReFuGeeS".

These materials are compulsory.

Preparation pretends to carve into the topic and create a deep effect of learning and experiential exchange among the participants.



## Accommodation

**Hotel Dombóvár:** featuring a sauna, free WiFi access, and a restaurant serving Hungarian dishes, the hotel is centrally-located in Dombóvár, less than 2 km from the train station. All units are functionally-furnished, equipped with a satellite TV and a private bathroom with a bath or a shower and free toiletries. Some also feature a balcony.

2 participants will be accommodated per room, divided by gender, mixed by nationality.

**Please note** that if some participants will stay longer for holiday reasons, organisers will not provide them accommodation.



## 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 Hungarian cuisine.

## Travel budget

**Please do not** buy any tickets without our confirmation or permission. Before buying tickets you should always contact us and send us your travel plans and **ONLY** after our permission you can proceed.

You are required to choose the cheapest travel option.

Country	City	Organisation	Number of participants	Travel cost per person
ALB	Tiranë	Lëvizja Europiane në Shqipëri	2	275
BIH	Sarajevo	Opcinska organizacija Crveni kriz Novo Sarajevo	3	180
CZE	Brno	Brno for you, z.s.	2	180
GER	Frankfurt am Main	Forum für interkulturellen Dialog e.V	2	275
HUN	Budapest	ICRP	4	0
ITA	Reggio Calabria	EuroDemos Youth Mobility NGO	3	275
KOS	Prizren	Infinit	2	275
MKD	Strumica	Mladinski Senat Strumica	2	275
MNE	Podgorica	CAZAS	2	275
POL	Łódź	Fundacja Mlodzi Dla Sukcesu	3	180
SRB	Beograd	Culture in action	2	180
TUR	Istanbul	Genclik Mevsimi Dernegi	2	275

## 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.

Reimbursements will be made via bank transfer after you send back the documents of return trip, and payment of bank transfer fees will be borne by recipients.

## Visa and travel documents

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. **Please check the validity of your ID or passport before departure. Before travelling, check whether you are entitled to leave your country and enter to Hungary with your travel documents!**

**Visa for citizens of Kosovo:** participants from Kosovo need visa to enter Hungary. A sum of 50 EUR is budgeted per person in order to ensure their exceptional costs covered. The organisers will send them an invitation letter to facilitate the process.

## Additional expenses

The programme includes a visit to Pécs (European Capital of Culture in 2010) for which participants are required to pay 15 EUR extra for train/bus tickets that will be collected on the 2nd day. The visit to Pécs is optional.

The official currency of Hungary is **forint**. Don't 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). Train ticket offices and vending machines accepts bank cards. You can find a list of exchange offices in Dombóvár [here](#).

## Insurance

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

## Weather

All updates about the weather are here:  
<https://weather.com/weather/today/l/HUXX0288:1:HU>

## Facebook group

We invite all participants to join the Facebook group dedicated to the project:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/refugeesproject>



## Application and deadline

The application form can be accessed at the following link:  
[http://culturalrelations.org/Files/Erasmus/Application\\_form-ReFuGeeS.docx](http://culturalrelations.org/Files/Erasmus/Application_form-ReFuGeeS.docx)

**Deadline for application: 1 October 2016**

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