



***CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE***

“Roma in the past and today”

***25 -28 February 2018
Venue: Skopje, Macedonia***

Context of the conference

Knowledge of the history of Europe is necessary to be able to interpret the different perceptions of current events. The knowledge that the citizens should acquire in order to be aware of a relationship between current events and processes in the past is not primarily based on simple facts and dates but also on a knowledge of basic structures, the economic and social situation, and political systems.

In many totalitarian countries minorities were not considered of the perfect race, or did not fit into the ideology of the totalitarian societies. The Roma were seen by the Nazis as being inferior, they were not as good a human being as the superior race and in October 1939 all Roma were ordered to be sent to concentration camps. During this period, Roma were subjected to genocide and totally denied of their civil rights. All these years, it was not spoken much about the Roma and Sinti Holocaust during the World War II. Discrimination against them and violation of their rights are still prevalent in today's Europe.

This event gives general input to Human Rights and Holocaust Education with an accent to Roma and Sinti Holocaust as it is not very well known. The idea with this project is to learn how to encourage young people to implement European values and opportunities with active role and different approach in dealing with prejudice, to learn how to show youth that they are part of European culture and that they can create future society based on democracy.

Methodology

The conference is envisaged to give introduction to the Roma Holocaust and HRE topic. The methodology is based on NFE methods: using manuals such as: Right to Remember, T-Kit-Social Inclusion, Compass etc. groups work, brainstorming, wall writing, association game, discussion, debate, simulation, audiovisual techniques.

The project gives a high priority to youth participation from the preparatory to the evaluation process, in particular that the participants can shape the program based on their own needs and interests.

Aim and Objectives

The aim of the training is to raise awareness about the Roma Holocaust and Human Rights Education stimulating the critical thinking and debate of young people, their reflection and understanding of history and antigipsism.

To reach the general aim of the TC, the objectives are:

- Raise involvement of Roma and non-Roma citizens in European debate on Roma Inclusion;

- Sent key points to the stakeholders: Roma civic and democratic participation is necessary for greater Roma inclusion and better future perspectives in Europe
- Roma and non-Roma volunteers and activists, sharing their grassroots engagement and practices;
- Build alliances of Roma organizations to the established stakeholders

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Present will be Roma and non-Roma youth leaders, activists, multipliers, and volunteers who are working with young and/or Roma youth.

Participants must also:

- be familiar with the situation and challenges of the Roma community in their country
- be motivated to develop their competences in advocacy, anti-discrimination work, human rights and to share their experiences with other participants
- be aged 18 –
- be committed to attend for the full duration of the course
- be able to work in English
- be resident in one of the European countries, Albania, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Costs and Accommodation

There is no participation fee. The organizers cover the costs for accommodation, board and any program-related costs. Travel costs are reimbursed during the seminar or afterwards by bank transfer based on a fully presented travel reimbursement claim (flight bookings, boarding tickets, invoices, bus/train tickets), based on the cheapest means and up to a certain amount:

- Western Europe max. 250 Euro,
- Central and Eastern Europe max 200 €;
- Albania, Serbia; Bosnia and Herzegovina: return bus ticket price

Cheaper tickets will be one of the criteria in selection process.

for questions contact the organizers.

The accommodation is going to be in [WIP Hotel](#) in Skopje – city center, Macedonia.

Application procedure

All interested applicants must to fill out the online [Application form](#) until 31 January 2018. The results will be announced up to 04th February 2018. All the applicants will receive an answer to the application.

Note: As there are limited places we encourage potential applicants to apply earlier

If you have question related to the training course please feel free to contact us on: info.marandost@gmail.com