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Step Forward Toward Peace

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KA1 Mobility of Youth Workers

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Summary of Project

Conflict comes high on the political agenda everywhere in Europe. While the form of conflicts may vary – inter ethnic, inter-religious, international or any other – many states face urgent situations of tension and are not always prepared to handle them or to find solutions acceptable to all concerned. Recently, security logics and increased policing have been the choice of governments in response to conflicts. More and more, there is a tendency to “explain” conflict through multiculturalism or religion, thus blaming culture and diversity for growing tensions. Especially there is growing fears towards refugees, muslims leads radicalization in

many European countries.

However, conflict is not new to Europe. The massive violations of human rights during the Second World War and the desire for peace were at the origin of the creation of both the Council of Europe and the European Commission. Since then, the Council of Europe has grown to include 47 member states.

In addressing youth, conflict is an inevitable topic, both as a transversal theme and as a specific area of work. The European institutions are aware of this, and both have some form of specific programming in relation to youth and conflict, actively engaging in co-operation on this theme. Young people face different kinds of conflict in their lives and transitions to adulthood, and at the same time many live in regions or environments experiencing or recovering from conflict. Furthermore, the forms and types of conflict that can be experienced change with the dynamic development of societies in response to globalisation.

The background of the project outline is constituted by existing regional conflicts in Eastern Europe and Caucasus and the increasing tensions within many EU countries in regards to nationalism, xenophobia.

Viewing the post-soviet context with frozen and hot conflicts/war in east Ukraine (Ukraine - Russia), Abkhazia and Southern Ossetia (Georgia) and Nagorno- Karabakh (Armenia - Azerbaijan), Kurdish conflict (Turkey), political conflict between Netherlands and Turkey proves that conflict management and peace building are obviously among the most important issues especially among young people for civil society organizations to work on.

All the above stated illustrates the importance of youth work in the areas of peace building, conflict transformation, peace education and anti-discrimination.

Many youth workers are missing skills to deal with conflict or has limited methods to apply. so these create big need to train youth workers to develop theirs skills and prove them different tools to promote peace education. Considering all above mentioned we decided to create a training course to fill in the gap.

Step Forward Toward Peace - STeP aims to provide tools to youth workers on conflict management and peace education for their daily work with young people. Second of aim Step is to develop capacity and skills of participants to become a peace-builder and change makers in their communities.

Objectives:

- To exchange best practices in relation to youth work and conflict and -cultural dialogue;
- To provide tools for conflict management and peace education;
- To promote common understanding of peace and dialogue;
- To develop and promote the culture of peace;
- To create space for NGOs and youth workers to cooperate in the implementation of joint projects on local, regional and international level;
- To raise the visibility of the Erasmus+ Programme in Lithuania and EECA region.

In relation to the priorities of the Erasmus+ program the project intends to develop working strategies and skills of youth workers allowing them to contribute to promote peace

through non-violent actions, which is fostering young people's active participation and increase a sense of European Citizenship.

As a result, the projects aims to develop new initiatives and strategies for active involvement of young people in projects dealing with conflicts on international, national and local level. Youth workers are playing a major role in the solution of existing conflicts and tensions between communities, and can take a leading function in promoting peace, establishing links between the conflict parties, and turning frozen conflicts into constructive dialogue by applying innovative methods all across Europe. So that it is important to build their capacity in order to let them to reach more young people around them.

Profile of Participants and Working Language

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Profile of participants: We invite 32 participants without age limit who already work with conflicts, youth workers, youth leaders who have experience in this field, people who active participate in youth movement and plan to work in conflict regions.

Age: 18+

Language: The language of the course will be English. Participants should be fluent in English

Participation fee: €35.-

Working Methodologies

Our training course will be based on non-formal education methods such as group works, simulations, individual reflections, peer to peer learning etc.

It means that learning is based on your experience, your motivation and your needs. You are responsible for your learning but the team

Responsibility of Partner Organizations

- Finding motivated and experienced participants
- to assist travel arrangements
- to warn the participants about the travel documents for reimbursement.
- to inform them about the schedule, tasks, duties and rules.

Responsibility of Participants

- Please inform the organization if you have any kind of allergies, chronic diseases or disabilities. If you are vegetarian or vegan, it is also required.
- Please fill the Application Form via link:

<https://goo.gl/forms/gljdi6yweWPnYENe2>

- To search travel options and inform us about the details of the tickets and buy them

AFTER GETTING CONFIRMATION from the coordinator.

- To inform the hosting organization about the arrival
- To attend in the all sessions of the project activity.
- To pay participation fee.

Preparation for the Training Course

Intercultural Night:

There will be 2 intercultural nights where you can present some food from your country. So please bring the ingredients you will need. We will also provide the things you can find in market (if needed).

Financial Issues and Conditions

We will reimburse travel cost after the training course **via Western Union** for non-EU citizens and **via bank transfer** for EU citizens. **Please prepare your bank-details!!**

!Note (IMPORTANT!): We will **NOT REFUND** any tickets that have been purchased **by a travel agency**, this is not the most cost effective method and will **NOT** be refunded!

!Note (IMPORTANT!): We will **NOT REFUND** any taxi expenses unless that will be only options to travel (incase the public transport will not work etc). Taxi expenses has to be confirmed in advance!

The prices on the TICKETS, not on the invoices, will be regarded while your reimbursement will be calculated.

!!!Note: Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes. Please print before all documents, which are related to travel expenses. This means that once home after the training, participants will be asked to send the originals of all return documents and boarding passes. Please remember to **bring the original invoices** – there will be no reimbursement without the original invoices and tickets with indicated Names of travelers, description of the journey, indication of cost and currency and date of travel.

Please do not lose your boarding passes; you will need them for reimbursement of travel cost.

!!!!!!Note: Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month when the grant agreement for this project will be signed by the NA, as stated in the official European Commission web-site at <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>

!!!!!!Note: Finally, please print all documents related your travel (Electronic Tickets, bus tickets etc.).

We kindly ask you to bring money you will need to spend for your own goods during project.

Maximum Travel Cost Limit Per Country/Per Person

COUNTRIES	Max. Limit Per Person	Number of Participants
Lithuania	€20	2
Armenia	€360	2
Estonia	€275	3
Georgia	€275	2
Poland	€275	3
Spain	€360	2
Netherlands	€275	2
Ukraine	€275	3
Moldova	€275	2
Azerbaijan	€360	2
Turkey	€360	2
Belarus	€275	2

Health Insurance

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organizers. Participants are strongly suggested to make a health insurance.

Visa and currency

For non-EU citizens visa is needed to enter Lithuania. If you need visa to participate in the training please contact us as soon as possible after confirmation of your participation in the training. Organizer will provide you all needed documents to apply for visa. All visa-costs (excluding insurance) will be reimbursed together with travel costs.

Please **DO NOT FORGET** to bring along the confirmation of payment (i.e. credit card slip and/or bank statement).

Currency: The currency in Lithuania is the Euro (EUR)

Training Venue and Travelling Arrangements

We will inform you about the venue and travel arrangements after we receive all applications!

It is important to keep your original boarding passes, all travelling tickets and invoices for reimbursement.

Please contact and consult the organizer about your travelling plan. Do not buy your tickets until the organizer approve the details. Any tickets purchased without consultation or from travel agency will not be reimbursed.

Some useful words in Lithuanian while travelling

Taip	Yes
Ne	No
Prašom	Please
Gerai	O.K.
Ačiū	Thank you.
Sveiki	Hello
Koks tavo vardas?	What is your name?
Aš esu ...	My name is...
Malonu	Nice to meet you
Kaip saikausi?	How are you?
Ačiū, gerai. O kaip tu?	I am fine, thank you. How are you?
Iš kur tu esi?	Where are you from?
Aš esu iš ...	I am coming from ...
Aš irgi!	Me too!
Sudie	Goodbye
Labas rytas!	Good morning!
Labas vakaras!	Good evening!
Labanakt!	Good night!
Iki!	See you later!
Kūr yra ...?	Where is...?
Aš noriu eiti į ...	I want to go...
Oro Uostas	Airport
Autobusų stotis	Coach (Bus) Station
Autobusas	Bus (Coach)
Minibusas	Minibus
Išvykimas	Departure
Atvykimas	Arrival
Valiutos keitykla	Exchange Office
Bilietas	Ticket

Draft Program

D/H	15.03	16.03	17.03	18.03	19.03	20.03	21.03	22.03	
08.30		Breakfast							
10.00	Arrivals	Getting to Know each other	Sharing Realities	Conflict Escalation	A mosque in Sleepville	Peace, Negative and Positive Peace	NGO Fair	Departures	
11.30		Coffee Break							
11.50		Mission is Possible	Sharing Realities	Conflict Mapping and Case Studies	A mosque in Sleepville	Culture of Peace and Peace Education tools	Open Space	Departures	
13.00		Lunch							
14.30		Working Guidelines and program	Identity & Personal Conflicts	Conflict Mediation	Free Afternoon	Meeting with Peace Builders - Understanding Non Violent Approaches	New Cooperation and project ideas		
16.00	Coffee Break								
16.20	Welcome and Getting to Know each other	Erasmus+ and youthpass	Understanding conflict	Behaviours in Conflict Situation	Free Afternoon	The Meeting Point	Follow up activities		
18.00		Reflection Time							
19.00	Dinner								
20.30		Free Night	Intercultural Evening	Movie Night	Free Night	Farewell Party	Evaluation of Training Course		

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Deadline to send application: _____

All applicants will be informed at **15th February** regarding the selection result rather they are selected or not.