



**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**  
***Training course***

***“Rroma past and present through forum theater”***

***30 August -04 September 2018***  
***Venue: Struga, Macedonia***

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## **Context of the project**

Totalitarianism emerged in Europe by World War II as a popular type of governance seeking to promote state power and reduce the power of civilians. Totalitarian governments establish rigid rules and regulations for citizens, controlled all aspects of daily life by making education, banking and other key services fall under the control of the government.

In this period with such negative attitudes and widespread racism, it was easier for the totalitarian regime to implement a program of mass abuse and murders. Roma were seen by the Nazis as being inferior, they were not as good a human being as the superior race. During this period, Roma were subjected to genocide and totally denied of their civil rights such as: voting, army restriction etc.

Discrimination against the Roma, marginalization and ostracism are still prevalent in today's Europe. EU Agency for Basic Rights (FRA) in 2016 presented a research where Roma in most of EU countries live in risk of poverty, one third live in households without any water to drink, segregation in schools, high rate of unemployed etc.

The notion of this project is to provide young people with non formal education about the Roma Holocaust and ostracism that otherwise they would never have official opportunity to learn about it as an integral part of equal and cultural diverse Europe.

## **Methodology**

The methods of this seminar will be forum theatre and non formal education. Forum and street theatre is often used by socially excluded and disempowered groups as interactive form of theatre that encourages audience interaction and explores different options for dealing with a problem or issue. Through theatre we will give chance to youngsters to raise their own awareness about the Holocaust, elements of discrimination, denial of civic rights in the past and today towards the Roma.

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.

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## **Aim and Objectives**

*The **aim of the training** is to build capacity of youth workers and activists about the Roma past, mainly for Roma Holocaust and Human rights education and Roma present, mainly for discrimination and access to social rights.*

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

- Learn Forum Theater and Human Rights Education in context of Roma past and present
- Promote tolerance and equality through reflecting upon the European values and European identity;
- Roma and non-Roma volunteers and activists, sharing their grassroots engagement and practices relating to Roma inclusion;

## **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 and Balkan countries: Macedonia, Albania, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro

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## Costs and Accommodation

There is no participation fee. Participants are encouraged to contribute to travel costs. 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. 200 Euro,
- Central and Eastern Europe max 150 €;
- Balkan countries: return bus ticket price

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

The accommodation is going to be [in Hotel Ambient](#) in Struga, Macedonia.

## Application procedure

All interested applicants must to fill out the online [Application form](#) until 05 th July 2018. The results will be announced up to 09th July 2018. All the applicants will receive an answer to the application

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

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