Institut für Roma
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Erasmus+

**CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS for INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE**

**ROMA COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS**

***Date: 2nd-10th April 2020***

***Venue: Struga/Ohrid, North Macedonia***

## Context of the training course

*The theme of the training course is community organizing as a citizens` tool for civic and democratic engagement and in the same time foster the volunteering in Roma community and it contributes towards greater participation of Roma at local political life, debates and policy-making processes. It aims to make Roma voice heard for issues that tackle their ordinary live and become active creators of future. it aims for activities involving volunteers to solve community problem which not only help to create the conditions for better and more volunteering, but which also contribute significantly to active citizenship and help reinforce a bottom-up grassroots movement through empowerment of citizens and communities, and strengthening our democracies and intercultural dialogue in the longer term.*

## Methodology

*The methodology is based on NFE methods: using manuals such as COMPASS(new edition); T-Kit-Social Inclusion etc. groups work, brainstorming, wall writing, association game, discussion, fish bowl, debate, case studies, drama, role playing, simulation, audiovisual techniques. The training will provide knowledge and skills for the model of community organizing mainly covering: why we organize, volunteers recruitment, campaign, planning and taking actions, leadership development, building strong relationships, working with the media.*

## *Aim and Objectives*

***<u>The main aim</u>*** *is to make Roma voice heard for issues that tackle their ordinary live, through involving volunteers to solve community problem which not only help to create the conditions for better and more volunteering, but which also contribute significantly to active citizenship and help reinforce a bottom-up grassroots movement through empowerment of citizens and communities, and strengthening our democracies and intercultural dialogue in the longer term.*

***To reach the general aim of the TC, the <u>objectives</u> are:***

*• Build capacity on community organizing work, including campaign planning, strategy, relationships, issue development, research, recruitment, fundraising, training and movement building in order to use it in their further work aiming to foster the Roma civic and democratic engagement;*

*• Promoted an opportunity for participants to reflect on their own political development, assumptions and understanding in relationship to the principles of community organizing*

*• Support grassroots empowerment and mobilization through community organizing that foster volunteering in Roma Community;*

*• Networking among Roma and non-Roma organizations, strategy plan to intensify cooperation;*

## *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, antidiscrimination 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;*

## *Travel*

******************Any ticket before pursuing has to be approved by the coordinator organization – Institute for Roma and Minorities Integration. *********************************

*The travel costs will be reimbursed for the cheapest and direct way of transport and only under the condition that the participant will take part in the whole project. The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the certain amount according to Erasmus+ rules.*

| | Country | Number of participants per country | Amount in EUR |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Albania | 2 | 180 |
| 2. | Bulgaria | 2 | 180 |
| 3. | Czech | 2 | 275 |
| 4. | Greece | 2 | 275 |
| 5. | Italy | 2 | 275 |
| 6. | Romania | 2 | 275 |
| 7. | Slovenia | 2 | 275 |
| 8. | Croatia | 2 | 275 |
| 9. | Serbia | 3 | 180 |
| 10. | Turkey | 2 | 275 |
| 11. | Macedonia | 3 | 180 |
| 12. | Germany | 3 | 275 |
| 13. | Kosovo | 2 | 180 |

*All participants should aim to arrive at the hotel Ambient in Struga during the whole day on (Thursday) 2nd April 2020 and depart on (Friday) 10th April 2020. To secure full reimbursement of travel costs, you should arrange your journey according to the agreed criteria with the organization in charge for the training course. You are expected to attend for the full duration of the course. Only participants who fully attend the training course will be reimbursed. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Do not forget to ask for invoice from the travel agency where will be clearly stated the amount of the ticket, if possible in euro. In case the amount is written in local currency, we will use the European commission calculator currency. Return tickets must all be provided – if you do not have the return part of you travel tickets, that part of your journey will not be reimbursed. TAXI is not reimbursed.*

*Those participants who will come by plane and land in the airport "Alexander the Great" in Skopje which is 10 km far from the city, to reach the bus station in Skopje you have to take an airport bus that are standing just outside from the airport building. For the airport bus schedule, check this link: http://skp.airports.com.mk/BusTransportPopUp.aspx?l=2&t=1*

***Further Rules regarding the booking of the tickets and reimbursement:***

- *Only the cheapest tickets will be reimbursed. We will not cover tickets with the deviation from the direct route, extra unnecessary stops and layovers. We don't cover se reservation fees, leisure plus tickets, flexible tariff tickets, extra travel insurances, priority boarding fees. When is needed only 1 piece of checked-in baggage preferably the ones that is included with priority check in – 8kg and usually costs around 5-10 EUR with WIZZAIR, will be covered;*

- *Only tickets purchased online will be reimbursed. We can't cover travel agencies' fees. Travel agencies invoices for the flight tickets won't be accepted for reimbursement;*

- *We can't reimburse taxi, only public transport will be covered;*

- *Travel with a car will be calculated on real consumption of petrol on 100 km including payrolls, vignette if any.*

- *You can arrive and depart in total 3-4 days longer than the official event`s date if you want to spend more time in the host country on your own, provided that the tickets on these days are not more expensive than on the official travel days.*

*Online Check-in (per email in PDF) and electronic invoice are highly recommended.*

******KEEP ALL THE TICKETS, INVOICES, and BOARDING PASSES…***

***MISSING TICKETS, INVOICES WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED. ******

*Project participation fee is 20 Euro (to be paid at the training course).*

## *Accommodation*

*The training course will be held at the hotel Ambient, Struga where everyone will also be lodged.*

*Address :* *Hotel Ambient Plitishta,*
*30 Struga 6330*
*Republic of Macedonia*

Participants will be accommodated in 2 and 3 bed rooms. No single rooms will be provided.

Hotel Ambient is 10 min. by walk away from the both bus station in Struga. Martinovski is a travel company that serves in direction Skopje-Struga-Skopje. They use their office as a bus station. Their office is exactly behind the cross road. When you will get out from the any of the two bus stations, you will see the cross road shown bellow. You should take the direction to CAFASAN. The Hotel AMBIENT is 5 min. walk from the left side. If you can not menage to find it, you can rich it by taxi which would costs 50-60 MKD no more, which is less than 1€ . Ask the taxi driver for the price before to get in the car. The taxi is not eligible for reimbursement.

HOW TO GET TO STRUGA FROM SKOPJE

After you arrive to Skopje bus station, you can take bus to Struga.

Bus schedule line for Skopje-Struga (app. 3 h journey):

| Departure time | Travel agency | Return Way ticket | Arrival time |
|---|---|---|---|
| 05:30 | ВАКЧАРЕ-СТРУГА | 730 den. | 09:10 |
| 07:00 | МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА | 750 den. | 10:00 |
| 08:00 | ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА | 750 den. | 11:00 |
| 08:30 | МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА | 750 den. | 11:30 |
| 11:00 | ЕУРО БУС СТРУГА | 800 den. | 14:00 |
| 12:30 | ВАКЧАРЕ-2-СТРУГА | 730 den. | 16:20 |
| 12:50 | МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА | 780 den. | 15:30 |
| 13:15 | ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА | 800 den. | 16:30 |
| 14:00 | ДОКО-ТРАНС-СТРУГА | 630 den. | 16:45 |
| 14:30 | ВАКЧАРЕ-2-СТРУГА | 730 den. | 18:15 |
| 15:45 | ВАКЧАРЕ-СТРУГА | 730 den. | 19:00 |
| 16:00 | ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА | 730 den. | 19:05 |
| 16:10 | МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА | 780 den. | 19:00 |
| 17:30 | ВАКЧАРЕ-2-СТРУГА | 730 den. | 21:15 |
| 19:00 | МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА | 780 den. | 21:45 |
| 20:00 | КЛАСИК КОМПАНИ | 630 den. | 22:50 |
| 21:00 | ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА | 750 den. | 23:50 |
| 22:00 | МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА | 750 den. | 01:25 |

## Working language

*The working language of the training course is English.*

***DON'T FORGET***

- ✓ *PASSPORT;*
- ✓ *KEEP ALL TRAVEL TICKETS, INVOICES, BILLS AND BOARDING PASSES;*
- ✓ *LAP TOP (if you have and think that you need, a Wi-Fi LAN is available in the venue);*
- ✓ *PROMO MATERIALS TO PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION, YOUR PROJECTS;*
- ✓ *"STANDARD TRAINING EQUIPMENT": an ALARM CLOCK, ANY DICTIONARIES (you might require), COMFORTABLE CLOTHES, etc.*
- ✓ *SOME AUTHENTIC MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS OR OTHER ELEMENTS THAT IS SPECIFIC FOR YOUR COUNTRY OR COMMUNITY. THERE WILL BE INTERNATIONAL EVENINGS;*

## The weather in Struga (Have a look)

*http://www.worldweatheronline.com/v2/weather.aspx?q=Struga,%20Macedonia*

## Currency in Macedonia

*The domestic currency is the Macedonian Denars (MKD), 1 Euro = 61, 5 MKD.*

## Prices in Macedonia

*About the prices, for example one "Pivo" (Beer) in bars and clubs cost from 70-100 (denars – MKD), but as everywhere in the shops is much cheaper.*

## How to communicate in Macedonia

*The official language in Macedonia is Macedonian. In Struga you will be also understood in English. German and common Balkan languages are also usedrarely. Few useful words in Macedonian for first days:*

*"Zdravo" means – (Hi)*
*"Dobro utro" – (Good Morning)*
*"Dobar den" - (Good Afternoon)*
*"Dobro vecer" – (Good evening)*
*"Blagodaram" – (Thank you)*
*"Da/Ne" – (Yes/No)*
*"Izvini" – (Sorry)*
*"Do gledanje: - (Goodbye)*
*"Edno 'Skopsko' molam" -(One 'Skopsko' please) -"Skopsko" is popular Macedonian Beer)*

## Struga & Macedonia

*Struga is a town in the western part of the Republic of Macedonia, lying on the shores of Lake Ohrid. The town is located on the coast of the magnificent Lake Ohrid and along the banks of the river of "Black Drim", which flows right out of the lake splitting the city into three sections. Struga is also a place of important cultural significance in the Republic of Macedonia, as it is the birthplace of the poet Konstantin Miladinov. The main event of the cultural life in Struga is the world`s largest poetry gathering, Struga Poetry Evenings, attended every year by at least 200,000 people from all over the world. The festival inter alia bestows a Golden Wreath adomed with diamonds, sapphires and rubies, the highest award for one`s overall poetry work. Matching shoes are also awarded to the winner. There are several cultural monuments in Struga and in its vicinity such as the Monastery of Kalishta, a few kilometers away from the town center, laying on the shore of Lake Ohrid. It is believed that it dates from the 16h century, with frescos from 14th and the 15th centuries. The church Sveta Bogorodica (St. Mary) in the village of Vranishta, is believed to be the one where Tsar Samuil was crowned. The church has many doors and far fewer windows and often the people call it "the kings church". The church of St. George is also located in the town; built on top of Samuil`s Church, it has many icons from the 14th, 15th, and 16th century. Near the village of Ladorishta, a basilica from the 4th century has been discovered, with a Mosaic. Struga`s old architecture, dating from the 18th and 19th century is also a cultural highlight.More info about Macedonia on www.exploringmacedonia.com*

***Application procedure***

*All interested applicants must to fill out the online* ***APPLICATION FORM*** *until* ***5th February 2020****.*

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

***GOOD LUCK*** ☺