



REFLECTION SEMINAR ON YOUTH PARTICIPATION – ITALY, 19-24 JUNE 2008

Background

Youth Participation is one of the main priorities of the Youth in Action Programme. It is aimed at encouraging young people to be active citizens by taking an active part either in the civic life of their community or in the structures of representative democracy.

As this is a new priority of the Youth in Action Programme, some National Agencies expressed the need to get to know better the existing youth participation practices and to reflect on how some new actions of the Programme specifically related to this issue can be better promoted.

In this framework, the Italian National Agency in cooperation with SALTO-YOUTH Participation Resource Centre decided to host a Reflection Seminar entitled **“Youth Participation: Dialogue between young people, the youth field and youth policy makers”**.

This seminar is organised in partnership with the National Agencies from France, Spain, Germany, Portugal and Slovenia. It will take place in **Sirolo**, in the Province of **Ancona** from the **19th (arrival date, evening) to the 24th of June 2008 (departure)**.

Aim and objectives

The aim of the seminar is to reflect on the existing practices of youth participation in the public sphere.

The programme of the seminar will be build in order to address the following **objectives**:

To clarify the concept of Youth Participation; to exchange practices and experiences; to identify good quality standards for youth participation; to encourage the use of the **Actions 1.3 and 5.1** of the Youth in Action Programme as tools for participation in the democratic life; to build bridges between different actors and to live a real life experience of active participation through very participative methods.

Target group

The seminar will involve **50** participants. The group should be composed of **two third** of youth leaders, youth workers, multipliers, youngsters representing a group of young people, and **one third** of youth policy stakeholders (they can be employees of public bodies as well as elected people). Representative of the 6 partner National Agencies will also actively participate in the seminar.

36 places are allocated to the 6 partner National Agencies and **14** places are open to the other Youth in Action Programme Countries.

Working Language

English.

Practicalities:

Application process:

- To be eligible, the **applicants** should submit their ad hoc (see form attached) application form to the National Agency of their country of residence by the **7th of May**.
- **National Agencies** will send to the organisers their priority lists by the **9th of May**.
- The Italian National Agency in cooperation with SALTO-YOUTH Participation will communicate to the National Agencies involved the **final list of participants** on the **15th of May** at the latest.

Financial conditions:

Board and lodging will be provided and paid by the Italian National Agency from the (arrival) 19th to the (departure) 24th of June 2008. The travel costs to/from the venue will be cover by the sending National Agencies.

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