



Recognition of non-formal learning in the Youth in Action programme

Invitation to a **Youthpass Training Course**
in Bulgaria, **8-14 May 2008**

Recognising Recognition – Futile or Future?

- Do you work with the Youth in Action programme?
- Do you consider non-formal learning important?
- Does Youthpass ring a bell to you?

Recognition of non-formal learning and different approaches of instruments to give and to get recognition are topics, treated with respect and great importance by both European and national institutions.

Youthpass is the validation instrument for the Youth in Action programme: **Youthpass** is developed to foster recognition of individual learning outcomes, social recognition of youth work as such and employability of young people and youth workers. To integrate **Youthpass** in activities offers possibilities to raise quality of activities and to reflect on personal learning.

The Bulgarian and the Swedish National Agencies of the Youth in Action programme offering together with the SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre a chance to discuss develop and reflect on the recognition of non-formal learning in the context of the Youth in Action programme.

During the training course you will have the opportunity to discover the challenges and opportunities of the recognition of non-formal learning and learn how to use **Youthpass** as a method for identifying and validating individual learning outcomes.

1. **Date** of the training course: **08-14 May 2008**. Arrival is expected for the 08th in the evening, departure after the breakfast on the 14th.

2. The **target group** are multipliers and trainers with knowledge and experience within the Youth in Action programme and with the ambition to train and inform others and multiply the recognition of non-formal learning through Youthpass. This training course is for **participants from programme countries**.

3. The **aim of the training course is:**

to raise awareness about recognition of non-formal learning

Objectives are:

- to get knowledge and awareness about the political challenges of Youthpass in European society,
- to compare the European developments in terms of recognition of non-formal learning with different cultural backgrounds and educational systems,
- to experience and discuss the educational value and potential of Youthpass in the Youth in Action programme and its different activities for individuals, NGO's, stakeholders etc.,
- to understand and practise the challenge of facilitating a process of assessing competences and learning outcomes in Youth in Action activities,
- to experience methods of communication with young people about learning outcome,
- to experience the practical and technical side of recognition in the Youth in Action programme - Youthpass and
- to develop promotion strategies for Youthpass as a global strategy of recognition of non-formal learning in the Youth in action programme as an indicator of quality.

4. The working language is English.

5. Practical arrangements

The training course will take place in sunny Bulgaria somewhere around Sofia between 8-14 May 2008. Please send your application form not later than **1 April 2007**. If you are accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after **8 April 2008**.

Please do not book any tickets before you receive confirmation of participation. Travel costs will be covered by your National Agencies. Whether there is a participation fee and how much it might be depends on the national regulations of your country; please contact your National Agency for information.

Costs for board and lodging during the training course in Bulgaria will be covered by the hosting Bulgarian and Swedish National Agencies.

6. Application process

You have to apply online through the attached online application Form.

We are looking forward to your participation.

The team of the **Youthpass** training course

For further questions about the training course please contact Lilia Peceva (lpeceva@youthsport.bg) from the Bulgarian National Agency or Stefan Holmgren (stefan.holmgren@ungdomsstyrelsen.se) from the Swedish National Agency

If you have further questions about **Youthpass**, please contact the SALTO Training and Cooperation RC, Rita Bergstein (youthpass@salto-youth.net).

Please find attached the first **draft programme!**