

The logo for Youthpass, featuring the word "Youthpass" in white text on a red rounded rectangular background.

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

Invitation to a **Youthpass Training Course**
in Turkey, **23-29 May 2008**

LEARNING AS AN ADVENTURE: Youthpass in Action(s)!

- Do you work with young people using the Youth in Action programme as a tool?
- Do you value learning in 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 is 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 offer possibilities to raise quality of activities and to reflect on personal learning.

The Turkish National Agencies of the Youth in Action programme offers 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 how Youthpass can be used in the different actions. Using Youthpass as a method for identifying and validating individual learning outcomes, and explore the challenges and opportunities of the recognition of non-formal learning will be the main focus during the days in Turkey.

1. **Date** of the training course **23-29 May 2008**. Arrival is expected for the 23rd in the evening, departure after the breakfast on the 28th.

2. The **target group** are project promoters, youth workers, EVS mentors, trainers who are working directly with young people and using the Youth in Action programme.

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

to improve youth work practice by recognising the value of non-formal learning

Objectives are:

- Ø to experience and reflect on what makes a learning process a non-formal learning experience
- Ø to provide opportunities/tools/methods for self-assessment and feedback to be used in working practice when working with young people
- Ø to share and discuss understandings of non-formal learning in participating countries and its relation to youth and education policies

- Ø to raise awareness about and discuss the philosophy behind Youthpass as tool for recognition of non-formal learning within the Youth in action programme
- Ø to experience Youthpass through implementing it during the training course
- Ø to understand the challenge of facilitating a process for assessing competences and learning outcomes in Youth in Action activities
- Ø 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.

4. The working language is English.

5. Practical arrangements

The training course will take place in Istanbul between 23-28 May 2008. Please send your application form not later than **8 April 2007**. If you are accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after **15 April 2008**.

Please do not book any tickets before you receive confirmation of participation.

If you are coming from a **programme country**: 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.

If you are coming from a **neighbouring partner country**: The Turkish NA offers three places for participants from neighbouring partner countries. Travel costs will be covered by Turkish NA.

Costs for board and lodging for all participants will be covered by the hosting Turkish National Agency.

6. Application process

All participants 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 Hür Güldü (hur.guldu@ua.gov.tr) from the Turkish 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!**