



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme



# Mind Your Business!

## Developing Competences for Entrepreneurship for Social Change

From 30<sup>th</sup> June to 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Estonia

### In brief

Often regarded as a merely individual process, learning have a direct impact on social and civic spheres, supporting therefore, community development.

Through outdoor experiential learning methodology, the course will develop competences enabling participants to plan, organise, implement and assess strategies leading to the development of Competences on Social Entrepreneurship.

### The Course

The residential training course "Mind your Business" will bring together fifteen participants from six European countries to develop competences on self and community learning fostering new sources and approaches for creative employment and social entrepreneurship.

The course will use a combination of non formal education methodological approaches (including experiential learning and outdoor experiential learning) and the experiences and support of practitioners in self-employment and social entrepreneurship.

Through developing key competences such as learning to learn, social and civic competences, sense of initiative and entrepreneurship, the project will foster social cohesion, creativity and spirit of entrepreneurship, specially targeting youth unemployment and the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

### The Learning

Throughout the course we will discover the potential of social entrepreneurship to improve and

transform social, environmental, educational and economic conditions,

Outdoor methodology will enable us to develop a set of competences basic to engage in entrepreneurship;

Using these approaches and competences we would like to and to promote social entrepreneurship and youth employment

We will share and explore new business models to offer creative solutions to complex and persistent social problems;

Will learn how the Youth in Action and other European programmes may help our organisations to establish lasting partnership co-operation within the and among youth organisations.

## **Profile of the participants**

The Training Course is designed for a diverse group of 15 youth leaders working with young people with fewer opportunities such as young people from rural areas, unemployed youth, young people from linguistic and ethnic minorities,... Partner countries are Estonia, Lithuania Poland, Hungary, Spain and Bulgaria.

Previous experience on the Youth in Action programme is not a must. Participants should be ready for an intercultural experience and interested in developing strategies supporting learning development aiming at fostering civic and human rights.

Attending participants should be willing to become agents of change in their organisations and communities. Is for that reason that will request participants, their sending organisations and Trajectory to sign a "Mind Your Business Contract" as engagement and support for concrete activities after the course. Once selection is done,

Participants will be selected by the preparatory team according to their Application form. The selection will ensure to have a group with organisational and geographical diversity and gender balance.

## **Team of trainers**

The programme of the course is designed and conducted by a multicultural team of experienced trainers from the Youth Directorate of the Council of Europe. They will be complemented by resource experts for specific parts of the course.

## **Hosting Organisations**

The Organisation TRAJECTORYA is a non-profit, non-political and non-governmental Youth Training Organization. It was established in 2005 with the aim to promote life long learning and non formal education as tools for intercultural dialogue. Trajectory@ organises trainings and provides training and consultancy to non-governmental organisations and educational institutions working with young people.

Find more about our aims, objectives and previous activities in our site: [www.trajectory.ee](http://www.trajectory.ee)

## Deadline and Application procedure

All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent not later than **10<sup>th</sup> May 2012!** by E-mail to the electronic address [outdoor@trajectorya.ee](mailto:outdoor@trajectorya.ee)

The preparatory team will select 15 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations). A waiting list may be established.

By the end of May, all candidates will be informed about whether their application has been accepted, or if they have put on the waiting list.

Selected candidates will receive the course documentation and further technical and educational information directly from the organisers.

*!!Do not book your travel until your participation has been confirmed by Trajectorya!!.*

## Financial and practical conditions of participation

### Travel expenses

The 70 % of travel expenses are reimbursed (on presentation of the relevant receipts). Participants must choose the cheapest travel option. The organisation only reimburses public transport costs. Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.

Participants are expected to arrive on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> June evening. Departure will be on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012 after breakfast.

### Accommodation

Board and lodging for the duration of the Training Course will be provided and paid for by the Organisers

### Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of 35€ is payable by each participant. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the beginning of the TC.

## Information

If you need further information do not hesitate to contact us:

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