



## Recognition of non-formal learning in the Youth in Action Programme

Invitation to a **Youthpass Training Course**  
in Italy, **2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

### To pass... or to YOUTHPASS?

- Do you consider non-formal education and learning important?
- Do you work in the non-formal education field using the Youth in Action Programme?
- Are you already involved in the recognition of non-formal education and willing to continue?
- Does Youthpass ring a bell to you?

**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 active citizenship 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.

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.

The **Italian National Agency** of the Youth in Action programme together with the **SALTO Training and Cooperation Resource Centre** offer an international opportunity to discuss, develop and reflect on Youthpass and 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 deepen the understanding and knowledge of Youthpass by exploring its potential as a tool in the Youth in Action activities and as an instrument for recognition of youth work. The course will create possibilities to explore the meaning of learning-to-learn, Key-competences, assessment and dialogue process in your educational practice with young people. During the training days in Italy the important focus will be kept also on identifying the strategies for multiplying the philosophy of the Youthpass and developing concrete multiplying actions after coming back to your environment.

1. The **date** of the training course **2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. Arrival is expected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the evening, departure after the breakfast on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

2. The **target group** are **experienced** practitioners in non-formal education and training with young people and/or youth workers; people who have experience by being involved in Youth in Action programme activities as project promoters, group leaders, EVS mentors or trainers, preferably having an educational role in this process willing to multiply on their level of work.

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

To increase the understanding of Youthpass in the Youth in Action Programme and support its implementation process to recognising non-formal education and learning in Europe and on National level

**Objectives are:**

- To provide participants with learning opportunities on international level by creating possibilities for sharing experience and developing expertise in non-formal education further
- To deepen the understanding and knowledge of Youthpass by exploring its potential as a tool in the Youth in Action Programme and as an instrument for social recognition of youth work
- To explore the meaning of components (e.g. learning- to-learn, Key-competences, assessment, dialogue process) in educational practice with young people and by implementing the Youthpass in this training
- To raise the awareness on the wider recognition context of non-formal education and learning through the reflection on the recent developments in youth and education policies in Europe
- To enhance the networking for supporting the further recognition work by providing the possibilities for participants to make contacts internationally and by identifying the potential and recourses for networking at their level of influence
- To identify the capacity and strategies for multiplying the philosophy, idea and concept of Youthpass by developing concrete multiplying actions on personal, organisational and other levels

4. The **working language** is English.

5. The **training team** will be composed of three trainers: Nerijus Kriauciunas (Lithuania), Simona Molari (Italy) and Tadej Pugelj (Slovenia).

**6. Practical arrangements**

The training course will take place on the beautiful island of Sicily/Italy, from 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> of February 2010. Please apply online not later than **20<sup>th</sup> of November 2009**. If you are accepted, you will receive a confirmation and further information as soon as possible after **5<sup>th</sup> December 2009**. 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 Agency. 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 Italian NA offers 3 places in the course for participants from neighbouring partner countries. Travel costs will be cover by the Italian NA.

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

#### 7. **Application** process

All participants have to apply online. Please use this link to apply <http://www.salto-youth.net/applicationonline/406.html>

We are looking forward to your participation!!

The team of the **Youthpass** training course

For further questions about the training course please contact Giuseppe Gualtieri ([g.gualtieri@agenziagiovani.it](mailto:g.gualtieri@agenziagiovani.it)) from the Italian National Agency.

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

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