Invitation

"But the greatest of all the means ... to secure the stability of constitutions ... a system of education suited to the Constitutions is needed" (Aristotle, Politics V vii 20).



The Grundtvig workshop wishes :

-to raise awareness and familiarize people with the importance of active citizenship and voter education, increase their level of awareness of how political and social change comes about, the power of voting in determining that change, to express/ experience different cultures;

-to set the basis for **future partnerships in the field of civic electoral education;**

-allow adults to use their creativity, experiences and skills by creating a awareness campaign for voters education – this will further be the basis of a Grundtvig partnership among the participants in order to implement a wider voters education campaign at European level as well as in third world countries;

-increase the participation of adults in the electoral process, as an expression of active citizenship and responsible civic behaviour.

Language: English. The participants are expected to be able to work in English

Please note that prior to the arrival, each participant will have to send a presentation, small project in preparation of the seminar, in the working language of the workshop.

Workshop Expenses: There is no participation fee. Accommodation and food (breakfast, lunch, dinner) are provided by the organisers.

Please note that **the travel expenses** from your departure city to Iasi, **will be reimbursed** within the limit of **398 EUR** based on **the least expensive** airfare. **Please check with us before booking.**

Note: The travel expenses will be reimbursed **only** if the participant provides **all the invoices and original boarding passes and attends all sessions**.

The applicants that are selected will have to send the application form in original by post at the address: NGO Formare Studia, 8A Martha Street, Iasi, 700374, Romania.

Early application in encouraged as the places **are limited**.

Expected number of participants : 10

Only EU citizens and also citizens of Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Norway and Turkey are invited to apply.

In addition, participants from the host country, **Romania**, are also welcomed to apply and participate, but they **cannot receive financial support**. The participation fee for the Romanian participants is 100 Eur covering meals, training material and support.

Target group:

- adults with experience and/or potential in the field of civic and voter education, democracy and human rights support;- adults employed and/or un-employed who are interested to work as volunteers for election observation and to increase civic and voter education in their communities/organisations.

- first time voters and/or voters from marginalized, migrants communities

- educators, volunteers, researchers etc

Activities will include:

Lectures: A team of highly qualified international experts will participate, in order to ensure high quality of the workshop's activities.

Case studies: Examples of how elections are run in various countries, how voter education is done.

Role playing game: in order for the participants to experience what happens during an election day in a pooling station.

Focus groups on various issues: democracy, human rights, EU commitment to democratisation and human rights, personal experiences on electoral education, the implication of civil society.

Group work: Using their creativity and teamwork capacity, a unique learning activity will take place as the participants will have to designing a campaign for stimulating voter education under the close supervision of facilitators and trainers. Moreover this will be the basis of a future partnership program that the group can develop among themselves for wider implementation.