

ATOQ TRAINING COURSE 2012-2013
POLAND- 9/14 OCTOBER 2012



<p>WHAT IS 'ATOQ'</p>	<p>ATOQ is a training course which has been developed to increase quality within youth exchanges.</p> <p>During 5 days, an international group of youth workers will look back to their past experience(s), focus on quality aspects and improve their management competences in order to improve quality for their future youth exchanges</p> <p>The quality aspects which will form the pillars of this course are off course the same as the very well know features of the youth in action program.</p> <p>ATOQ is a training course which has been run since 2004.</p>
<p>AIM</p>	<p>To support experienced youth workers/leaders in increasing the quality of the European youth exchanges they set up within the Youth in Action Programme.</p>
<p>OBJECTIVES</p>	<p>The ATOQ training course will provide the participants with opportunities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critically reflect upon their previous international youth exchange experience(s) and the impact on young people; 2. Increase the understanding of different quality aspects of youth exchanges such as: active participation of young people , involvement of promoters and stakeholders, diversity and intercultural learning, European dimension and citizenship; 3. Experience a non-formal learning process and understand its importance in youth exchanges; 4. Improve their project management competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) in order to better organize the different phases of a youth exchange.
<p>METHODS USED</p>	<p>Groups work, discussions, statement exercise, lectures, simulation exercise, individual and groups reflections, self-assessment model, interactive workshops and participative presentations, consultations, exercises, etc.</p>
<p>WORKING LANGUAGE</p>	<p>The training course will be conducted in English. Participants should be able to understand and to communicate in this language.</p>

PROFILE PARTICIPANTS	<p>This training course is open for voluntary and professional youth workers, working directly with young people, that organised and/or participated as a team-member in at least one international youth exchange (which is completed) and plan to organise another within the frame of the Youth in Action programme.</p> <p>Participants should be at least 18 years old.</p>
GOOD TO KNOW	<p>During the training, several methods are used which involve participants in an active way. Participants will be challenged to critically reflect on their past organised Youth exchange(s) and how to improve future exchanges. An open attitude of the participants is expected.</p>
TEAM	<p>ATOQ Poland 2012 will be hosted by the Polish National Agency and co-financed by the British National Agency; The NA representative on the spot will be Wiesia Krasuska and the training will be facilitated by three trainers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Kasa, free lance trainer • Anita Da Silva, free lance trainer • Jo Claeys, free lance trainer <p>Profiles can be consulted on TOY (www.salto-youth.net/toy)</p>
WHEN AND WHERE	<p>The training course starts on October the 9th in the afternoon and ends on October the 14th after breakfast.</p> <p>The ATOQ Poland training course will take place in Konstancin, near Warsaw (28 km from city centre) in Poland.</p>
COSTS	<p>Board, lodging and programme costs will be provided and paid for by the Polish Youth in Action National Agency.</p> <p>The travel costs will be paid by the National Youth in Action Agency that will send you (in case you will be selected).</p> <p>In most cases National Agencies ask for a participant contribution. Check with your National Agency.</p>
HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS TRAINING	<p>Application on line through www.salto-youth.net. Deadline for application is September the 3rd 2012. NA's are kindly requested to prioritise the candidates from their country September the 11th at latest. Final selection of participants will be done by the September 13th.</p>
FOR MORE INFORMATION	<p>Contact your National Agency or contact the Polish NA, Wiesia Krasuska: wieslawa.krasuska@frse.org.pl</p>