

## International contact making seminar and training course



### “Town Twinning Exchanges”

16-18 January 2013,  
Postojna, Slovenia

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

**This activity wants to offer space for the local youth organisations from twinned cities / municipalities to establish contacts and explore possible future cooperation in the field of youth. The activity is hosted and organised by the Slovenian National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme in cooperation with the Hungarian, Croatian, Italian, Austrian and German YIA National Agencies and SALTO SEE RC.**

#### AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING COURSE

The main aim of the training course is to discuss the advantages of long-term partnerships between youth organisations from twinned municipalities (municipal support for such activities, etc.), which enable quality cooperation and long-term planning.

Objectives of the TC:

- ✓ To present the possibilities for cooperation in the frame of the YIA programme, in particular within the actions 1.1 and 1.3;
- ✓ To review the reasons for town-twinning in general and in particular cases of participants' local communities;
- ✓ To give basic training in partnership building and project management, in particular within the frame of the Youth in Action Programme;
- ✓ To encourage partnership-building between the participating organizations;
- ✓ To identify the added value of such cooperation in the youth field.
- ✓ To discuss the local realities and share local practice;

#### CONTENT OF THE TRAINING COURSE

In the training course participants will explore the links between local needs and realities and the priorities and objectives of the Youth in Action Programme. The activity will cover the basics related to a project cycle and project management and building of long-term quality partnerships. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their practises, their realities, and to discuss issues of their interest.

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The training course is open to representatives of youth organisations from twinned municipalities from Programme countries (EU + EFTA + Croatia and Turkey) of the YIA programme and SEE partner countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Kosovo, under UNSC Resolution 1244/1999, Montenegro and Serbia). Priority will be given to partnerships including participants from Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Italy, Hungary, Austria and Germany and the countries of their twinned municipalities.

Participants can apply in **in pairs only**: 1 representative of youth organisation together with 1 representative of youth organisation from their twinned municipality;

Participants have to be:

- youth workers and youth leaders;
- capable of working in English language;
- coming from the countries stated above;
- 18 years old or older.

The maximum number of participants is 24.

## APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE

Participants have to apply online via SALTO-YOUTH application system by clicking on the APPLY NOW button in the top right side under: <http://www.salto-youth.net/tools/european-training-calendar/training/towntwinning-exchanges-international-contact-making-seminar-and-training-course.2738/>

*(If you do not have a SALTO profile yet, you will have to create it first in order to be able to access the application form. Creation of the SALTO profile is free and will only take a few seconds. Should you experience any problems trying to access the application form please write to [info@mva.si](mailto:info@mva.si).)*

**The application deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2012.**

Participants will be informed about the selection latest by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2012.

## PRACTICALITIES AND VENUE OF THE SEMINAR



The training course will take place in the Hotel Kras\*\*\*\* (<http://epiceco-hotels.com/hoteli-epic-eco-group/hotel-kras-postojna.html>) in Postojna, Slovenia. The programme will start on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 at 9 am and end on the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 at cca 5 pm. Arrival and departure days are 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of January.

A trip to the famous Postojnska jama ([http://www.postojnska-jama.eu/en/?setLocale=en\\_US](http://www.postojnska-jama.eu/en/?setLocale=en_US)) will be organised for interested participants on the 19<sup>th</sup> of January (morning).



## FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

**Accommodation, food and programme costs** will be fully covered by the organisers.

**Travel costs to the seminar and back** can be covered by the National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme, so please contact your respective National Agency for more information on this (see the list here: [http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152\\_en.htm#sectNAS](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152_en.htm#sectNAS)).

In case of participants from South East Europe partner region, travel costs might be reimbursed by the Slovenian NA or SALTO SEE RC. Please contact us at [info@mva.si](mailto:info@mva.si).

## ORGANIZERS

This training course is financed by the EU Youth in Action programme and organized by the Slovenian National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme (MOVIT – Institute for the development of youth mobility, see [www.movit.si](http://www.movit.si)) in cooperation with the Hungarian, Croatian, Italian, Austrian and German National Agencies of the Youth in Action programme and SALTO SEE RC.

## TEAM OF FACILITATORS

The training course will be facilitated by two professional facilitators with extensive experience in the field.

## MORE INFORMATION

Should you have further question regarding this activity, please send an email to [info@mva.si](mailto:info@mva.si).