

Call for facilitators

Seminar for EVS accreditors: Accreditation as a tool for developing quality in EVS

The seminar will be hosted by the SALTO SEE Resource Centre and organised in cooperation with the Foundation of the Development of the Educational System - National Agency of Erasmus + Programme, Youth in Action of Poland, NIFSP – Erasmus+ Youth National Agency of Hungary and MOVIT, Erasmus+ National Agency Youth Field of Slovenia.

We are looking for two facilitators.

Application deadline: 20th August 2014

Description

Dates and venue of the seminar: 15 – 19 November 2014 (3 full working days), Ljubljana

Dates and venue of the preparation meeting: two days (to be defined) during the week of 8 – 12 September, Warsaw

Context

Accreditation should ensure that organisations fulfil minimum standards as a basis for being able to apply for project grants from the Programme. The accreditation process thus helps to ensure a certain level of quality in EVS right from the start. Experience has shown that many NAs share a basic understanding of what criteria are important for the accreditation process, but also that there are many differences in practice in how standards are defined and applied.

The need to further work towards harmonizing understandings and practices in the field of accreditation, as a means of ensuring quality in EVS, was agreed during the Youth in Action programme (NA staff training Dec 2013). Specific needs and steps to be taken to follow up the outcomes of the last staff training have been defined and should be implemented in 2104 in close cooperation with the European Commission and National Agencies.

The seminar for accreditors should be seen in the context of follow up from the NA staff meeting on accreditation held in December 2013, as well as former meetings of accreditors.

Objectives of the seminar (to be further developed):

This seminar should bring together accreditors (external and internal NA + SALTO staff) from across Europe and Partner regions to:

- Provide an update on EVS and EVS accreditation under Erasmus+ and discuss related challenges and consequences (regarding process, content, target group and aims of accreditation)
- Exchange views on the concept of quality and expected outcomes of EVS in the framework of Erasmus+
- Deepen the understanding of quality assurance in, through and of EVS accreditation

- Discuss “burning issues” with regard to defining minimum criteria for accreditation and deepen the understanding of main challenges and potential need for further development of criteria or standards
- Deepen the understanding of and discuss the role and profile (and needed competences) of accreditors (external and internal, in different national/regional contexts)
- Provide inputs for the process of harmonisation of quality standards and processes used in accreditation
- Collect and define needs for future support for accreditors helping them to improve their work (guidelines, training, other tools...)
- Support contacts and networking among accreditors across the participating countries

Target Group

EVS accreditors (external and NA + SALTO staff) from across Europe and Partner regions

Profile, requirements and working conditions of the facilitator

Profile

- Sound experience with EVS and EVS accreditation
- Experience with and interest in the topic of seminar;
- Experience in working with NAs and/or SALTOs (including facilitation of NA staff meetings and other work with NAs/SALTOs at national or European level)
- Excellent level of spoken and written English
- Overall experience in facilitating activities in the framework of non-formal education

Requirements

- Availability to be present during the full preparation meeting and seminar
- Preparation of the methodology of the seminar in communication with the prep team
- Facilitation of the seminar -
The two selected facilitators will take the leading role in implementing the seminar. The organisers will ensure the logistic framework of the activity. They are also taking a role in defining objectives, content and expected outcomes of the activity and might take on specific roles during the activity, to be defined during the preparation meeting.
- Drafting of a report summarizing the outcomes of working groups and the conclusions of the seminar

Payment

1.680 € (280 € x 6 days). Board and lodging during the preparation meeting and the activity will be covered by the organisers. Travel costs to both meetings will be reimbursed upon presentation of tickets and invoices.

Application and selection procedure

Apply no later than: 20th August 2014

How to apply:

If you are interested in facilitating this activity, please fill in the online application form at <http://onlineform.salto-youth.net/1264>.

You will be informed about the selection by: 25th August 2014

For more information, please contact:

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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!