

CALL FOR AUTHOR

Educational tool on the topic of Europe with the focus on identity, values and active citizenship

SALTO South East Europe and Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centres together with the Austrian, and German National Agencies of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme are looking for an author to develop an educational tool on the topic of Europe with the focus on identity, values and active citizenship.

The tool is foreseen to function as an e-learning module for practitioners in the fields of youth and non-formal education, who are interested in exploring the topic and learning methods to integrate the European dimension in their activities with young people. The tool will contain theoretical inputs, practical exercises, good practise examples and resources.

<p>Background and aim of the tool</p>	<p>The concept of Europe is for many synonymous with modernity, affluence and civic values, such as equality, solidarity and social inclusion. These notions largely constitute the common narrative on what Europe is and what means to be European, therefore facilitating the sense of shared identity and interdependency in the continent.</p> <p>Due to increasing mobility in Europe, young people today have been evermore socialised to European citizenship and sense of belonging in addition to their national or local identifications. However, following the recent economic crisis and its socio-political impact, the sense of unity has begun to unravel, evoking political extremism and xenophobia. Consequently, Europe has begun to represent a threat instead of an opportunity for a number of young people, who are struggling for economic independence and self-actualisation in the midst of accumulated uncertainties.</p> <p>Youth work as civic practise gives space for young people to explore their potential as active citizens and encounter societal challenges. In the frame of Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme, young people get a chance to discover themes and topics relevant for them in a European setting, as well as explore possibilities for mutual exchange and understanding with their peers from other countries. However, often the multiple meanings and potential of the European dimension remains distant or abstract, not only for the young participants, but also for those leading the projects. The aim of the tool is to inspire youth work practitioners to reflect the European dimension both, conceptually and practically, as well as to enable them to integrate it consciously in their activities with young people.</p>
<p>Objectives of the tool</p>	<p>The tool will be developed to reach the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the integration of European dimension in youth work and youth activism, in particular within the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme • To raise the awareness of concepts and approaches constituting the European dimension, in particular identity, values and active citizenship, and to provide methods to tackle them in activities with young people • To promote non-formal learning and European citizenship

<p>Responsibilities, profile of the author and the selection criteria</p>	<p>The author is responsible of consolidating the concept together with the organisers, developing the written educational content, which can be transferred to e-learning materials and coordinating the design of the tool. (Depending on the final concept, external contributors can be used to produce additional elements, such as interactive text, graphics, audio, video or animation.)</p> <p>Accordingly, the selected author should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent overall writing skills • Proficiency in English • Understanding of the principles and processes of non-formal learning • Prior experience in developing pedagogical tools in the frame of non-formal education • Understanding and knowledge of the concepts of identity, values and active citizenship in international and intercultural contexts • Experience in international youth work, in particular in the European framework • Competence in using e-learning tools and templates
<p>Time involvement and fee</p>	<p>The tool is foreseen to be developed by the end of 2015.</p> <p>A two day editorial meeting is foreseen to take place in May / June 2015. The exact dates will be agreed with the selected author.</p> <p>The author can be contracted only through a legally established entity (an organisation or a company).</p> <p>The fee will be 280 EUR x 12 = 3360, 00 EUR including VAT, if relevant.</p>
<p>Application and recruitment process</p>	<p>Interested candidates are invited to send the following documents by email or mail to the SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre (contact details below)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a motivation letter describing the candidate's competences with reference to the selection criteria • a portfolio / list of previous tools and / or publications the applicant has developed (links to the electronic versions, web pages etc. are sufficient if it is clarified what was the role of the applicant in the production) • A proposal of e- learning template(s) potentially suitable for the tool <p>Applications can be sent until 14.5. 2015.</p> <p>The author will be selected on the basis of his / her competences and suitability for the task, with reference to the selection criteria above.</p>
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