

Call for participants

# **Bees Inspired: A Hive for Female Entrepreneurs**

**Youth Exchange**  
17-28 Jan 2016  
Ommen, The Netherlands

Organised by the informal Youth Group  
Bees Empowered

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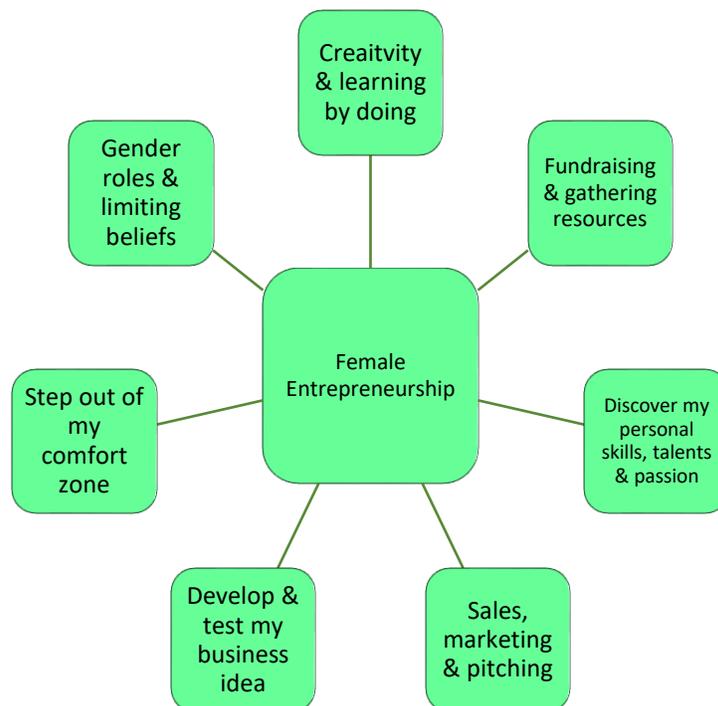
## Why do we have this project?

The project has been inspired by the reality surrounding girls and young women who want to set up their own business. We want to support your ideas, help you develop them and find a market for them. We also want you to get inspired and coached by successful female entrepreneurs who have gone just the same way you are. This project will listen to your specific needs and provide you with space to share and learn from each other. The ultimate goal of the project is to create a long-lasting supportive community of confident female entrepreneurs across borders.



## How is the youth exchange built up?

This is a preliminary list of topics which we will address in the youth exchange. We will work in small and big groups, individually, outdoors and indoors. The sessions will be centred around your individual experience and challenges while developing your business and you will be able to express yourself in various ways.





## What is in it for you?

This youth exchange is the place to be if you want to:

- ✓ Get inspiration and new energy for your ideas
- ✓ Meet successful female entrepreneurs and learn from their story face-to-face
  - ✓ Meet like-minded girls and young women from 8 different countries and create a supportive community of female entrepreneurs
  - ✓ Develop public speaking and presentation skills
  - ✓ Learn how to market your business idea creatively & where to find the resource for it
  - ✓ Experience different ways of thinking, doing business and solving problems
  - ✓ Increase your self-esteem and be happy and satisfied with what you do
  - ✓ Practice your English, work in a diverse group of young women and share your ideas
  - ✓ Create your own job and make a difference in your local community
  - ✓ Help create a digital booklet which will support other girls to realise their business ideas



## Who should apply?

- ✓ Do you have an idea about your own business or are you thinking of starting up something for yourself in the next 12 months?
- ✓ Do you need coaching and inspiration to help you shape & fine-tune your idea?
- ✓ Would you like to meet 40 other women from 8 different countries and share with them your experience, successes and fears when starting up your initiative?
- ✓ Are you a female between 16-30 years old and from one of the following countries (Bulgaria, The Netherlands, Greece, Portugal, Italy, Czech Republic, Lithuania or Hungary)?

**... then you are an ideal candidate for this Youth Exchange!**

### ***How to apply?***

Please fill in the Application form [here](#) and afterwards your sending organization will contact you with a small task.



## Who are we?

Bees Empowered is an informal group based in the Netherlands. We are interested in helping youth to overcome the challenges that they are facing in the contemporary world. We are working to inspire youngsters to develop their talents and to achieve their dreams. By organising and participating in youth exchanges, trainings and various activities, Bees Empowered aims to offer young people the space and opportunity to reflect, learn and develop new skills.

Bees Empowered believes in the power of non-formal education methodologies and these are deep-rooted in our activities. Bees Empowered is interested in topics related to social entrepreneurship, inclusion, youth employment, personal growth and equal chances. We are a newly established entity and the project "Bees Inspired: A Hive for Female Entrepreneurs" is our first undertaking.

In this project we are partnering with the following organisations:

- ✓ Bulgarian Centre of Women in Technology (BCWT), Bulgaria
- ✓ European Youth Centre Břeclav (EYCB), Czech Republic
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Vocational High School of Alexandroupolis, Greece
- ✓ MeOut Association for Peace and Development, Hungary
- ✓ Vagamondo, Italy
- ✓ Innovation Office, Lithuania
- ✓ Agrupamento de Escolas do Forte da Casa, Portugal



## Dates, location & practicalities

- ✓ From the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2017, excluding travel days. Arrival is on the 17<sup>th</sup> Jan and departure on the 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017.
- ✓ Olde Vechte Foundation in Ommen, The Netherlands
- ✓ Participation fee: EUR 50
- ✓ Participants: Each partner will select 5 young women, a total of 42 from 8 different countries
- ✓ Travel: participants from Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech Republic, Italy, Portugal and Lithuania receive a reimbursement of EUR 170 for their travel. Participants from Greece receive EUR 270 for their travel. Participants from the Netherlands do not get any travel reimbursement.