



We are happy to invite 22 multipliers (NGO staff, educators, trainers, activists, students of social sciences, youth workers, elementary and high school teachers interested in civic education...) with residence in Poland, Germany, Croatia, Spain, Romania, Denmark and United Kingdom to take part in the two-stage training *Practicing Democracy – Betzavta Training Courses*. The Basic Betzavta Training will take place in Krzyżowa, Poland from 7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 and The Advanced Betzavta Training will take place in Trebnitz, Germany from 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018.

#### What is Betzavta?

Betzavta is a Hebrew word which means "together". The title of this method for learning about democracy, which was developed by the Adam Institute in Israel, makes up the programme and philosophical background at the same time. Betzavta questions the traditional and unsatisfactory paths of conventional conflict resolution with surprising seminar units and presents in its place the concept of **creative conflict resolution**. With the help of a special conflict dilemma method, it achieves the essential conditions for tolerant social interaction: the willingness to mutually recognize the right to personal freedom and other peoples' needs. On this basis, the four steps of democratic decision-making provide the conflicting parties with a valuable tool for dealing with conflicts in a novel way. **Betzavta is an internationally renowned democracy education programme used in schools and non-school educational institutions.**

#### The project overview

During The Basic Betzavta Training participants will have a chance to become familiar with the Betzavta method. Through a number of games and interactive activities they are going to explore the democratic decision-making process in a more personal way, and eventually get a more fundamental understanding of democracy. In order to further build on the knowledge gained during The Basic Betzavta Training, The Advanced Betzavta Training will offer a chance for participants to focus on their own role as a Betzavta facilitator and ways in which the method can be applied in different working environments. Furthermore, the international composition of both trainings fosters development of intercultural cooperation on the international level. Thus, both trainings offer to multipliers a platform for exchange of ideas regarding their understanding of democracy.

#### Organizer

Kreisau-Initiative, Germany

#### Partners

Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe, Poland

HERMES, Croatia

Mellem Education, Denmark

Asfar CIC, United Kingdom

Societatea Studenteasca de Stiinte Politice, Romania

Xeracion Valencia, Spain

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## Relevant information concerning the *Practicing Democracy – Betzavta Training Courses*

### Meeting places and dates:

7<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 - The Basic Betzavta Training is going to take place in the International Youth Meeting Center Krzyżowa in Poland ([www.krzyzowa.org.pl](http://www.krzyzowa.org.pl)). Krzyżowa/Kreisau is a historical site. During World War II it was the meeting place of the Kreisau Circle, an important resistance group against the Nazi regime. Nowadays, the aim of Krzyżowa is to support peaceful and tolerant existence of nations, social groups and individuals in Europe. The educational work in Krzyżowa builds bridges between the past and the present, between Western and Eastern Europe, and promotes dialogue between generations.

10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 - The Advanced Betzavta Training is going to take place in The Trebnitz Castle Education and Exchange Centre ([www.schloss-trebnitz.de](http://www.schloss-trebnitz.de)). Trebnitz is an educational institution with a political-cultural profile focusing on international exchange projects, chiefly with Poland and Eastern Europe. Since it was founded on 20 March 1992, the association promotes an emancipatory upbringing by offering educational opportunities and carrying out multi-national exchange initiatives.

Participation in The Advanced Betzavta Training is possible only for people who took part in The Basic Betzavta Training. We encourage people to take part in The Advanced Betzavta Training, however it is not mandatory.

**Countries involved:** Poland, Germany, Croatia, Spain, Romania, Denmark and United Kingdom

**Language of communication during the trainings:** English

**Participation fee** covers accommodation, training, all meals and excursions; a reduced fee for students, apprentice, and unemployed upon request: The participation fee is due after confirmation of participation through the organizer. The fee amounts are listed below:

Country	The Basic Betzavta Training (reduced fee)	The Advanced Betzavta Training (reduced fee)
Spain	100 € (80 €)	100 € (80 €)
Romania	50 € (40 €)	50 € (40 €)
Denmark	150 € (120 €)	150 € (120 €)
United Kingdom	150 € (120 €)	150 € (120 €)
Poland	80 € (65 €)	80 € (65 €)
Croatia	50 € (40€)	50 € (40€)
Germany	150 € (120 €)	150 € (120 €)

**Travel costs** will be reimbursed after the training according to the amounts listed below:

Country	Maximum amount of the reimbursement for travel costs for <u>each</u> training:
Spain	275 €
Romania	275 €
Denmark	275 €
United Kingdom	275 €
Croatia	275 €
Poland	maximum 180 € for travel distance between 100 and 499 KM maximum 275 € for travel distance between 500 and 1999 KM
Germany	maximum 180 € for travel distance between 100 and 499 KM maximum 275 € for travel distance between 500 and 1999 KM

**Trainers:** Tali Padan (Mellem Education) and Iva Bubalo (Kreisau-Initiative e.V.)

**Application:** Please apply on the following link <https://goo.gl/forms/wYATJ4UxAXjtHhAC2> . Deadline for the application is **October 31st, 2017**. Contact person: Iva Bubalo [bubalo@kreisau.de](mailto:bubalo@kreisau.de).