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“PEACE STAGE”

FROM MARGINS TO CENTER THROUGH
COMMUNITY THEATRE

International Training for
Youth Workers

Łozen, Bulgaria
10 July 2025 to 17 July, 2025

About PeaceStage

Main objective:

To strengthen the capacities of participating organizations and youth workers in peace-building, conflict prevention, and mediation through specialized theater-based training.

The training will use interactive and reflective methodologies to engage youth in critical dialogue and action, empowering them to understand structural inequalities and take active roles in advancing the Youth, Peace, and Security agenda within their communities.



Specific Objectives

- To develop participants' understanding of the concepts of community building, creation and sustainability, peace, and human rights at the interpersonal, planetary, and institutional levels.
- To foster participants' capacities to act as community leaders, peacebuilders, and multipliers of inclusive values at local, regional, and European levels.
- To enhance participants' self-reflection and self-assessment skills in their learning processes and in meaningful cooperation with others, and to enable them to transfer the acquired skills into the educational development of others.
- To develop young people's knowledge of human rights, active citizenship, conflict resolution, communication, and teamwork skills.

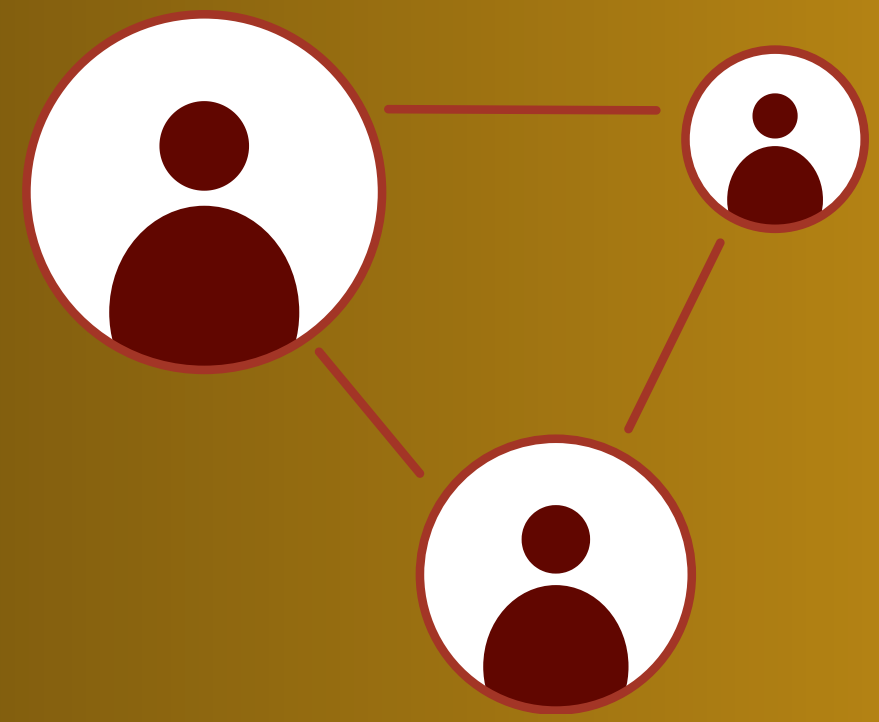


EXPECTED OUTCOMES

To create four- five interactive community theatre pieces addressing themes of oppression relevant to Youth, Peace, and Security, such as youth marginalization in decision-making processes, hate speech, discrimination, intersectionality, and intercultural tensions.

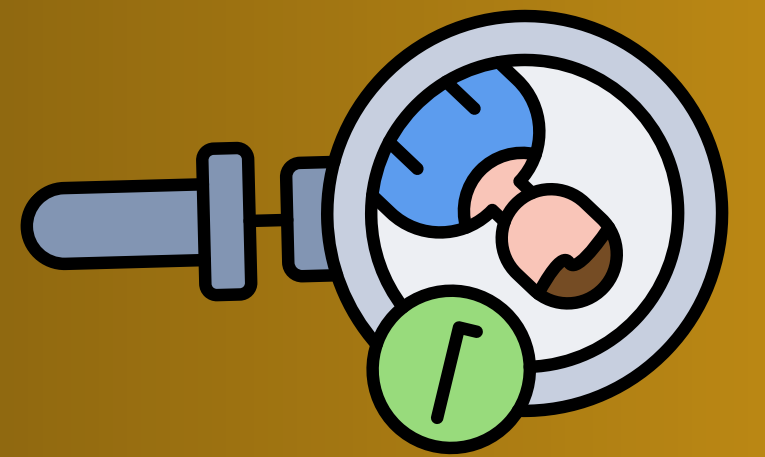


WHO IS ORGANIZING THIS TRAINING?



- The training is part of the Erasmus+ accreditation in the Youth program of the International Foundation for Y-PEER Development (IFYD).
- Established in 2016, IFYD builds on the experience of professionals and volunteers from the International Institute for Youth Development PETRI-Sofia (www.petri-sofia.org), which has over 15 years of experience working with young people on topics aligned with the objectives and priorities of the Erasmus+ program.
- Its interventions aim to train and mentor young people as youth leaders and peer educators, building their capacities in the areas of Intercultural Dialogue, Advocacy for SDG Implementation, Comprehensive Sexuality Education, and Life Skills Education. These efforts target both in-school and out-of-school contexts, with a particular focus on reaching adolescents and youth from low-resource and marginalized backgrounds.

Eligibility & Funding



Target Group: Youth workers and peer educators with no age limit from the following countries: **Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Kosovo, Lebanon, Lithuania, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Palestine, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, and Ukraine.**

Expenses: Travels, and full board **accommodation** are covered by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. Please note that health insurance and visa costs are not covered by the project.

Travel expenses are reimbursed on an individual basis based on the submitted invoices. Each participant will receive and sign for reimbursement corresponding to the exact amount spent, up to the specified limit below the table. Please note that any costs exceeding this limit will be the participant's responsibility to cover.

ACCOMMODATION

Cozy Rooms

Wifi



Local food

Mountain view



Sport field

Bulgarian forest

Eco Friendly

You will be accommodated at National training and logistics centre of Bulgarian Red Cross – Lozen (NTLC-Lozen)

HOW TO APPLY



Please apply through this link:

<https://forms.gle/WkbThon5ThYV1bvX7>

- Please note that it is mandatory to fill in the application form, in order to take part in the training. All the applicants will be notified by email that their application has been accepted on **11 June, 2025**
- After we send you an email of invitation, you will be kindly requested to book your flight/train/bus tickets to Sofia and back home. Please note, the costs will be reimbursed to you in Bulgaria up to the Erasmus+ limits (please check them in the table on the next pages).
- Deadline to apply at **10 June, 2025** midnight Sofia time!

TRAVEL RULES



IMPORTANT: Participants must not purchase flights/Buses to Sofia until they receive official confirmation from the host organization. Once confirmed, each participant will have one week to:

- Find the most efficient and cost-effective travel option.
- Submit the travel plan to the host organization for approval (tickets@y-peer.org)
- Proceed with the purchase only after receiving confirmation.
- After purchasing any online ticket, forward the email to (tickets@y-peer.org). Failure to do so may result in non-reimbursement of expenses.
- Tickets need participants name somewhere, prices, destinations, and dates. Please provide a clear scan of all paper tickets.



PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- Official language of the exchange is English.
- Travel expenses from your home country to Sofia, and back will be reimbursed once you are in Bulgaria, within the limit that the European Union calculated for participants from your country based on presented original tickets and boarding passes.
- There will be Wi-Fi Internet available in the Venue.
- During your stay in Lozen, you will be given full board accommodation, breakfast, lunch, dinner, coffee breaks, and training facilities.
Please keep in mind that you will be sharing a room with another person of the same gender up to (2-3 per room).
- A detailed agenda of the training will be sent to you in the following weeks before the event.

TRAVEL COSTS REIMBURSEMENT



You can calculate the maximum amount of travel costs that we can reimburse based on the distance from your home to Sofia based on the [Erasmus+ distance calculator](#). The distance ranges and the respective amounts are listed below:

Travel Distance	Budget
100 - 500 km	211 EUR
500 – 1999 km	309 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	395 EUR

The selected applicants from the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, and Turkey are requested to travel sustainably by using land transportation, such as public buses or trains

REIMBURSEMENT RULES

- Reimbursement applies only to public transportation such as flights, trains, and buses. Travel by car, cabs or any other private means of transport is not eligible.
- Select a 10 kg hand luggage solution or Travel Backpack.
- You can arrive max two days before and leave max two days after the mobility. Arriving during the activities is not allowed.
- Erasmus+ program rules let us reimburse your travel costs up to a certain amount which vary from country to country. We encourage you to choose the most direct and cost-effective option



KEY MOMENTS



Souvenir Swap:

Please bring a cool one little souvenir from your country! On day one, we'll swap them with each other, a fun way to make new friends, share your culture, and take home a unique memory.

Intercultural Evening

During the training, you'll have the chance to showcase your country. Tables will be set up for displays, and we invite you to bring promotional materials, products, videos, traditional items, food, or drinks. Creative presentations like quizzes, songs, dances, or videos are highly encouraged!



YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATE

In the end of the training, you will be awarded with a YOUTHPASS certificate which is used in European youth projects and is an official recognition of the skills and knowledge you acquired. You can find more information about it [here](#).

Youthpass



Looking Forward To Meeting You soon!



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