

International training course

“Inclusion of Young Roma into the Youth in Action Programme”

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Murska Sobota, Slovenia



Bogdan Miklic; Inhabitants of Roma settlement Belečnik

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Youth in Action programme is a main tool at European Union level to support youth which provides opportunities for non-formal learning for young people through mobility and intercultural dialogue. In the frame of the Youth in Action programme an [Inclusion Strategy](#) has been designed to ensure the access of young people with fewer opportunities in the Programme (both those organised in youth organisations, youth councils, etc, as well as those not formally organised) and to stimulate the use of the Youth in Action programme as a tool to enhance the social inclusion, active citizenship and employability and to contribute to social cohesion at large. Young people from Roma communities can see themselves represented in several of these areas, and as such often suffer from multiple discrimination and lack of opportunities.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TRAINING COURSE

The main aim of the training course is to get more organisations working with Roma youth involved in the Youth in Action programme offering them intercultural experience and broaden their horizons.

Objectives of the TC:

- ✚ to present the opportunities for international projects within the Youth in Action programme
- ✚ to give basic training in international project management (planning, implementation and evaluation) in particular within the frame of the Youth in Action Programme (Actions 1.1, 2.1, 3.1 and 4.3)
- ✚ to encourage partnership-building between the participating organizations
- ✚ to offer space for sharing local practice as well as possible international experience
- ✚ to present best practices of international Youth in Action projects
- ✚ to identify further support or tools required for the participation of Roma youth in the Youth in Action programme
- ✚ to explore the links between local needs and realities of Roma youth work and the priorities and objectives of the Youth in Action Programme
- ✚ to identify the added value for international projects with Roma youth

CONTENT OF THE TRAINING COURSE

In the training course participants will have an opportunity to learn about the Youth in Action programme and good practise examples of international / Youth in Action projects involving Roma youth. The training course will cover the basics related to a project cycle and (international) project management, reinforce the motivation for the organisations to do international projects and prepare participants to face the intercultural elements and possible challenges related to international Roma youth projects.

Field trip to local Roma settlements will provide an insight into a local Roma organization "Roma academic club" and their good practices of integrating young Roma into the society. Participants will also have the opportunity to share good practises and to discuss issues of their interest.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The training course is open to those who:

- are youth workers and youth leaders working with Roma youth
- have little or no experience in the Youth in Action Programme or have little international experience in general
- are motivated to organise international projects including Roma youth in the frame of the Youth in Action Programme
- are capable of working in English language (in justified cases a small number of participants with a need for translation can be accepted)
- are coming from Programme countries or South East Europe Region¹.
- are 18 years old or older

The maximum number of participants is 30.

APPLICATION DEADLINE AND PROCEDURE

Participants have to apply online via SALTO-YOUTH application system. Direct link to the application form is: <http://www.salto-youth.net/mySALTO/applicationonline/1103/>

(If you do not have a SALTO profile yet, you will have to create it first in order to be able to access the application form. Creation of the SALTO profile is free and will only take a few seconds. Should you experience any problems trying to access the application form please write to info@mva.si.)

The application deadline is 16th September 2012.

Participants will be informed about the selection latest by the 1st October 2012.

PRACTICALITIES AND VENUE OF THE SEMINAR

The training course will take place in the north-east part of Slovenia, in Murska Sobota (<http://www.hotel-diana.si/>):

"Hotel Diana is located in the heart of Prekmurje lowlands, in the centre of Murska Sobota, only 450m from the railway station. In spite of its magnificent century old oak trees and beautiful old buildings indicating rich history, Murska Sobota is a young and lively town."



¹ A detailed list of these countries can be found in the Youth in Action Programme Guide http://ec.europa.eu/youth/documents/programme-guide-2012_en.pdf, on page 17.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Accommodation, food and programme costs will be fully covered by the organisers.

Travel costs to the seminar and back can be covered by the National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme, so please contact your respective National Agency for more information on this (see the list here: http://ec.europa.eu/youth/youth/doc152_en.htm#sectNAS).

In case of participants from South east Europe region, travel costs will be reimbursed by SALTO SEE RC.

ORGANIZERS

This training course is financed by the EU Youth in Action programme and organized by the Slovenian National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme (MOVIT – Institute for the development of youth mobility, see www.movit.si) in cooperation with the British National Agency of the Youth in Action programme (British Council, see www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction.htm) and SALTO South East Europe RC (see www.salto-youth.net/see/) and SALTO Cultural Diversity RC (see www.salto-youth.net/diversity/).

TEAM OF FACILITATORS

The training course will be facilitated by the representatives of Institute MOVIT, SALTO CD RC and two professional facilitators with extensive experience in the field of inclusion and Roma youth, Mr Nik Paddison (GB) and Ms Aleksandra Raykova (BG).

MORE INFORMATION

Should you have further question regarding this seminar, please send an email to Zavod Movit at info@mva.si.