



Citizenship and Democratic Participation in Political Transition contexts

Euro-Mediterranean Mid-Term Project

2012-2013

Alexandria (Egypt) and Tallinn (Estonia)

In brief

The mid term project “Citizenship and Democratic Participation in Political Transition contexts” aims at developing youth work strategies fostering inclusive democratic participation in the public sphere.

The project is addressed to youth leaders and educators from the Euro-Mediterranean area and it is lead by MTÜ Trajectorya (Estonia) in partnership with the TFA (Egypt). It includes two residential capacity building courses and local actions implemented by participants in their local contexts.

Background

Recent months have seen an increase on new non-conventional approaches to participation of young people in the public sphere. These changes have been often leading to creative transformations and socio-political transitions in a number of countries in our environment. In some cases these changes have not fully succeeded and their transforming spirit has gone lost. The current course proposal wants to explore how youth work is capable to support the development of competences leading to a greater human autonomy and critical thinking as basis for full citizenship.

The Mid-Term Project

The mid term project “Citizenship and Democratic Participation in Political Transition contexts” aims at developing youth work strategies fostering inclusive democratic participation in the public sphere.

Through the project we expect:

- to develop competences based on the sense of justice, the wish to work towards the ideals of freedom, equality and respect for diversity, the sense of responsibility for one's own actions, and a commitment for personal and community development;
- to increase the eagerness and openness towards non-formal education methodology and the relevance of educational Youth Work as an important tool to promote social change;
- to establish cooperation among communities of practice and network with other educational actors.

The project wants to provide as well a reflection and a practice of the new spaces and opportunities for democratic participation that new media allows, its relevance and its limits. And at the same time, it intends to develop consciousness of social media limitations.

Project Phases:

This process includes the implementation of two capacity building courses, a practical phase with local activities developed by participants and the use of social media.

The first residential training course will take place in new year in Egypt. After the course, participants will have 8 months to develop a Practice Phase through local, national or international activities with the support of partners and team of trainers. In July 2013 the second training course will bring together all these experiences and further develop from there. The last months are going to be focused on planning and developing future follow up activities.

	Name	Place	Dates
Phase I	Introductory Course	Alexandria (Egypt)	30 th December 2012 - 6 th January 2013
Phase II	Practice Phase	Local, National, International	January - July 2013
Phase III	Consolidation Course	Tallinn (Estonia)	7 th -14 th July 2013
Phase IV	Follow up Projects	Local, National, International	August - October 2013

Methodology:

The whole mid-term project is designed as a space for mutual learning, where participants exchange and further develop their approaches to Youth Work based on the principles of inclusive democratic participation in the public sphere. The previous experience of participants, in the formal and non-formal sectors, will be the starting point of the programme and of the learning process.

A combination of non formal education methodological approaches (including experiential learning and outdoor experiential learning) and the experiences and support of practitioners in self-development will be used.

Profile of the participants

Candidates from the 43 Anna Lindh Foundation countries are welcome to apply to the course. Participants should have previous experience in working as youth leaders, trainers and educators (in formal or/and non formal sectors) and want to develop their competences promoting inclusive democratic participation through youth work.

Attending participants should be committed and engaged to act as multipliers in their communities, motivated to build bridges among communities in their reality, and willing to become agents of change in their communities.

The organisers together with the trainers team will do a selection according to their profile, motivation and capacity to implement local action. Cultural and gender balance, together with the participation of young people from majority and minority communities (and/or from organisation working with minority-majority) will be ensured.

Hosting Organisations

MTÜ Trajectorya is a non-for-profit, non-partidist and non-governmental Youth Training Organization. It was established with the aim to promote life long learning and non formal education as tools for enhancing human dignity and intercultural dialogue.

Trajectorya provides training and consultancy to non-governmental organisations and educational institutions working with young people, educators and adult learners.

Find more about our aims, objectives and previous activities in our site: www.trajectorya.ee

Founding

The Anna Lindh Foundation is an international organisation shared by 43 Euro-Mediterranean countries with the mandate to bring people together and promote intercultural dialogue. With its headquarters in Alexandria, Egypt, the Anna Lindh Foundation runs a EuroMed network of over 4000 civil society organisations with the aim of facilitating their collaborations and common actions.

For more information: www.euromedalex.org

Deadline and Application procedure

All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent not later than **30th November 2012!** by E-mail to the electronic address: euromed@trajectorya.ee

The preparatory team will select 20 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensuring a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations). A waiting list may be established.

Shortly, all candidates will be informed about whether their application has been accepted, or if they have put on the waiting list. Selected candidates will receive the course documentation and further technical and educational information directly from the organisers.

!!Do not book your travel until your participation has been confirmed by Trajectorya!!.

Financial and practical conditions of participation

Transport expenses

The 70 % of transport expenses will be reimbursed (on presentation of the relevant receipts). Participants must choose the cheapest travel option, maximum costs will be established. The organisation only reimburses public transport costs. Only the participants who attend the entire course can be reimbursed.

Accommodation

Board and lodging for the duration of the residential courses will be provided and paid for by the Organisers

Enrolment fee

An enrolment fee of 45€ for European countries and 25€ for Meda countries is payable for each seminar. This amount will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed for travel expenses or paid at the beginning of the seminar.

Information

If you need further information do not hesitate to contact us:

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