



# Simulation Games for Teaching Active Citizenship *International Training Course*

July, 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
Sumy, Ukraine



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# What? When? Where? With whom?

- **Title:** “Simulation Games for Teaching Active Citizenship”
- **Type of event:** Training Course
- **Dates:** July, 9<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014
- **Location:** Sumy, Ukraine
- **Who:** youth leaders and youth workers, trainers and educators working with youth (especially with young people with fewer opportunities) from **Ukraine, Poland, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Italy, Latvia, Moldova, Romania** and **Turkey**.

## Project idea

The International Training Course “Simulation Games for Teaching Active Citizenship” is designed to help youth leaders and youth workers, trainers and educators to learn how they can use roleplay simulation games to teach youth (especially young people with fewer opportunities) about active citizenship on the local level. Simulation games are the great learning method where participants learn about the “real life” through simplified structured activities. The participants of the TC will learn about the method of the roleplay simulation games: how to use, how to adapt for the certain learning purposes, and how to create their own simulation activities based on the local realities. This project has been funded with support from the European Commission (Youth in Action Programme).

## Aims & Objectives

- ▶ to **learn** about how **youth can be active** on the **local level** and how they can **influence the local youth policy**;
- ▶ to **learn** about the **role-play simulation games method** (structure, specifics, usage, adaptation for the certain needs, creation of the games) and **how it can be used** for teaching young people to be active citizens on the local level;
- ▶ to **create** new **role play simulation activities** based on the participants’ realities which will be used in future for teaching young people to be active citizens and to influence the decision making processes on the local level.

# Language

The language of the course will be English. Participants should be proficient in English.

# Schedule and Outline

Arrival: **9<sup>th</sup> of July** during the day.

Departure: **16<sup>th</sup> of July** in the early morning.

The programme description you'll find below in this Info-Pack.

# Venue

**Hotel “Khimik”, Sumy, <http://khimik.sumy.ua/>**

Accommodation includes shared double/triple rooms, on full board, coffee breaks and the use of conference facilities. Participants will be sharing a double or triple room with one or two people of the same sex. Each room has one bathroom; towels and bed linen are provided.

**! Note:** Organisers will not provide any accommodation for additional stay in Ukraine. If participants plan to arrive a few days earlier or depart a few days later they are kindly requested to inform us and we will be glad to offer assistance with booking a hotel.

Information about Ukraine: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ukraine>

# Internet Access

The Wi-Fi Internet access will be available in the hotel.

# Crossing border and Identification in Ukraine

For participants from all participating countries is visa-free.

To cross the Ukrainian border please, **bring your international passports!**

# Programme\*

	9.07	10.07	11.07	12.07	13.07	14.07	15.07	16.07
09:30 – 10:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
10:00 – 11:30	Arrival of participants	Welcome & Introductions. Expectations	Introduction to the topic	Real-life based simulations: Youth participation in the decision making processes in EU	Local democracy: decision making on the local level	Practicing participants activities (Part 1)	Game dynamic: tips to the game facilitators	Departure of participants
11:30 – 12:00		Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	
12:00 – 13:30		Ice-breaking & Team building activities	Key elements of the simulation games	Real-life based simulations (Part 2)	Identifying the goals and learning purposes	Practicing participants activities (Part 2)	Evaluation of the game: key principles	
13:30 – 15:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15:00 – 16:30		Presentation of the Erasmus + Programme	Abstract simulations (Part 1)	Real-life based simulations (Part 3)	Structure of the role-play simulation	Practicing participants activities (Part 3)	Working on the YouthPasses	
16:30 – 17:00		Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	Coffee-break	
17:00 – 18:30		Presentation of the partners and project	Intercultural learning	Abstract simulations (Part 2)	Real-life based simulations (Part 4)	Working on the scenarios	Evaluation and feedback	
18:30 – 19:00	Reflection groups		Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups		
19:00 – 20:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20:30 – 23:00	Non-formal getting to know each other	Welcoming Night	Summy sightseeing	Intercultural night	Free time, games	Free time, movie	Farewell night	

\* There might be some slight changes in the final programme. The changes will not influence the general context of the project, timetable and planned project results.

# Travel Arrangements

Participants will be responsible to organise their trip to the city of Sumy.

## How to get to Ukraine:

We recommend you to get to **Kyiv** or **Kharkiv** (the nearest cities with airports) and then we will help you to book bus or train to Sumy:

- You can check the flights to Ukraine:
  - International Airports in **Kyiv**: Boryspil (<http://kbp.aero/en/>), Zhulyany (<http://airport.kiev.ua/en/>);
  - You can also check flights to **Kharkiv** (<http://hrk.aero/en/>).
- You can also check the trains: <http://uz.gov.ua/en/>. On this website you can book or buy train tickets.

As soon as you will decide how you will come to Ukraine (means, city, time) we will help you to arrange you trip to Sumy (in case you need it).

From Kiev to Sumy 5 hours trip by bus, from Kharkiv to Sumy 3 hours trip.

# Health Insurance

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. **All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance**, as costs of private health care in Ukraine are quite high.

# Weather

Average temperature on the dates of the seminar in Sumy is +22 - +27 degree Celsius. Please check the weather forecast before coming to Sumy and make sure that you have an appropriate cloth.

# Preparation

We kindly ask participants to bring information and materials about the organisations they present, i.e. photos and reports from former projects and further material, which will help to present the organisation to the other participants.

Furthermore, we kindly ask all participants to bring some national drink, snacks and music from their home countries, as a contribution to the intercultural evening.

# Travel Costs

- 70% of participants' travel costs from their home city to the venue will be reimbursed. According to the rules of YiA program, and in order to comply with environmental standards, we kindly ask all participants to take the most environmentally friendly and cost effective alternative available.
- **!!! Note:** Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes. This means that once home after the training, participants will be asked to send the originals of all return documents and boarding passes. Please remember to bring the original invoices – there will be no reimbursement without the original invoices and tickets with indicated Names of travellers, description of the journey, indication of cost and currency and date of travel.
- **!!! Note:** If participants pay for their ticket with a credit card, they are requested to bring along the confirmation of payment (i.e. credit card slip and/or bank statement).
- **!!! Note:** Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. All the currency exchange rates are regulated according rules indicated in the the Agreement No 2013-3632/001-001 (CEI – EACEA).
- **!!!! Note:** Please check the table below for the travel budget limits at the end of this document. If travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project, the organisers will only be able to reimburse participants 70% of the maximum travel costs indicated in the travel budget. Participants are therefore strongly advised to book trip travel well in advance.

Country	Total costs per person, 100% (EURO)	Maximum reimbursement per person, 70% (EURO)
Poland	380	266
Armenia	500	350
Azerbaijan	500	350
Georgia	600	420
Italy	450	315
Latvia	350	245
Moldova	300	210
Romania	350	245
Turkey	400	280
Ukraine	30	21

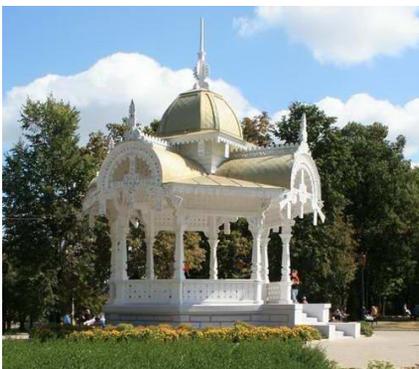
invoices and email these to [info@eu.sumy.ua](mailto:info@eu.sumy.ua) before attending the training. This will be very helpful to organisers to begin processing the financial and reimbursement data so that all payments may be made as efficiently as possible.

# Sumy - The Host City

Sumy is in north Ukraine is situated between Kharkov and Kiev, the country's two biggest cities. With a population of around 300,000 the city hosts its own cultural life, has several universities and is the economic centre of the Ukrainian Province called Sumy Region.

Founded in 1655 Sumy is 359 years old, and combines great history with modern life. The central street, Soborna, after reconstruction in 2001, is an exact copy of the street's image at the beginning of the twentieth century, and the centre of Sumy is dominated by three big cathedrals. Outside of the small old town the city consists of large apartment buildings built in soviet times. The city is very green, lies on both sides of the Psol River, and is surrounded by lakes and forests. A city of beautiful churches and historical sights, Sumy also has a wide choice of the restaurants, cafes, and nightclubs.

Sumy in Wikipedia: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sumy>



# Participants

Our group of participants is composed of:

Country of residence	Promoter	Number of participants
Ukraine	Center for European Initiatives	3
Poland	Happy Childhood Foundation	3
Armenia	Youth for Exchange and Cooperation	3
Azerbaijan	AISEEC in Azerbaijan	3
Georgia	Student-Youth Council	2
Georgia	Research-Intellectual Club "Dialogue of Generations"	2
Italy	Paolab	3
Latvia	Municipality of Olaine County	3
Moldova	"MilleniUM" Training and Development Institute	3
Poland	Centrum Inicjatyw UNESCO	1
Romania	Young Pioneers	3
Turkey	Youth Access Association	3

## How to apply

Please fill in the [online application form](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dF9raoFwZnNzcmhyMHdaeUxUYnQwaXc6MA#gid=0):

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dF9raoFwZnNzcmhyMHdaeUxUYnQwaXc6MA#gid=0>

The deadline for filling in application forms is **June, 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014**.

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*Hope to see you in Ukraine soon!*