



Youth Dynamics

TRAINING COURSE
Contact Create Improve Develop
Quality EVS projects

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Agros - Cyprus

17-24 April 2015



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INTRO

Dear friends, partners and potential participants,

With great pleasure, we would like to welcome you to the second part of our project titled “**Contact-Create-Improve-Develop Quality EVS Projects**”, organised by **Youth Dynamics** in Cyprus.

Our first event (PBA) already took place successfully in January, and now we are in the process of selecting participants for the second stage that involves a Training Course for European Voluntary Service Support Staff (Coordinators, Mentors, Supervisors).

This second activity, a Training Course for mentors (TCM) will take place from the **17th to 24th of April 2015 in Agros** village, and will gather 30 highly motivated people that are already or willing to become actively involved with the support and mentoring of EVS volunteers. The training will aim at improving the competences of EVS mentors working and collaborating with international volunteers.

TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Explore, understand and rebuild the philosophy of EVS as a space of opportunities for all actors involved.
- Understand and develop practices within the different stages of an EVS project that can support the volunteers experience.
- Increase motivation to develop quality projects and create inspiration with new ideas and the empowerment of the support staff.
- Creation of an informal network of participants (and their organizations) for cooperation and exchange of ideas, tools and practices.
- Gain and improve soft skills such as, communication, problem solving, coaching, teamwork, leadership, intercultural learning, project management.

Exploring Cyprus may also be a good idea, while visiting the island for the training. Cyprus is well known for its hospitality, its great sights and the beautiful sceneries around the island. A main characteristic of the island is the short distances between places. One can travel from the unspoilt mountains to the golden beaches within the same day. Not to mention the ancient sights which date back several thousands of years. Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus and is located in the centre of the island.

The project will combine the principles of non-formal education and experiential approach based on participants' needs, motivations and experiences by using a diversity of activities within an interactive and safe environment.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

The participants selected need to be already active within the support system of EVS (Coordinators, Supervisors, Mentors), or are willing to become active. High motivation should be demonstrated through the application, and they should be collaborating with organisations that are already accredited EVS organisations or are in the process to get accredited. We are expecting to have a diverse group of participants with different experiences, quantitative and qualitative that can support the objectives of the training and the learning process. There is no upper age limit.

- Coordinators, supervisors, mentors, actively (or about to get) involved in their sending organisation
- Are over 18 years old
- Have a genuine passion for EVS
- Willing to learn and motivated to share their own experiences
- Willing to multiply learning after the training course
- Are able to work in English
- Are committed to attend for the full duration of the project

Gender balance, group diversity in terms of different social and cultural backgrounds will be taken into consideration.

It is the participant's responsibility to have a travel health insurance or European Health Card.

SELECTION PROCESS

In order to ensure a high quality of the training the selection will take place in the following manner:

Participants should fill in the online application that can be found on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9L7B7FW>

Deadline for submitting applications is 8th March 2015.

The final selection will take place by Youth Dynamics, although priority will be given to candidates proposed by the Partner Organisations as long as their application is submitted within the deadline and the candidates profile fits with the profile proposed on this call.

In the case that deadline has passed or the profiles are not the appropriate ones, Youth Dynamics will initiate a call for participants that will be open to other partners.

IMPORTANT: Selected participants will be informed by the 13th of March and tickets should issued by the 22nd of March. In case tickets are not issued by the date (only in the case participants have been selected and travelling data has been confirmed by Youth Dynamics), we will proceed to selection of participants on waiting list.

PARTNERS GROUP

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J.1. Summary of participating organisations

Name of the Organisation	Country of the Organisation	Type of Organisation
Youth Dynamics	Cyprus	Group of young people active in youth work
International Friends of Tartu	Estonia	Cultural operators
Civic Involvement Development Centre Co-participant	Georgia	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Forum mladih Makedonaca	Serbia	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Asociatia Bumerang	Romania	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
KURO Hradec Kralove	Czech Republic	Other
OportunidadEuropa	Spain	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
praxis	Greece	European NGO
ESSERCI TUTTI Società Cooperativa Sociale	Italy	Other
GAP Genclik Dernegi	Turkey	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Comité de Liaison Diagonal-France	France	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
National Assembly of Youth Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Azerbaijan	National Youth Council
Centrul pentru Dezvoltarea Relatiilor Internationale	Moldova (Republic of)	Other
Association of Young Journalists	Armenia	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
RAPLECTION	Croatia	Group of young people active in youth work
Total number of participating organisations		15

VENUE

Participants will be lodged in a central hotel in Agros, a beautiful village in the heart of Cyprus (www.agros.org.cy). The working place and the restaurant are within 10-15 minutes walk from the hotel.

TRAVEL COSTS REIMBURSEMENT

Unit costs of your travel expenses will be covered by the organizers with the support of ERASMUS+ program.

In order to receive the money for the transportation, please keep your invoices, tickets, boarding-passes or any other transport document so you can give us all these documents.

The reimbursement will be done after the end of the training course and when all original travelling documents are sent to us and participants fill in the online mobility tool of Erasmus + (via bank transfer).

There is a **participation fee** of 30 euro.

Below, is a list with the budget including travel costs (per person) for each country:

Country	Total unit travel cost per person
Czech Republic	330
Italy	330
Romania	240
Greece	240
Croatia	330
Turkey	240
Slovakia	330
Spain	330
Estonia	330
France	330
Azerbaijan	240
Serbia	240
Georgia	240
Moldova	330
Armenia	240

The costs from airport to Agros and return back are around 30 euro per person. This amount is not included in the above list.

IMPORTANT:

For the reimbursement to take place participants will need to attend at least 90% of the training course.

If you want you can come to Cyprus **1 to 2 days earlier or leave 1 to 2 later** after the end of the project. Of course you have to cover this extra cost for accommodation and food yourselves.

Working language

The working language of the training will be English. Participants must have sufficient understanding of the working language.

Climate

The average daytime temperature in April is around 15-18°C. At night temperature drops down.

Agros village

Agros is a village of Limassol district, built amphitheatrically among high mountains. Its population is 800 people and is one of the most interesting villages of Cyprus and the Pitsillia area. Historical and cultural sites are kept in a natural environment of extraordinary beauty with the village maintaining the customs and its traditional character. The love for work and the progressiveness characterize its citizens. The village's modern highways make it a connection point between the cities of Nicosia and Limassol and the mountain of Troodos. Its main production line consists of grapes, garden products, fruit of excellent quality, soutzoukos, traditional type cold cuts (sausages, lountza, choiomeri), traditional sweets and marmalades. Its citizens are also into tourism business (hotels, tourist apartments, inns, traditional coffee shops, taverns and clubs.)

Entry to the island

- There are two international airports in Cyprus, Larnaka and Pafos.
- The two main ports are Lemesos and Larnaka.
- Cyprus Airways is the island's national carrier.
- Around 37 airlines connect Cyprus directly with most European and Middle East countries, which provide on-going services to anywhere in the world.
- Visa: No visa is required for entry into Cyprus by nationals of most European countries. Nationals of other countries should contact the nearest Consulate of the Republic of Cyprus or if there is none, the nearest British Consulate.

Airports - Important

The two legal airports of Cyprus are Larnaca and Paphos. You can only use one of these two airports, because these are the only legal airports of Cyprus Republic. We can't accept any participant coming from Turkey, or from the illegal airport "Erkan" in the occupied northern part of Cyprus. Since 1974 Turkey invaded in Cyprus and occupies the northern part of Cyprus. Any ports or airports from this area are not recognized, they are not part of European Union and can't be used for any legal transportation to Cyprus. This is not a personal opinion of me, or my group, but a policy of Cyprus Republic that we have to respect. Therefore, we will ask you to book your flights with the cheapest flights from one of the 2 legal airports of Cyprus.

Coming to the venue of the project (Agros village):

When you arrive in Larnaca or in Pafos airport we will try to arrange a bus to pick you up from there and bring you to Agros village. The trip from airport to the venue of the project will take about 1 hour and 30 minutes.

European health insurance card.

The European Health Card is accepted in every country of the European Union. If you don't have it, you can get it easily. You should go to the office recharged with health affairs, and ask for your European Health Card. It's a little blue plastic card, and you can get it for free. It's valid in every EU country for 1 year. Or any other insurance is welcome (organizers are not covering insurance costs).

We hope that you will find the PBA worth participating and we look forward to meeting you in January 2015!

Useful information

- The currency of the Republic of Cyprus is the Euro.
- The Cyprus Tourism Organization www.cyprustourism.org

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions!

See you in Cyprus!

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