

RESPOND TO YOUR NEETS!

Training Course



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I – General Information

A – Summary of the project

Youth unemployment is a major issue in the EU, tackling the negative results of it more effectively has become an important benchmark of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

At European level, the percentage of NEET young people is 12,4% (Eurostat). Many have no more than a lower secondary education and are early leavers from education and training. Furthermore, many are migrants or come from a disadvantaged background. (COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee) Being long-time unemployed and out of school can cause low motivation for search for a job, economic and social disadvantages, exclusion and marginalization.



We suggest that the civil sector and young people themselves must take part in the policy making and implementation to make the national and international implementations of those policies more successful. Calling on the partners from EU countries, consulting with them about the phenomena of NEET and about the implementation of youth policies tackling youth unemployment, it become clear to us that the challenge and the responsibility is not only ours, but we have to unite all international actors to analyze, discuss, develop and promote measures to improve the situation. As suggested by the European Commission, “greater cooperation between stakeholders is effective without requiring large budget”. (Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion DG)

RESPOND TO YOUR NEETS! is an Erasmus+ KA1 training course, which aims to reach the following objectives:

Following ‘The overall objectives of the renewed framework for European cooperation in the youth field (2010-2018)’ the project’s general objectives are 1) **fostering the upholding of the right of young people to participate in the development and implementation of policies** affecting them by means of a continuous structured dialogue with young people and youth organisations and 2) contributing to **reduce the percentage of NEET youth** at European level.

For reaching this general objective, we set the following specific objectives:

- Professionalization and **competence development of youth workers**, supporting the acquisition of skills through non-formal and informal educational activities
- Encouraging and supporting the **involvement and participation of young people and youth organisations in policy making**, implementation and follow-up
- Fostering quality improvements in youth work, in particular through **enhanced cooperation between organisations** in the youth field and other stakeholders

The participating countries are: Hungary, Portugal, Greece, Lithuania, Estonia, Spain, Romania, Bulgaria, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Austria. The project will involve 27 youth workers, promoters of youth policies, representatives of youth umbrella organisations and unions etc.

**The mobility activity, the training course will take place in Debrecen, Hungary
between the 18th and 23rd of April 2016.**

The nonformal and informal learning methods used will be: energizers, name games, team building activities, simulations, graphic facilitation, audiovisual presentations, story-telling, cineforum, interviews, cultural activities and the conference. Prior to it, the participants will receive the task to do a little research on youth unemployment and youth policies in their country: they will be asked to prepare presentations on the situation and to conduct interviews with local NEET youth - to find positive and negative examples.

Expected results and impact of the project:

- Professional and personal development of youth workers
- Enlarged network and strengthened cooperation between the participating organisations
- Contribution to the reduction of the number of NEET youth
- Increased involvement and participation of young people and youth organizations in policy making, implementation and follow-up
- Developed mechanisms for dialogue with youth and youth participation on national youth policies
- Fostering peer learning and the exchange of good practice, including the dissemination of outcomes

Longer term impact of the project will be the increased participation of young people in youth policy making. The project will also contribute to the stronger cooperation between countries and their citizens, especially implementing measures tackling youth unemployment.

The project can only reach its objectives and function correctly if all the participants understand and agree with the objectives set above and contribute with their full dedication to the success of the project.

B – Practical information

1 – Transportation

The arrival date is the **17th of April 2016** and the departure date is the **24th of April 2016**.

NOTE: Please don't buy the tickets without consulting with your support group (see below: contact persons)!

Local transport will be organised by the means of public transport and will be arranged by the hosting organisation.

:For the reimbursement of travel cost, please check this table:

Country of Origin	Country of Destination	Distance Band	No. of Participants	Travel Grant per Participant	Total Travel Grant Requested
Hungary	Hungary	0 - 99 km	3	0.00	0.00
Italy	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	4	275.00	1100.00
Portugal	Hungary	2000 - 2999 km	2	360.00	720.00
Lithuania	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	2	275.00	550.00
Estonia	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	2	275.00	550.00
Spain	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	2	275.00	550.00
Romania	Hungary	100 - 499 km	2	180.00	360.00
Bulgaria	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	2	275.00	550.00
Greece	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	2	275.00	550.00
Ireland	Hungary	2000 - 2999 km	2	360.00	720.00
Germany	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	2	275.00	550.00
Austria	Hungary	500 - 1999 km	2	275.00	550.00

IMPORTANT: Reimbursement will be done upon receiving participants' BOARDING PASSES, BUS/TRAIN TICKETS and TRAVEL ITINERARIES, INVOICES! Please KEEP THEM, collect them all – we will ask you to send them all together after the training (you will receive a Reimbursement Guideline from the organisers). We cannot reimburse travel costs if the documents are missing.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (TRAIN TICKETS and bus tickets, where relevant) HAVE TO BE SUPPORTED BY AN INVOICE ON THE NAME OF YOUR SENDING ORGANISATION!

2– Contact persons

You can contact us for any question or problem by mail or phone. We have created support groups, so please contact your group's reference person!

For HUNGARY, BULGARIA, GREECE, LITHUANIA, ESTONIA, SPAIN:

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3 – Facebook group and Participant Form

We have created a Facebook Group that you can join right now!

The link is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/202270996789598/>

Trainers will share inspirational and logistical information related to the training in this group and you can also use it to communicate with us.

Please also fill out the Participant Form: <http://goo.gl/forms/po1hR5FRQf>

C – Rules to be kept

The exact timetable of the activities will be shared before the training. About **8 hours/day** will be spent with training sessions, interrupted with coffee breaks and main meals.

All participants are expected to respect the timetable and to participate in the activities. If they don't participate in at least 80% of the activities, their travel costs won't be reimbursed. Illness and other personal situations are of course make exceptions.

Rules about the venue, behavior, use of training materials etc. will be discussed with the participants in the beginning of the training.



Take note:

- ID card or Passport is obligatory – Please bring a photocopy with you as well!
- The participants have to hold the European Health Insurance Card and to have travel/health insurance for the period of their stay.
- A statement of any medical treatment is obligatory.

III – Preliminary programme of the training

18 April	19 April	20 April	21 April	22 April	23 April
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Presentation of the project, its programme, the venue, rules	Youth Unemployment in the EU	Young people's participation in policy-making	Creative ways for involving youth in policy making and implementation	Exchange of good practices	Dissemination
Getting to know each other	Who are NEET youth?	Skills for policy making: sense of initiatives, communication, democratic processes	Planning and implementation of a local initiative	Conclusion. How can we use the knowledge gained in our local context?	Evaluation
Team Building	Challenges and opportunities to fight youth unemployment	Skills for making one's voice heard: Public speaking		Planning future collaboration	Closing activities
Digging into Erasmus+ - how it can contribute to youth policies?	The Youth Guarantee (YG)	Skills for making one's voice heard 2: Writing Plans			Final public event
Definition of the learning goals of the participants	Council Recommendations and YG Implementation Plans				

Preparatory task:

Task 1: Participants are asked to do a brief research on the national reality linked to youth unemployment.

Task 2: Participants are asked to interview NEET youth in their community on their situation.

This research then will be presented during the session “Youth unemployment in the EU” and “Who are NEET Youth?” (Day 2). Please be creative! You can make a short documentary; write a newspaper-article; create an Infographic; draw a comic strip etc. Don't be shy to ask support from your sending organisation! ;) Each presentation has a limit of **maximum 5 minutes**.