



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS  
for International Training

**“Minority Rights in EUrope - Play and Change”**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

**Venue: Struga, Macedonia**

## **Context of the training:**

In modern Europe most of the minorities are with migrant background. The migrant and minority issues are constantly debated and acted upon by majority populations, minorities and by European organizations. Immigration, integration, nationalism, and minority rights are centrally placed in the public, political, and intellectual debate, and influence the decision making of European leaders.

Nevertheless, today's Europe closes its borders to most immigrants from third world countries, vows to defend human rights and provides collective rights for minority groups in Europe. The needs and aspirations of young people with a migrant or minority background are among the causes that Europe face challenge. However, in Europe, young people with a migrant background still tend to score more poorly than their peers at school and get less skilled jobs, at parity of qualifications, and are often stereotyped by the media. Minorities and migrants are victims of numerous and varied human rights violation. There is a need to go beyond anti-discrimination policies/strategies designed to prevent unequal treatment of young people and to get opportunity of minority young people for future and better inclusion in the society.

Migration is changing social structures of European countries it is a crucial issue that youth and non-governmental organizations working with minorities have to face in their daily work in order to create cohesive societies based on mutual tolerance and respect

## About the training

This TC will address the issue of marginalization, social exclusion and losing origin cultural identity of European minorities but also about good examples of protecting minority rights all over Europe using the theatre as a tool.

Through the methods of forum theatre this TC will encourage young people's awareness and commitment to tackling these issues for a more inclusive, diverse and tolerant society. In this context, special emphasis will be placed in particular on the exchange about the minority rights situation in different European countries and about cultural awareness of their own identity.

This project aims to develop participants' skills, teaching them how to use theatre techniques in the sphere of youth work for more inclusively society, thus raising awareness of importance of their active engagement in fighting against marginalization and social exclusion.

### Objectives:

- To gain theatre skills necessary for understanding needs of socially excluded and marginalized young people such as: minorities, migrants, asylum seekers, refugees, Roma ;
- To give information about important forms of exclusion with the explicit aim of breaking negative stereotypes against minorities;
- To experience human rights and social inclusion education activities and explore how to adapt them at local context
- To motivate and encourage the young people to act as multipliers and promote initiatives that would foster inclusion of marginalized groups and also to improve pride of a personal cultural identity;
- To share knowledge and experiences on challenges to combat marginalization and social exclusion faced by young people from marginalized European minority communities.

## Method

Through theatre we will give chance to youngsters to raise their own awareness about the problems and the benefits. They will develop scenario for the theatre play based on marginalization and social exclusion issue such as: returned asylum seekers, refugees from Syria, Palestine, minorities with migrant background, Roma as the biggest minority group in Europe etc. It will be consisted by scenes how the marginalization operates in their countries. The final theatre play they are going to perform in public space in the town.

## Who can apply

All interested managers/representatives, youth workers from Bulgaria, Estonia, France, Greece, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Turkey

## Application procedure

All interested applicants must to fill out the online Application [form](#) until 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

The results will be announced up to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016. All the applicants will receive an answer to the application

## Costs and Accommodation

Participation fee of 25 eur. The hosting organization will cover full board and lodging costs, and travel costs, after providing original invoices, tickets, boarding passes.

The reimbursement of travel will be done accordingly to EU distance calculator.

- Hungary -275 eur; Turkey -275 eur; Romania-275eur; Portugal - 360eur;Greece -275 eur; France-275eur; Estonia -360 eur. Poland -275 eur; Italy -275 eur; Bugaria – 180 eur; Lithuania -360 eur; Germany -275 eur.

The accommodation is going to be in **Hotel Ambient** in Struga.

<http://hotel-ambient.com/>