

Can I Come In?

Mobility of youth workers: seminar

Organized by: Seiklejate Vennaskond – ESTONIA

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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT:

Key action 1 – mobility of youth workers (seminar) will bring together 37 youth workers and policy makers from 1st September to 11th September 2016 to Rakvere, Estonia. Participating countries are Estonia, UK, Spain, Italy, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Greece, Germany, Portugal and Turkey. Estonia is the host country, others are sending countries.

Need for our project is very clear -first of all, our societies are still quite xenophobic and are afraid of unknown. They are afraid of different cultures and do believe that people from other cultures want to dominate or destroy them. This fear is caused by stereotypes and prejudices and is empowered by media, who shows often only the negatives, and misses the positives. Because this new stereotypes are created every day and people in our society are getting more afraid. There is also a second issue, that people (including also people in power positions like decision makers and people in education system – youth workers, teachers) are not aware about the differences between refugees and for example economic migrants. For many, all foreigners/immigrants are the same, but in reality each person has his/her own story to tell. We want to change the situation, raise awareness in society and work together with different countries to improve the situation. So our

Overall aim is:

- To create acceptance of refugees in European society

And the specific objectives are:

- To educate youth workers and policy makers on migration issues
- To develop activities to bring locals and people with immigrant background (including refugees) together
- To educate youth workers so they are able to create activities for young people to raise empathy towards refugees
- To find ways to stop hate speech and discrimination towards refugees by sharing good practices between participating countries
- To create new initiatives to tackle issues connected to xenophobia, racism and islamophobia in Europe.

Organizer: SEIKLEJATE VENNASKOND
<http://www.seiklejad.org>

Seiklejate Vennaskond is youth and civil society organization, which connects active adventurous people together. We work mainly with young people, but also with youth workers, trainers and teachers and organizations active in non-formal education field and lifelong learning. Our members have participated and organized different youth exchanges, seminars and training courses concerning equality, media impact, innovation, fight against racism & xenophobia, human rights, mobility and migration, HIV prevention, environment protection and other issues. Our volunteers gather every month to take up new ideas and think how to put them into practice. We sincerely believe that young people today can make a difference and we all work for this purpose.

Read more:

<http://www.seiklejad.org/in-english.html>

PARTNERS:



Seiklejate Vennaskond

J.1. Summary of participating organisations

Name of the Organisation	Country of the Organisation	Type of Organisation
SEIKLEJATE VENNASKOND	Estonia	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
b-free	Germany	Other
Associazione Attiva-Mente	Italy	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Youth Discovery Ventures Ltd	United Kingdom	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Teatro Metaphora - Associação de Amigos das Artes	Portugal	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Diyarbakir Cevre ve Kalkinma Dernegi	Turkey	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Evropske centrum mladeze Breclav/European Youth Centre Breclav z.s.	Czech Republic	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Youth Empowerment in a European Society	Slovakia	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Youthfully Yours Gr	Greece	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
ASOCIACION JUVENIL LAGARTO NEGRO	Spain	Other
Total number of participating organisations excluding consortium members where applicable		10

Number of participants: 3 per country

Participant profile:

- Participants must be motivated by the topic and ready to participate actively 100 %
- Participants must be able to communicate in English
- Participants must be 18+
- Participants must be **directly** working with young people on daily basis (youth workers, teachers) or in some cases they can be decision makers responsible for youth area

Participation fee: 50 € per person (to be paid during the training course in cash). Estonians via bank transfer.

Selection of participants:

All candidates (**no exceptions**) must fill in application form in SALTO. Selection of participants will be done by partner organizations and candidates need to be confirmed by organizer & trainers. In case participants' don't match the selection criteria or lack motivation, **coordinator can reject the candidacy** and ask partner to review the selection.

Travel costs:

Participants should use the cheapest means of transport (economy class plane tickets, 2nd class train tickets etc). Use of **taxi is not allowed**. Use of private vehicle or hired transport may only be used if agreed **beforehand** with organizers and it's **highly justified** (it's cheaper or it's only way of transportation and receipts are provided).

All tickets must be confirmed with organizers before buying, otherwise the costs will not be reimbursed!

Travel cost reimbursement maximum limits per participant from home to Tallinn:

Country	Distance	Max. limit
Germany	500-1999 km	245 €
UK	500-1999 km	245 €
Italy	500-1999 km / 2000-2999 km	245 € / 330 €
Turkey	500 – 1999 km / 2000 -2999 km	245 € / 330 €
Czech Republic	500-1999 km	245 €
Portugal	3000-3999 km / 4000 – 7999 km	500 € / 790 €
Spain	2000 – 2999 km / 3000 – 3999 km	330 € / 500 €
Slovakia	500 – 1999 km	245 €
Greece	500 – 1999 km / 2000-2999 km	245 € / 330 €

Travel cost reimbursement limits depend on starting point of the participant. For this reason there might be changes in travel limits if starting point changes. To check your distance please use European Commission [distance calculator](#) (adding your city and as destination “Rakvere” in Estonia). For example in case Spanish participant travels from Malaga the limit is 500 €, in case from Madrid the limit is 330. We have already taken off 30 € for local transport from Tallinn to Rakvere and back by private transfer. You need to arrive to TALLINN (airport).

We encourage participants to buy all the tickets online and **always** make online check-in where possible. This will speed up the reimbursement process and is more environmentally friendly. All tickets should be sent before the project to comeinEstonia@gmail.com

Participants are allowed to stay up to 5 days longer in Estonia if they want, but they need to pay for their own accommodation/food.

Reimbursement:

Reimbursement of travel costs can be done as soon as we have all original documents from you. We prefer to make one reimbursement per country. We have printer available in project location to print boarding passes.

Documents which are needed:

- Original invoice of the flight ticket, it should be in **English** and amounts in **euros** (if possible). Please book your tickets in travel site where you can get the documents in English and in **Latin alphabet!**
- Boarding passes (very important) from your journey to Estonia and from your journey back (electronic versions – make online check-in!)
- Flight tickets with travel times (English! Latin alphabet!)
- Bus/train tickets
- In some cases we will need some statement if you travelled by uncommon routes
- If luggage is not included in plane tickets, try to add it right away while buying the tickets online
- Use of taxi / personal car will not be reimbursed

Location:

Project will take place in Rakvere, North-Estonia. Our accommodation will be Villa Theresa (<http://www.villatheresa.ee/rakvere/>). Accommodation will be in rooms of 2-3 people. The seminar room is inside the house. We will provide 3 meals per day; and 2 coffee breaks (if we are not visiting). Please take into consideration that smoking is not allowed in any place inside the hotel, and only place for smoking is outside.

Villa Theresa – Accommodation



Background information Training course will take place in Estonia; you can find more information about our country here: <http://www.visitestonia.com/en/>. If you come earlier or leave later (highly recommended!), you can visit our capital Tallinn: <http://www.tourism.tallinn.ee/eng> which has really nice medieval old town and is in the UNESCO world heritage list. Our project takes place in Rakvere: <http://www.visitestonia.com/en/where-to-go/north-estonia/rakvere>.



Old town of Tallinn



Tarvas – symbol of Rakvere

Weather:

Beginning of September is autumn in Estonia. Most likely weather will be between 10 - 20 C, but we never know ☺ Nights are cold and temperature can drop to around 0 C. It might rain, bring umbrella or raincoat. Check weather here: <http://weather.ee/rakvere/?linn=rakvere>.

ARRIVAL:

All participants should arrive to Tallinn (TLL) airport before 16.00 on 1st September (or day before). This is the only airport ☺

MEETING POINT AND TIME:

Meeting point and time will be set after we know all arrivals. Most likely it will be in the airport.

Getting around in Tallinn (if you need for some reason).

The best way to get around in Tallinn is to use bus **number 2**. It stops in the airport (follow signs to get to stop), if you get out in 3rd stop you reach "Autobussijaam" which is 150 m from bus station (go across the road), if you go out in 6th stop A.Laikmaa you are in the centre (5 minute to old town). If you go out in 7th or 8th stop you will reach ferry terminal. And of course, the bus goes also opposite, from ferry terminal to centre, then to bus station and finally to airport. You can buy ticket from driver, students have discount (0,8 € /1,6 €).

What to bring:

- Warm clothes – autumn might be chilly - jacket, warm pullovers, scarf, hat.
- Shoes/slippers for inside – you cannot wear outside shoes in rooms Estonia, so please bring something comfortable to wear inside seminar room (this time of year can be muddy)
- Some materials/flyers/contact sheets from your organization to share with others, maybe something about Erasmus+, if you need it in your language
- Laptop (if you can) – Wifi will be available and we will be looking some materials online and so computer would be really useful
- Some food drinks or other things of your country you would like to present/show to others... (for intercultural evenings)
- Swimming suit – in case you want to go to spa in Rakvere, not part of programme, but you can do it in your free time
- You can prepare some energizer or bring some games, as you like ☺
- Positive attitude and open-minded attitude

Travel insurance:

If you are European Union citizen, please make sure that you have the European Health Insurance Card (<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=653&langId=en>) or temporary certificate. Additionally it's **obligatory** to make travel insurance (for people coming outside Estonia), this is your own contribution and will not be reimbursed. Travel insurance should include medical insurance, trip protection and luggage insurance.

Any questions? Please ask! OUR CONTACT: comeinEstonia@gmail.com



See you soon in Estonia!!!