



"How to fight and forestall extremism"

21-28 July, 2017

Kuusamo, Finland

Partner promoters; **Belgium, Finland, Greece, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands**

Description of the TC

The European Union is a homeland of Democracy, Human Rights, Tolerance, and Understanding. As a success shared with all the world Europe respects the rights of persons belonging to minorities, their freedom, and human dignity. Although it is becoming more and more noticeable the fact that recent years we often hear calls for extremism and xenophobia. This happens simultaneously with the flow of refugees from Southern and Eastern borders to

Europe. While several countries and societies organize to host refugees, who left everything in their motherlands, EU residents witness also calls for extremist actions by marginalized political powers.

Being concerned with extremist movements in Europe, rising xenophobia, and Islamophobia among European youth, we consider it highly important to gather active young people, youth workers, and activists to discuss questions of multicultural society, inter-religious and intercultural dialogue as well as to think about possible solutions leading to tolerance, integration, and multiculturalism.

The training course "**How to fight and forestall extremism**" will take place in Oivanki village, North-Finland and will involve 25 youth workers from 6 Programme Countries. During the Training course, we will look deeper into the issues of extremism, migration, discrimination, nationalism, intolerance and intercultural misunderstandings. The Training Course will support young people and active youth workers to learn about the ways of living together, accepting differences and fighting together against extremism and xenophobia in these turbulent times.

Our aim is to empower youth workers and youth leaders with skills, knowledge, and attitudes to play an active role towards an intercultural society. **Our objectives** are the following:

- To re-explore the key concepts, such as stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination, extremism, intolerance and their transformation in European reality
- To analyze what are the main reasons for the rise of Extremism in different European countries
- To discover the right attitudes towards an intercultural society
- To promote active citizenship, international dialogue and non-formal education
- To analyze the European values and how they can be used in contrasting those phenomena.
- To develop new projects promoting tolerance and multiculturalism

The TC will foster the participants in the acquisition of learning outcomes necessary to fight and forestall extremism. The project will improve the participants professional development, their involvement as considerate and active citizens in society, raise participants' awareness and understanding of other cultures and countries, offering them the opportunity to build networks of international contacts.

Profile of the participants

We welcome Youth workers who(/are);

- ready to actively fight against extremism, discrimination, and intolerance
- want to transfer the knowledge they gained in the project to the youth in their organizations
- ready to contribute to preparation(homework), implementation(active participation) and follow-up activities(Presentations)

Travel information

The most convenient way to get to the project venue is to fly via Helsinki to Kuusamo airport. Another option is flying to City of Oulu (215 from Kuusamo). There are several bus connections from Oulu to Kuusamo during weekdays. If there are more than 8 participants flying to Oulu, we can organize a group transport.

After the group is gathered in Kuusamo, we will organize their transportation from Kuusamo to the project venue. At this phase of the project the tasks of the participants are to organize their travel to Kuusamo Airport(or bus station).

More information about flights: www.finnair.com.

Bus schedules available at www.matkahuolto.fi

There is no train station in Kuusamo, but in Oulu, Kajaani, and Rovaniemi there are.

Arrival and departure information and the Erasmus+ travel rules

Arrival and departure information: 21 of July 2017 is the Arrival Day. Make sure you arrive the Kuusamo airport (either city bus station or any other city location) till 20:00. We will provide dinner for the participants. The official program starts on 22 of July 2017 in the morning. The official program ends on 27 of July 2017 late in the evening. 28 of July 2017 is the Departure Day. We will provide breakfast for the participants.

Erasmus + rules. It is the participant's right to have 2 extra days for the travel. This gives them the following opportunities for the travel process.

- July 19 (two days earlier) - July 28 (on time) (total + 2 days)
- July 20 (One day earlier) - July 28 (on time) (total + 1 day)
- July 20 (One day earlier) - July 29 (one day later) (total + 2 days)
- July 21 (on time) - July 29 (on day later) (total + 1 day)
- July 21 (on time) - July 30 (two days later) (total + 2 days)

All those opportunities can be used by the participants when buying the tickets. Please take into consideration that you have to cover yourself the expenses for those extra days, and the host organization is covering your accommodation starting 21 July 19:00 (providing dinner) till 28 July 10:00 am (providing breakfast).

Erasmus+ also implements rules that define the maximum reimbursement for the participants' travel tickets according to the travel distance they use. Attached you can find the maximum reimbursement for your travel to the project venue and back.

Travel costs(180 Euro Travel pop-up was done to all the calculations)

Country	Partner Promoter	Number of participants	Max. travel cost per person
Belgium	The Knot vzw	4	455
Finland	Nuoriso - ja luontomatkailukeskus Oivanki	5	20
Greece	UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS ASTIKI ETAIREIA	4	540
Italy	YOUNET	4	455
Spain	ASOCIACION JUVENIL INTERCAMBIA	4	710
The Netherlands	SOFA Ventures	6	455

Tickets & Registration

NOTE! When you are sure that you buy the tickets according to Erasmus+ rules(you can also approach for advice to your organization contact person) you can buy them yourself and without consulting the organizers, if you need help with the purchasing the tickets, you can always keep contact with Erik Ghazaryan; erikghazaryan@apy.am.

Once the participants buy the tickets, they will be asked to fill in the **online Registration Form** till July 1 2017. This will help the trainers' team to develop the program that meets your expectations!

Financial issues

100% of the total travel expenses will be reimbursed. Reimbursement will be done in EUR after the training during a 2 months period, when all the invoices and tickets are collected.

NOTE! Please check travel budget limits above. If travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project. The organizers will only be able to reimburse participants the maximum travel costs indicated in the travel budget. You are therefore strongly advised to book trip travel well in advance and look for the cheapest option. Reimbursement: The reimbursement will be done either at the last 2 days

IMPORTANT! to manage the reimbursement project easier, we would kindly request our participants to provide the following information at the project venue;

- Tickets (there must be price and name of the person stated on it).
- Boarding passes (in case of loss – please get a confirmation from the airlines, that the flight was taken)
- Invoices –even if you have a ticket, our accounting still needs an **INVOICE**.

Project venue and Accommodation

We will stay and work in Oivanki Outdoor Education Centre, one of Finnish Youth Centres. (www.snk.fi). You will find more information of the venue from Internet: www.oivanki.fi



will be in a “Riekko”.

mainly 2-3 persons each (like in the photo). Rooms are equipped with towels and bed-linen. If you need any special medicine or other personal items please take those with you. In addition

Accommodation building called Rooms are

to your rooms, there is also available public premises for our use, sauna facilities, tv and a room with a fireplace.



Intercultural Evening

One of the evenings will be the intercultural night where the participants will present their countries, culture, and traditions. We suggest you bring with you pieces of your culture; food, drinks, traditional clothes, music and everything that you consider as a part of your culture. With the help of the social committee consisted of the participants we will organize the intercultural evening together.

Homework and Daily Program

The participants will implement a small research about the grounds of Extremism in their countries, facts, and statistics. This will be needed for the presentation of the homework during the first days of the project. The final daily programme will be sent to the participants 5 days before the project launches.

Facebook Group Please join our [Facebook group](#);

Project location information

Weather Summer has started in Finland. It should be warm, but the evenings can be chilly. There can be some mosquitoes, too. The weather during the project dates will be around +20-22 C. At the nights it is chilly. We recommend you to take also light coats and warm clothes with you. More information about the weather you can explore here;

<http://ilmatieteenlaitos.fi/>

What to bring? The youth centre is located in a rural area, 17 km from the town. Take your personal clothes, hygiene products. Also, it is good to have clothes for outdoor-moments since there are activities available for the free time. In Finland we do not use outdoor shoes indoors, you might like to take indoor shoes or woolen socks with you.

There are opportunities for saunas and swimming, so take a swimming suit. Also the area offers opportunities for exploring the nature, too. So take some sporty outdoor shoes along. Not only high heels:)

Shop. Be aware that the next shop is really far away and it will not be possible to do shopping every day. The town can be reached by taxis and that is not very cheap in Finland and more manageable in a group. Once during each two days, the organizers will go to the shop and buy the necessities that the participants request.

Currency: In Finland the official currency is EURO

We welcome you to Finland :)