



"Youth workers against extremism and xenophobia"

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Vienna, Austria

Partner promoters; Austria, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands

Description of the TC

The European Union is not only a political Union but also it is a cradle of various universal human values. Among them are Tolerance, Understanding and Multiculturalism, in other

words, the values that unite different and multicultural European societies. Meanwhile, recent years Europe faced an enormous flow of refugees from Southern and Eastern borders. While several countries mobilized resources to support and welcome people, who lost everything but hope in their motherlands, EU residents witness also calls for extremist actions by marginalized political powers.

In European nowadays reality we see the polarization of the societies. As a result of active right-wing politicians' propaganda and the Refugee crisis in European countries, more and more people become open for ideas of Extremism and Xenophobia as a fast solution to all problems. Marginalized political powers use refugees, migrants, and Muslims as the main target to blame for all economic and security difficulties that Europeans have to face today. Those separations of "us" and "others" also lead to the seclusion of refugees, migrants as well as religious and ethnic minorities, who feel not welcomed by European societies. And this also provokes them to seclusion instead of integration. This challenging tendency can lead to the confrontation between different societies and can have unpredicted and heavy causalities in future.

Taking into account the 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 "Youth workers against extremism and xenophobia" will take place in Austria and will involve youth workers from 6 Programme Countries. During the Training course, we will explore the issues of extremism, intolerance and find solutions to act as youth worker against extremism and xenophobia. 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 nowadays reality.

Our aim. With this Training course, we aim to empower youth workers and youth leaders with skills, knowledge, and attitudes to develop a capacity for fighting extremism and xenophobia. Our objectives are the following:

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

On a long lasting perspective, as a result of the implementation of a greater number of projects fighting extremism and xenophobia, we will see the wider respect to European values; respect for rights of persons belonging to minorities, their freedom, and human dignity. The project does its contribution to reaching this objective, with this fulfilling one of the General objectives of the Erasmus+ Programme; the promotion of European values in accordance with Article 2 of the Treaty.

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 either to Vienna International Airport or to Bratislava International Airport.

Vienna International Airport. From the airport: Take the train S7(direction; **Florinsdorf**)(costs 4.4 Euros) you need to leave the train at **Florinsdorf** (the last station) after please take the U-Bahn(=Underground, costs 2.2 Euros for the rest of your trip till the project venue, please keep the ticket for the reimbursement) **U6 line(it is brown)** direction **Siebenbrunn**, and get off at **Burggasse-Stadthalle** station. The A&O Hostel is just 300m away to the north(see the map below in the info-pack). The address is Lerchenfelder Gürtel 9-11, Vienna.

Bratislava Airport (Slovakia).The bus ticket from this airport to Vienna will cost 4-8 Euros, depending on the service provider. You can find several proposals [here](#). If you chose Bratislava Airport and the bus connection to Vienna, please inform us and we will give you additional information on how to reach the project venue.

By train. From **Westbahnhof** (Western Railway Station): Leave Westbahnhof direction 'Aussere Mariahilferstrasse' straight ahead ca. 10 min the Lerchenfelder Guertel. Otherwise, you could use the Tram 6 / 18 two stations into **Burggasse/Stadthalle**. The Hotel is on the left side.

Arrival and departure information and the Erasmus+ travel rules

Arrival and departure information: 11 of September 2017 is the Arrival Day. Make sure you arrive the project venue till 20:00. We will provide dinner for the participants. The official program starts on 12 of September 2017 in the morning. The official program ends on 17 of September 2017 late in the evening. 18 of September 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.

- September 09 (two days earlier)-September 18(on time)(total + 2 days)
- September 10(One day earlier)-September 18 (on time)(total + 1 day)
- September 10(One day earlier)-September 19 (one day later)(total +2 days)

- September 11(on time)-September 19(on day later)(total +1 day)
- September 11(on time)-September 20(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 September 11 19:00(providing dinner) till September 18 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

Country	Partner Promoter	Number of participants	Max. travel cost per person
Austria	Zeit!Raum	5	0
Belgium	The Knot vzw	4	275
Greece	UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS ASTIKI ETAIREIA	4	275
Italy	YOUNET	4	180
Spain	ASOCIACION JUVENIL INTERCAMBIA	4	360
The Netherlands	SOFA Ventures	6	275

Tickets & Registration

You should make a small research and purchase the cheapest tickets. The deadline to purchase the tickets is **July 30, 2017!**

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 Ani Janyan; anijanyan@gmail.com

Once the participants buy the tickets, they will be asked to fill in the **online Registration Form** till **August 5, 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 at the project venue if the on-line check-ins are done before the departure and all the invoices and tickets are collected.

NOTE! Please check travel budget limits above. If travel costs exceed the amount budgeted for the project. The organizers will only be able to reimburse the 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.

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



The training course will take place in [A & O Hostel Stadthalle](#). The A&O Hostel Wien Stadthalle in Vienna is only one stop away from Westbahnhof.



The short distance to the historic city center and to the shopping mile of the Austrian capital makes this A&O especially attractive for all travelers.

The participants will stay in 4 bed rooms, the sessions will be implemented at the hostel conference room in the same building. If you need any special medicine or other personal items please take those with you.

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](#);

Participation selection and ticket booking deadlines;

July 26 th – The participants are chosen by the sending organizations.

July 30 th–The tickets are bought by the participants.

August 5th – The Registration Forms(will be additionally sent) are submitted by the participants.

August 16th– The arrival list is sent to the participants.

The applicant and host organization

Zeit!Raum is an SPO (Social Profit Organization) which was founded more than 20 years ago (1995) and has continued to expand its fields of work.

Zeit!Raum is relatively new in implementing Erasmus+ activities, though the NGO has implemented several Youth in Action projects. During the implementation of our everyday activities, we came to the conclusion that the aims the organization holds and the goals pursued by the Erasmus+ Programme correspond quite often. This gives us the reason to come to the conclusion that our NGO can use the opportunity of this Programme to reach the common goals. Zeit!Raum has experience in organizing several activities in and outside of Vienna. Here is the short list of the activity fields, in which Zeit!Raum works throughout the year.

Children and Youth Work in the 15th district of Vienna
Children and Youth Work in the in the 22nds district of Vienna
Accommodation of asylum seekers and (minor) refugees.
Refugee Support (Tempus, Z!R Wohnen)
Private Kindergarten „fun&care“
Council Housing Museum
German courses for children and recognized refugees

The project team

Ani Janyan is the project manager of the TC. Her tasks are the organization of the project and implementation of the project main activity that will take place in Vienna, Austria during September 11-18, 2017. Ani Janyan is an experienced project manager. Her competence in this project is ensured with the fact that she implemented several Youth in Action and Erasmus+ projects in Yerevan(Armenia) and Graz(Austria). Before acting as the project manager she also participated in several Erasmus+ activities and was an EVS volunteer for one year in Austria. Simultaneously Ani Janyan does the Master Programme on Social Economy at the University(FH) of the Applied Science Campus Wien.



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Erik Ghazaryan is an experienced trainer and is a member of Salto Youth TOY and Youth for Exchange and Understanding PET. Erik Ghazaryan is experienced as a trainer in the field of Human rights and anti-discrimination. During the recent years he worked on Youth for Exchange and Understanding(YEU) three step projects "Excuse me is this hate yours" (Belgium), MOJU (Portugal) "Mojoyouthniversity" training course and JUB (The Netherlands)"Youth work and European Citizenship" training course. Erik Ghazaryan is also the president of Armenian Progressive Youth NGO. Nowadays Erik Ghazaryan does the Master Programme on Political Science at the University of Vienna

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The project foresees two trainers, the second trainer will be chosen through the open call for trainers in Salto Youth Platform

Project location information

Weather Summer has started in Austria. It should be warm, but the evenings can be chilly. The weather during the project dates will be around +25-27 C. We recommend you to take also warm clothes with you. It also often rains in Vienna.

What to bring? The Hostel is located not far from the city center, approximately 2 km. Take your personal clothes, hygiene products, bathroom necessities(Towels, sleepers etc.). The project foresees visit to a museum and city games, so please bring appropriate clothes for walking in the city center.

Shop. Be aware that the shops work in Vienna till 20:00-20:30, after that there are only particular places, where the shops are open. On Sunday, and holidays nearly all the shops are closed.

Currency: In Austria the official currency is EURO

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...if not the most beautiful:)

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