



••• CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS •••

# LET'S GET CROSS!

an international expert seminar on how to enhance the impact of youth work and non-formal education through cross-sectorial co-operation

Krompachy/Slovakia • August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> of 2018 • ERASMUS+ KA1

## Dear educational experts

(youth workers, educators, teachers, trainers, counsellors, researchers, ...)

the Slovak NGO “EduEra” is happy to invite you to apply for participation in our upcoming **expert seminar “Let’s get cross!”**. “Let’s get cross!” is a **7-day-lasting international expert seminar on how to enhance the impact of youth work and non-formal education through cross-sectorial co-operation**. We target **youth work providers, education providers (of any type) and municipalities**. The expert meeting will take place from **August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> (including travel days) of 2018 in Krompachy, eastern Slovakia**. Funding is provided by the Slovak National Agency for ERASMUS+: Youth in Action, Key Action 1, Mobility of Youth Workers.

**Please read carefully all indications given in this call**, especially the eligible countries, conditions of participation and the requested profile of experts, and if you feel you would like to join us **submit your application at:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/04xlu7byLt0So8tq2>

**The deadline for receiving your applications is June 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that in each eligible country, we have an official partner organization who will be informed about your applications and who also have a say in the selection process of participants (see list below). **You will be informed about the selection results on Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>**.

## ••• ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES AND PLACES

*These are the international partners of the expert seminar, and the amount of places for expert participants:*

COUNTRY	PARTNER ORGANISATION	PLACES
Slovakia (coordinator)	EduEra	3
Bulgaria	Sdrujenie "Nadejda-CRD"	3

Denmark	Crossing Borders	3
Greece	PYTHIA	3
Italy	EquaMente -	3
Portugal	ESCOLA PROFISSIONAL DO MONTIJO	3
Romania	A.R.T. FUSION	3
Spain	Associació Escull Solidari	2
Spain	Matadero Lab	2
United Kingdom	PRAXIS EUROPE	3

## ●●● PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

Each country, community or region should be represented by at least two experts: one representing a youth work / non-formal education provider, and the other one representing any other type of education provider (eg kindergardens, primary schools, college, high schools, universities, VET, adult education, freetime education, alternative education, informal education) or municipalities (the chapter in charge of youth and/or education).

The participating experts must be aged 18+ and be residents in the country of the nominating partner organisation. The experts should be **fluent in english**, and be willing and **committed to work hard** (about 9 hours per day at least). The experts should furthermore commit to **carry out agreed preparatory tasks** and be willing to **follow-up on the seminar** via active youth work and/or educational work, ideally in co-operation with their sending/partner organisation.

It is also important to underline that **this expert seminar will have strong traits of a training course in youth work and will be based on the toolbox of non-formal education**. This means that it will be **highly participatory, dynamic and active**. Tools we will use during the seminar include energizers and physical activities, group work, simulation exercises, role-plays, the use of creative expression, competitions, quizzes, games, and digital tools.

## ●●● MAIN PROGRAMME ELEMENTS

- sharing **realities of youth work and education** in our communities, regions and countries
- discussing what **competences are needed for the 21st century**
- ensuring **digitalization, media literacy, creativity and entrepreneurship** as transversal features
- assessing the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of different types of stakeholders in youth work and education, and matching **win-win-alliances in the frame of cross-sectorial co-operation**
- sharing and identifying **practices and formats in cross-sectorial co-operation in education and youth work**
- sharing **tools and practices for the delivery of educational interventions and competence development**
- meet the other side: recommendations from **employers, entrepreneurs, and labour market service**
- **assessment and recognition of competences**: how to?
- **action plan** for follow-up, transfer, promotion and dissemination activities

At the end of the expert seminar, the participants will receive a **Youthpass certificate**. Youthpass is the instrument of the Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme to recognise the non-formal learning taking place during projects.

## ●●● AIM AND CONTEXT

The main aspiration of the expert seminar is to **enhance the impact of youth work and non-formal education through cross-sectorial co-operation**. Examples of this can be that a school co-operates with a youth center to provide **extra-curricular activities** outside of school or in the classroom. Or a university co-operates with a youth exchange organization to provide international opportunities to their students to **acquire soft skills through non-formal education and learning mobilities**. Or formal education providers **integrate non-formal methods** into their interventions. Or a municipality connects youth workers, education providers and employers to ensure young people acquire the **competences and practical experiences required by the labour market**.

The bigger context is the need to **provide young people with the competences, opportunities and support required to meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century**, be it for employability, active citizenship, social issues, or simply to live a self-determined and fulfilled life.

## ●●● IMPACT, DISSEMINATION & FOLLOW-UP

The participants and the partner organisations are expected to **ensure the following and provide proof of it**:

- **disseminate and promote** the project and its outcomes,
- **transfer the competences** developed at this seminar to further stakeholders in youth work and education, and
- **ensure the wider impact of this project by implementing concrete follow-up activities** and providing opportunities with and for young people in their regions and countries.

## ●●● THE VENUE

**In Slovakia there are still unknown and undiscovered places that are exceptional for their beautiful nature, rich cultural heritage, and kind and hospitable people. KROMPACHY and its surroundings is one such place.** Despite the rich mining and metallurgy tradition, the town of KROMPACHY is known, both in Slovakia and abroad, especially for its Plejsy Ski Resort. Nevertheless, the magnificent scenery of hills, valleys, forests and meadows, as well as the precious cultural and historical sights, allow Krompachy to provide optimum conditions for recreation also in summer months.

**Our venue is the “Tourist Hostel Relax”, located in Krompachy** near the ski resort Ski Center Plejsy and close to a private high school SEZ Krompachy. In winter you can ski on artificially and naturally snow slopes from December to April. In summer you can biking and hiking in the mountains Volovske vrchy, Poracska dolina, Slovensky raj and picking forest fruit and mushrooms.

**Participants should be prepared for rustic conditions and to share their room with several persons.** Feel free to browse pictures from the venue:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1luWSptiOatQVvHbp2kbYZ2xUATku81gk>

## ●●● CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The expert seminar will start with snack at 17:30 of August 22<sup>nd</sup> and end with breakfast on August 29<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to funding provided by the ERASMUS+ programme through the Slovak National Agency, during this period all costs for food, accommodation, local transport and course materials are covered.

The selected participants are free to arrive to Slovakia some days earlier or stay some days longer, as long as the total amount of extra days outside of the programme activities is not more than three days. The costs of the potential stay in Slovakia outside of the period August 22<sup>nd</sup> 17:30 to August 29<sup>th</sup> in the morning have to be borne by the selected participant and are not covered by the organisers.

Following the rules of ERASMUS+, the costs of international travel of the selected participants are covered up to the following total amounts (if evidence is provided that the travel falls into the corresponding distance band). Costs exceeding the indicated amounts have to be borne by the participants (or partner organisations). Here is an overview of travel grant per distance band:

[https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-b/three-key-actions/key-action-1/mobility-project-for-young-people-and-youth-workers\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-b/three-key-actions/key-action-1/mobility-project-for-young-people-and-youth-workers_en)

These are the travel grants approved by the Slovak National Agency based on the submitted funding application:

COUNTRY	PARTNER ORGANISATION	TRAVEL GRANT PER PERSON (EUR)
Slovakia (coordinator)	EduEra	180 (100 – 499km)
Bulgaria	Sdrujenie "Nadejda-CRD"	275 (500 – 1999 km)
Denmark	Crossing Borders	275 (500 – 1999 km)
Greece	PYTHIA	360 (2000-2999 km)
Italy	EquaMente -	275 (500 – 1999 km)
Portugal	ESCOLA PROFISSIONAL DO MONTIJO	360 (2000-2999 km)
Romania	A.R.T. FUSION	275 (500 – 1999 km)
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United Kingdom	PRAXIS EUROPE	275 (500 – 1999 km)

Furthermore, a participation fee of EUR 30 is to be paid in cash in Slovakia, and the selected participants are in charge of arranging their own insurance for your travel and stay in Slovakia. Full participation in the programme from afternoon of August 22<sup>nd</sup> to morning of August 29<sup>th</sup> is mandatory to be eligible for the reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs.

## ●●● TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The best airport to fly to is Košice International Airport. Alternatively, also Bratislava or Budapest can be considered. In the very worst case the venue can be reached from Vienna, but this would add considerable travel time and costs to reach the venue in Krompachy.

In addition to the flight ticket, there are additional travel costs inside Slovakia to reach the venue, which are part of each participant's travel budget. We will support the selected participants in arranging group and discount tickets. **Do not arrange any travels! The selected participants will receive further information from us on how to arrange the travel within Slovakia.**

## ●●● THE COORDINATING ORGANISATION

The non-governmental organization EduEra is registered by the Ministry of the Interior of the Slovak Republic as a citizen's association since 2017. This step is only a result of many years of work of individual members of this association with youth in Slovakia. **EduEra encourages the active participation of young people in the creation of new ideas and initiatives. The aim of EduEra is to find common values in our globalized world, and the development of mutual understanding through trainings, exchanges, and conferences, mostly concentrated on Erasmus+ projects on the field of youth.**

Our members come from different parts of Slovakia and focus on different areas where they see the potential and opportunity for young people. Our staff is constantly training and developing skills in order to be able to integrate always new tools into our educational and training programmes. Some of them have been teaching for years and graduated as a teacher, psychologist, therefore, they have the “formal” experience of dealing with youth and adults.

**EduEra functions as a youth-driven platform for young people, focusing on non-formal learning. We believe that the most important value of society is education, which we offer to young people through trainings, workshops, volunteering opportunities and projects not only in Slovakia but also abroad. Our vision is the personal and professional development of young people; support and development of regions and international cooperation through social entrepreneurship; protection of human rights; equal opportunities for all.**

## ●●● CONTACT & TEAM

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