

“Youth Work for Resilience”

Public discourse in contemporary societies is often intense and participation in it is not widespread. Many young people say they are so tired of the conversational atmosphere based on opposites that they are prepared to remain outside the public discourse. More and more people also feel that their possibilities to affect society are insufficient.

In response to these concerns, the Croatian and Finnish Erasmus + National Agencies and the civil society organisation I-Dare from Jordan are organising 1,5-year training project for youth workers.

This project aims at strengthening the capabilities of youth sector in order to support community resilience and democratic principles through dialogical approach in Croatia, Finland and Jordan.

The objectives of the project are:

- to increase community resilience
- to support democratic values and active citizenship
- to support socio-economic cohesion among young people
- to contribute to establishing quality partnerships between participating organisations in the three countries

by enhancing youth work education and learning.

What will I get/develop as a youth worker?

- international youth work competencies within these themes
- better understanding of the violent extremism, unemployment, democracy...
- dialogical skills
- understanding the realities of Croatia, Finland and Jordan
- long term experiential learning process in international context

The project design will ensure that the voices of participants contribute to the shaping of the entire learning process.

Profile and number of the participants

The total number of participants is 24, divided equally among the three countries. These are the same participants for the whole project.

The participants are expected to:

- be working directly with young people
- be willing and able to commit for the whole training project
- be familiar with or interested in the thematic areas of the project
- be able to communicate in English
- be resident of Croatia, Finland or Jordan
- have commitment and support from their organisations

Estimated timeline of the project

The project consists of six international learning meetings throughout 1,5 years in Croatia, Finland and Jordan. In between the working days, the participants will be involved in guided experiments and peer-mentoring programs at national level supported by the trainers.

Estimated timetable for international meetings	Hosting
17.-19.6. 2019	Finland
16.-18.9.2019	Croatia
18.-20.11.2019	Jordan
February 2020	Croatia
April 2020	Jordan
June 2020	Finland

Draft agenda for 2019 meetings

1. In Finland June 2019
 - Start of the project
 - Introduction to dialogical approach
 - Exploring Finnish youth work reality through field visits
 - Setting up the learning process
2. In Croatia September 2019
 - Following up on national experiments
 - Understanding about Post-conflict dialogue through field visits
 - Reflecting on democratic values
3. In Jordan November 2019
 - Following up on national experiments
 - Exploring the support of socio-economic cohesion among young people
 - Evaluation moment and planning 2020

Agenda for 2020 meetings will be built on the participants needs, expectations and emerging realities.