

TRAINING COURSE

FurNature up and recycling



9-17 APRIL 2022

STRENGBERG, AUSTRIA



CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

The trend of making furniture from secondary free or low-value general-purpose materials, such as pallets, packaging wood, and used furniture, is actively expanding, especially in view of COVID outcomes. This counts not only in the private sector but also in the arrangement of commercial spaces (cafes, restaurants, clubs), which causes a significant demand for craftsmen (specialists) who are able to create such furniture or have the appropriate skilled knowledge for gear others. When it comes to the youth sector many NGO's around Europe don't have stable support, thus for the sake of economy, they use outdated and non-comfortable furniture/furnishing in their organisation facilities that are usually detrimental to health. In the same, youth workers are lacking necessary competencies to implement this type of work.

The main aim of the project is to increase quality youth work by educating youth workers on how to apply Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Sustainability principles while equipping public spaces/organisation facilities with upcycled furnishing/furniture

OBJECTIVES

To increase knowledge of youth workers about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Sustainability principles and their application in daily work

To increase competencies of youth workers about using various instruments\tools, materials, as well as safety rules while working with them.

To develop follow-up projects (including equipping public spaces/organisation facilities, including it in ESC activities, craftsman school, etc), by putting in practice acquired competencies during the project

To increase competencies of youth workers on plan, design, produce and repair furnishing/furniture



APPROACH AND CONTENT

The project activities are based on non-formal education approaches, mainly on learning by doing and self experiential way and will not provide you with academic knowledge. Its success depends on the active participation of everybody present.

During the project activities, participants are going to design, produce and furnish AKS Noah venue in Strengberg and Perg Youth Center's public space as well as take part in the public event organised by the Center.

In the matter of safety and protection, participants mostly will be operating the tools without an engine under the supervision of the staff members.

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Youth/social workers, and volunteers that are directly connected to the project partners organisations, who are:

- are familiar with 3R principles and/or craftsman competencies or motivated to acquire them
- looking for basic practical experience on how to plan, design furniture; work with different tools and their safety measures
- eager to transfer gained knowledge to the youth in their organizations and communities.
- committed to work during the whole project, meaning also the implementation of follow-up and dissemination activities in their local communities.
- have a good level of English
- are aged 18+



BOARDING AND LODGING

The meeting will take place on an old farm in Strengberg, a small village 150 km away from Vienna, situated in a beautiful hilly region next to the Danube called Mostviertel. You will follow the steps of Empress Maria Theresia and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, who also came here for recreation. The farm is surrounded by fields and forests, and we have rivers close by. We can also get some bikes on the farm to explore the neighbourhood.

We will have an old farm only for ourselves. There is a big living room and also an attic that we can use for our sessions, there is a cosy kitchen with chimney, several showers and toilets, several bedrooms, a nice terrace, and a BBQ place. Next door is a "Heuriger", a place that serves local wine and regional food. Apart from going to the Heuriger, we will also prepare food ourselves at the farm, for instance, a BBQ with local organic meat and vegetables. And yes, there is WiFi, flipchart, printer, washing machine etc, but be prepared for a very rustic experience!

BOARDING AND LODGING

Our venue “Hof Strengberg” It is very important to point out that the venue is a farm that is usually used for youth camps, and not a hotel!

Participants will share rooms with bunk beds with several persons, and everything is at a very basic level!

Do not come if you expect luxury, vacation and comfort, it will be a very rural and intensive group living experience! Participants will need to take care of accommodation in terms of cleaning after yourself, and other indoor and outdoor tasks needed for the smooth flow of the course.

Feel free to browse more pictures from the venue here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ybczf3n>

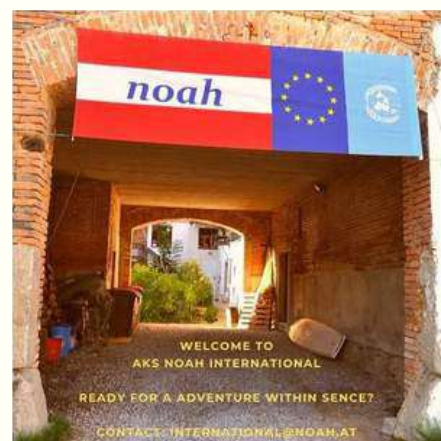
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Arbeitskreis Noah “Hof Strengberg”

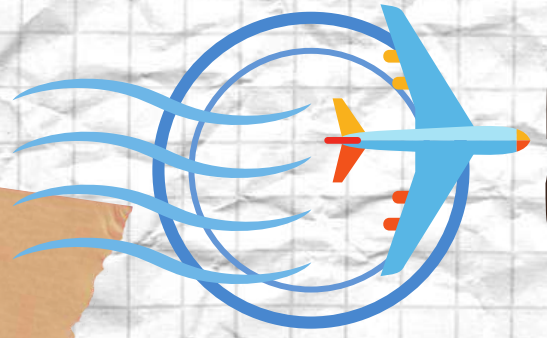
Grub 12

3314 Strengberg

Austria



TRAVEL INFORMATION



The Training Course starts on 9th April 2022 (arrival day) with dinner and ends with breakfast on 17th April 2022 (departure day). Full participation is mandatory.

How to reach the venue:

From Vienna with “OEBB” (Austrian railways)

<https://tickets.oebb.at/en/ticket> to Amstetten (about 1 hour away from Vienna). The earliest arrival in Amstetten train station is at 17:00 on 9th April 2022.

You are allowed to spend a maximum of 2 additional days in Austria outside of the indicated period of the training course, in this case, it is the participant's responsibility to cover the additional costs (accommodation, food, etc).

Please be aware that you are in charge of arranging your own insurance (health, accident, liability) for the whole duration of the activity. Insurance is a mandatory requirement of participation. The costs for the insurance are not subject to reimbursement.



FINANCIAL COSTS

€30 fee to be paid by each participant on the spot. This fee goes as a contribution to the administrative costs of the project.

The costs for food, accommodation and programme materials are fully covered by the grant received from the Erasmus+.

The following maximum reimbursement of your travel cost:

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT
Armenia (Youth Mix)	3	360€/person
Austria (Arbeitskreis Noah)	5	180€/person
Czech Republic (European Youth Centre Breclav)	3	180€/person
Italy (Youth4youth)	3	275€/person
Russian Federation (Academy of Innovation)	3	360€/person
Serbia (Sfera Serbia)	3	275€/person
Slovenia (Hostelling International Slovenia)	3	180€/person
Spain (La Maraña de Guadalajara)	3	275€/person
Ukraine (Vzayemopomich)	3	275€/person

Visa costs for participants from Armenia, 60€/person, Russian Federation 100€/person

Participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses up to the amount available for their countries and no more than their real costs. Should the travel expenses exceed the contribution available, participants shall cover the extra costs from own resources.

REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURE

The reimbursement of the travel costs will be done through a bank transfer after the activity. It will be made within 2 months after the organizer has received all the original documentation and proofs of dissemination activities and exploitation of the project results.

REQUIREMENTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT:

1. Your travel ticket is verified by organizers before purchase.
2. You used second class tickets (taxi, 1st class tickets are not reimbursed);
3. Arrival at the venue should be no later than 9th April;
4. Departure from the venue should not be before 17th April;
5. Bring documentation for all travel made to the project venue (e.g. boarding passes, bus/train tickets, invoice etc.);
6. Fill and sign the reimbursement form
7. Where applicable, send by post all the originals of travel documentation.

ADDITIONALLY, THE REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE PERFORMED ONLY IF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE MET:

- ✓ You have submitted the individual participant report (an email titled "Erasmus+ participant report" with the link for EU survey);
- ✓ Organisers received your proofs of dissemination activities implemented.

DISSEMINATION AND EXPLOITATION OF THE ACTIVITY RESULTS



Dissemination and exploitation of the activity results are a key feature in the Erasmus+ programme, therefore, partner organizations and participants are inquired to organize such activities after the project. The project results shall be disseminated and exploited as a minimum to other members of the organisation, various stakeholders and young people in the local community.

Participants and their sending organization must send the organizers proofs (links, photos, text, etc.) of their measures to disseminate and exploit the results filling the form provided.



WHAT TO BRING

Comfortable clothes
for indoor and
outdoor.

Personal
medications

Insurance

Water bottle,
cup/mug or
thermos
(we would like to
reduce the use of
plastic)

Working clothes,
Protection
Glasses

Travel
documents
and passport

Material and
information to
promote and
present your
organisation

Laptop
(at least one
per country
group)

TRAINERS TEAM



**VITALII
VOLODCHENKO**


From an early age, as a part-time job, Vitalii was assembling the furniture, mostly kitchens and wardrobes.

experienced trainer and youth worker that loves to create comprehensive learning environments based on non-formal education approaches. He is an active member of The International Youth Work Trainers Guild and the Trainers Learning Community.

He was working in his father's furniture factory first, as a worker in various areas (carpentry, wooden frames assembling, foam rubber application, upholsterer and final assembly of ready furniture) after as a general manager of the factory.

Later he had his own business of refurbishing/repairing used furniture for over 5 years.

Certified yoga teacher, with experience leading yoga and meditation classes.



TRAINERS TEAM



**MICHAEL
SCHEUCHENEGGER**

Michael Scheuchenegger was born in the region and has been active in youth work for about 20 years.

trainer in adult and youth education, social worker, outdoor trainer, nice guy. Trainer at labor union for employers rights and skill training. Researcher and Anthropologist.

For him and his network projects like this are an important part for successful cooperation all over youth work in the region and further.

TRAINERS TEAM



**VITALII
AND
MICHAEL**

The trainers of this project are experienced in working with handcrafts like wood, steel, fabrics, glass, etc. So as a trainer and facilitators they are well known about the specific arrangement all around building and construction furniture out of different materials

As another important part, Michael can name himself experienced as working as a plumber and construction worker for more than 3 years. So his skills in using different materials are based on this time as a professional.

Michael Scheuchenegger is officially educated as a construction engineer, which includes a good knowledge about the planning and construction process within the Austrian construction norms.



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

please complete the form

<https://forms.gle/eF7TumCufrxs7ZDZ6>

before the 23rd of February 2022.

Stay safe and healthy
yours,

Vitalii Volodchenko and
Michael Scheuchenegger

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