



Erasmus+



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Think Critically Act Logically



Kranevo (Varna), Bulgaria

Training Course – 15-24 June, 2022



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About the project

Dear All,

We are glad to invite you to participate in international training course about combating fake news called “Think Critically, Act Logically”. This training will provide you quality professional education and place to meet and work together with 32 youth workers from 7 European countries – Armenia, Georgia, Greece, Romania, Portugal, Ukraine and Bulgaria. We are confident that all this group diversity and experience with support of great trainers will lead to 8 days of learning, exchange of ideas and experiences, making contacts, partnership building, networking ... and a lot of fun.

Hosting organisation

Organizer of the training course is “[Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria](#)” /YMDRAB/. We are a non-governmental organisation created in 2009 which work on benefit of the Bulgarian rural youth. Our main goals are to assist and encourage the free citizens' initiative of young people in rural areas and to support their personal development. In this regard, media literacy and tolerance are one of the important directions that YMDRAB is prioritizing.

Partner organisations are:

- Armenia - FYCA www.fyca.net/
- Georgia – Umbrella www.umbrellageo.org/about
- Romania – Agenda 21 www.agenda21.org.ro
- Greece – ICON www.icongreece.gr
- Ukraine – Development & Initiative www.developmentngo.org.ua
- Portugal – AEQUALITAS www.aequalitas.pt

Main aim of the project is to contribute to preventing the intolerance and discrimination caused by fake news and disinformation in social media and beyond by the youth work in the participating organizations and countries/communities.



The objectives of the training course are:

- explore and promote the tools (digital and offline), activities and methodologies to combat the fake news and disinformation
- develop participants competencies, in media literacy and critical thinking to analyze and evaluate the impact of media images and messages on youth work and society
- Promote intercultural diversity competencies and understanding among the participants and in their communities
- carry out and disseminate educational toolbox for youth workers for combating fake news in their communities via follow-ups
- explore further possibilities of projects and cooperation on this topic within the framework of the Erasmus+

At the end of the training course participants will receive the Youth Pass certificate and will create Europass CV

Participant's profile

Each partner has to select four/five youth workers who will participate in the training

We would like to have the following type of youth workers:

- School or university-based youth worker
- Community youth workers - working in a community within the project or program
- Center based - working in youth centers
- Detached / street-based - Mobile youth workers or sometimes they are called outreach based, the ones that are operating outside of formal establishments, more flexible in time and space

The more specific profile of the youth worker should be the following:

- aged from 18 to 35;
- have at least 6 months of experience in youth work
- advantage will be if they have previous experience working with young refugees or minority group
- having a background of working in a topic of disinformation, hate speech, tolerance, human rights
- being a social media outlet coordinator/expert in a partner organization will be an asset
- living in a country of the partner organizations
- being a member of a partner or other youth organization is an asset
- being from the group representing the disadvantaged community/background is a priority
- is motivated to take part in the project, are aware of the issues that affect the current project, as well as follow-ups and dissemination of project results
- being a victim of cyberbullying and hate speech (proved) is an asset
- being a newcomer to the Erasmus+ and particular mobility will be an advantage
- able to communicate independently in English

Each organization has to include at least 2 participants with the fewer opportunity background. They have to describe in details in the Registration form what kind of obstacles they faced

- Economic obstacles
- Cultural differences
- Geographical obstacles
- Migrant background obstacle



Gender balanced group - it is strongly recommended the composition of the national groups to be gender balanced.

The number of participants according to the countries:

- Armenia – 5 pax
- Georgia – 5 pax
- Ukraine – 5 pax
- Bulgaria – 5 pax
- Greece – 4 pax
- Romania – 4 pax
- Portugal – 4 pax

Tasks for the groups

Home tasks to do before coming to the project.

- Find out at least **one good practice** of tackling the fake news (online and/or offline) at their countries
- Prepare and present at least **two tools** that combats fake news or disinformation either online or offline
- prepare **a short presentation or video blog** of your personal eco habits (max 1min)
- prepare a **creative and interactive presentation of your country** and culture, which will take place at the Intercultural Fair
- to search for positive **legal provisions or obstacle** (if any) regarding freedom of speech and disinformation
- prepare and present **their sending organization** and youth work they do

After the training course – Follow-ups

Participants are obliged to implement below given actions within 2 months after the training course

- Dissemination of the news/video and toolbox – share on social media
- Awareness raising campaign in social media
- Short/mini-training courses for peers
- Fake fighters program train/prepare at least 12 fighters

PRACTICALITIES



Venue - Kranevo - The training course will take place in the coastal village resort of Kranevo, Bulgaria.

It is situated on the Black Sea coast 35 km north of Varna Airport. The combination of beautiful natural environment, cool sea air and great beach makes Kranevo a very good destination for our activity.



Accommodation - During the training course we are going to living and working in Sport&Hotel Center AquaLife. Its location (100 m from the beach) and services turn this center into a very suitable place for our activity and stay. You can find more information on the center's website: <http://en.aqualife-sport.com/> The accommodation will be in hotel AquaLife Active. The participants will be accommodated in double rooms (2 persons in one room). Each room is equipped with a separate toilet and bathroom, and air-conditioning.



Entry rules to Bulgaria – After 1 May 2022, all restrictions on entry into Bulgaria related to COVID19 will be lifted. Up-to-date official information can be found here: <https://www.mfa.bg/bg/covid19map> **Vaccination or a PCR test are NOT required** to participate in our training course.



Arrival & Departure dates?

From **15 June** (arrival day) to **24 June** (departure day) 2022.



Financial

There is NO participation fee.

Accommodation costs - The accommodation and food for all participants will be provided and fully paid by the hosting organization YMDRAB.

Travel costs will be reimbursed only upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid. The documents are: **receipts, tickets, boarding passes and invoices**. The reimbursement will be done in one month after the training course by bank transfer.

We recommend you to purchase flight tickets in Euros as the tickets price in other currency will be calculated according to [Erasmus calculator](#), which is different from the official rate.

*Note: without presenting the sufficient proves of travel expenses and **boarding passes** no reimbursement could be done.*

Travel reimbursement according to the countries:

1. **Armenia** – up to **275** Euro per participant
2. **Bulgaria** – up to **210** Euro per participant **(Green Travel)***
3. **Ukraine** – up to **320** Euro per participant **(Green Travel)***
4. **Greece** – up to **320** Euro per participant **(Green Travel)***
5. **Portugal** – up to **530** Euro per participant
6. **Georgia** – **275** Euro per participant
7. **Romania** – **210** Euro per participant **(Green Travel)***

***Green travel** means travel by bus and/or train.

Please don't purchase tickets before having approval from the organizers.

You have to arrange your travel to Varna. The organizers will meet you in Varna and will transport you to the venue

Currency rate – 1 EURO = 1.96 LEV

How to apply? Application form for participants will be shared by the partner organizations separately.

Deadline for selection of participants– **15 May**



We will send **Activity program** of the training course and further **Practical information** to the approved participants.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us to e-mail: ngoumbrellageo@gmail.com or yndrab@abv.bg

We will be very happy to welcome you in our training course.

Kindest regards!

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