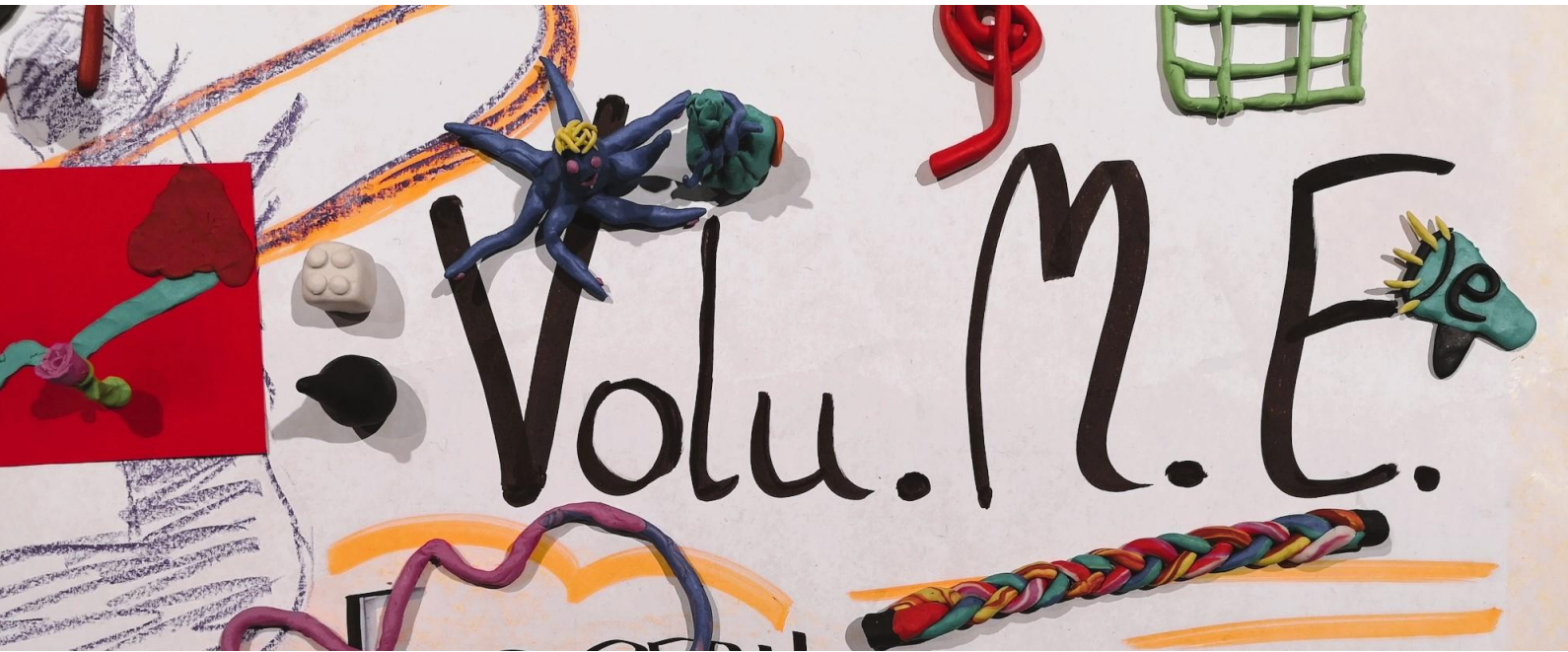


# VOLUME Training Course CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Nicosia, Cyprus  
6-13 December 2022



## About the Erasmus+ Accreditation

Politistiko Ergastiri Ayion Omologyiton (<https://politistiko-ergastiri.org/>) in Cyprus, has been accredited with the Erasmus+ Youth Accreditation, with which we wish to create our own framework of learning mobilities and activities to enable those involved in international and European projects, particularly under the Erasmus+ or ESC programmes, and those working with young people (youth workers, mentors, volunteers, volunteer managers, project coordinators) to share their expertise and best practices, to connect with their peers abroad, to develop common activities in order to improve quality standards for volunteering projects - starting with VOLUME!

## About the VOLUME project

When coordinating volunteering projects and while working with young people during the past decade, we have observed a general need to improve the quality of volunteering projects. More specifically, we identified the needs to:

- recognise the role and importance of youth workers and youth work;
- promote non-formal education and methodology among adults and young people;
- train youth workers regarding management of volunteering projects;
- discuss and better define the meaning of volunteering and the rights and responsibilities of volunteers (specifically within the framework of ESC);
- discuss and better define the role of coordinating/hosting/sending organisations;
- develop and exchange (common) good-practices and tools.

“Volunteer Management Enhanced (Volu.M.E)” is a project that includes a Training Course (A1), a Community Support Phase and a follow-up Seminar (A2) focusing on promoting and raising awareness regarding youth work recognition, improving the quality of volunteering management, mentoring and inclusion of young people and promoting non formal methodology and education among young people and adults.

These activities aim to improve the volunteering experience for all the parties involved, the supporting, hosting and coordinating organisations, youth workers, volunteers and the mentors, by improving the quality of youth work, volunteer management, mentoring, inclusion, non formal education and methods, through the creation of connections and partnerships, the exchange of good practices and expertise and the creation of tools and new good practices. We expect that all involved will have a chance to learn, clarify and grow personally and professionally, support their organizations and the implementation of projects in the future.

## Training Course (A1) – Nicosia, Cyprus / 6-13 December 2022 (including 2 travel days)

With this project we aim to promote Youth Workers Recognition, using the ETS Key Competences ([www.salto-youth.net/rc/training-and-cooperation/trainercompetencedevelopm](http://www.salto-youth.net/rc/training-and-cooperation/trainercompetencedevelopm))



[ent/trainercompetences](#)) as a base and also using non formal education methods and focusing specifically on the topics:

- volunteer management in ESC projects;
- mentoring; and
- inclusion of young people.

The Training Course aims at the exchange of expertise, investigating good practices, and the development of tools that will enhance the quality of volunteering projects. During the activity we will aim to:

- Improve the competences in management of volunteers;
- Develop tools or documentation that will be implemented in on-going volunteering projects in the participant organisations, with the purpose to enhance their quality and the learning process;
- Become more competent in mentoring and the learning development of volunteers;
- Have a wider and deeper overlook on volunteering projects and what they can create.

### **Training Course Structure**

The Training Course (A1) will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus on the 6th - 13th of December 2022. The dates include 2 travel days and 6 days of activities, including 2 morning sessions and 2 afternoon sessions each day. Attendance is obligatory in all sessions. The detailed training schedule will be provided in the Infopack.

The training will be led by:

- ★ Corina Pintea (<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/corina-pintea.3143/>)
- ★ Panayiotis Theodorou (<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/panayiotis-theodorou.1273/>)
- ★ Salvi Greco (<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/salvi-greco.1675/>)

### **Community Support Phase (remote work)**

The participants will be encouraged and supported to share the tools and practices presented during A1 and/or used in existing volunteering projects of the participant organisations on a common online working space.

### **Seminar (A2) – Nicosia, Cyprus – Possibly May 2023 (to be defined with the partner organisations)**

In this activity, participants will have the chance to review, test and present online tools and concrete activities supporting volunteering management activities. The seminar will give the opportunity to the participants to present tools that they have collected during A1 and after, during the Community Support Phase. These will be disseminated later to organisations and other interested parties through online means.



## **Profile of Participants**

We are looking for a group of 30 participants who work with volunteers within the framework of European volunteering projects, such as youth workers, mentors, coordinating/hosting/supporting organisations that would like to support their organisations and the quality implementation of volunteering projects in the future, by creating connections and partnerships, exchanging good practices and expertise with their peers and creating new tools and good practices. The participants should be willing and available to commit in the long-term collaboration with the project team, in both project activities as described above.

## **Participation fee**

A financial contribution in the amount of 30 euro will be requested by each participant.

## **How to apply**

If you are interested to be part of this project, please fill in this form until Friday, the 30th of September 2022:

<https://forms.gle/Vaks1mzxnodtmmFA6>

Due to the limited number of positions, we will select the final participants based on their profile, expressed motivation and availability.

