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# Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work Preventing Polarization





# Overview



The training course "Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work Preventing Polarisation" focuses on developing youth work competences to analyse causes, consequences and dynamics of polarisation and develops youth workers' skills to prepare, implement and evaluate project-initiatives preventing extreme polarisation through human rights and democratic citizenship education methodologies.

Along the course, polarisation prevention methodologies and practices will be shared, including dialogue circles, living library spaces for citizens' cohesion and appreciative dialogues.

The course will include preparation of local actions and cooperation strategies in the Euro-Mediterranean area as a direct follow-up of the Project.



# Outcomes



The Training Course will support youth workers and educators to:

- Develop competences to prevent polarisation based on the principles of intercultural democratic citizenship and human rights education;
- Analyse the role of youth work addressing the causes, consequences and dynamics of polarisation and exchanging practices and methodologies on how to prevent it;
- Prepare initiatives contributing to prevent polarisation in the local communities and develop cooperation strategies in the Euro-Mediterranean area.



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# Methodological Approach



The course is designed based on active participation and exchange between participants. It is built taking into account experience of participants and the organisations involved; and expects participants to develop concrete actions in the future. The methodology of the training programme is based on the main principles of experiential learning cycle and non-formal education.

The programme includes exchange of best practices as well as the development of initiatives in cooperation with other civil society actors. Among the depolarisation methodologies that will be shared during the course, we will talk about the experiences in the development of Dialogue Circles, Living Libraries, Citizen Cohesion Spaces, Appreciative Dialogues ... It is expected that the impact of the course be translated in the use of these methodologies at local and regional level, as well as creating synergies and increasing Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

Participants will be supported along the course to create their Youthpass.



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# Dates and venue

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## Euro-Mediterranean Youth Work Preventing Polarization

18th to 25th February 2023

(arrival and departure dates)

South Estonia



# Participant's profile



The project is designed for 25 youth leaders, educators and youth workers who aim to develop competences to prevent polarisation based on the principles of intercultural democratic citizenship and human rights education.

Applicants from Spain-Catalonia, Estonia, Italy, Jordania, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Tunisia and Turkey with youth work experience and capacity to act as direct multipliers in their communities and organisations - are welcomed to apply for the course.

Participants will be selected by the coordination team according to their Application form. Previous experience, youth work background, support of the partner-organisation and potential to develop concrete follow-up, will be especially taken into account.







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# Application Procedure

All candidates must apply online through  
[the Application Form](#)

<https://forms.gle/hEYC1xCSGHkVkhH56>

**Deadline the 16th December 2022**

The preparatory team will select the participants on the basis of the profile outlined above and ensure a balanced group (gender, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and organisations).

Selected candidates will receive the course documentation and further technical and educational information directly from the organisers. A waiting list may be established.

# Financial Arrangement

Board and accommodation for the duration of the Training Course will be provided and paid for by the organisers.

There is no enrolment fee, BUT participants are requested to contribute to the course:

- Covering local transport costs;
- On presentation of all the required receipts and proofs of payment, plane tickets and Visa costs will be reimbursed at the amount of 70% of the maximums established for each country (350€ for Italy, the Netherlands and Spain, 550€ for Tunisia and Turkey, and 750€ for Jordan and Lebanon).

**Do not book your travel until your participation has been confirmed!**



# Hosting Organisation



Trajectory is a non-for-profit, non-political and non-governmental Youth Training Organization. It was established with the aim to promote lifelong learning and non-formal education as tools for intercultural dialogue. It implements trainings and provides training and consultancy to non-governmental organisations and educational institutions working with young people.

The course is coordinated by Trajectory and run by an international team of trainers from Lebanon, Syria , Tunisia and the Council of Europe pool of experts.

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