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Training Course

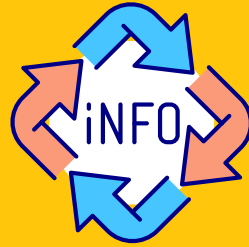
22 June - 1 July 2023

BUȘTENI | ROMANIA



YOUTH LEADERS

About the training course



We are living in a fast-forward society, and we are permanently exposed to significant quantities of information.

Societies and communities are full speed ahead when it comes to flows of information. However, the information we receive on various channels is sometimes distorted or lacks clarity.

Youth is often exposed to the disinformation and misinformation. We often see this as transforming in propaganda or fake-news, when misleading is used to promote a political cause or point of view.

In 2024 will take place EU level elections, which will shape the future of EU for the future. Youth should be equipped with critical thinking competences and be resilient to fake-news.

? **Do we have** the motivation to embrace the critical thinking skills as tools to enhance correct information among youth?

? **Are we opened** to use non-formal methods of education for tackling fake-news and propaganda?

? **You want** to learn more about how the EU institutions work?

OUR OBJECTIVES



Equip 30 youth workers from 10 European countries with critical thinking competences oriented towards correct information, ways to avoid propaganda and fake news;



Learn and improve the knowledge about EU institutions election process, as well as define ways to tackle propaganda during election processes;



Enhance the organizational capacity of the partner organizations in the field of critical thinking and correct information fields.

Profile of participants

- **Participating countries:** Spain, Italy, Greece, Poland, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Romania, Turkey
- **3 participants / country**
- Minimum age: 20 years. **No maximum age limit**
- **Gender balance** is strongly recommended
- Willing to improve **critical thinking skills**, with focus on tackling propaganda and fake news
- **Minimum level of English** - B2 (independent user)
- Youth workers, NGOs members or board members, educators, volunteers
- **Closely connected** with the sending organization
- **Experience** in at least 3 international or local youth projects is a must.

Deadline for application:

30.05.2023

APPLY HERE



<https://forms.gle/Sgtuz5xiPatvrPep6>



The dates:

Arrival day: 22.06.2023

Working days: 23-30.06.2023

Departure Day: 01.07.2023



The place:

Steaua Nordului

Busteni, Romania

https://goo.gl/maps/UJs_r41tKLDK9wsMP6



The project will take place in **Busteni-Romania**, a beautiful mountain resort located in the Carpathian Mountains, in the center of Romania.



The project venue is **Steaua Nordului**, a beautiful guest house in **Busteni**. Participants will be accommodated in rooms for 2 or 3 people with private bathroom (towels and bedsheets are included). There is WiFi internet at the location.



Accommodation, travel and meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are covered by the organizers. Menu is standard for all participants. Special diets need to be mentioned by participants in the application form.



The location is in the proximity of landmarks such as **Cantacuzino Castle** (scene of "Wednesday" Netflix series), **Peles Castle** (summer residence of the kings), Bran Castle ("**Dracula Castle**"), Brasov. Activities will be organized indoor (conference room) and outdoor.



Weather



Weather at the end of June is generally nice in Busteni. However, since the training is organized in a mountain region, can get coldish in the nights. Expect around **20-22 degrees** during the day, and **7-12 degrees** during the night.

Bring with you various clothes, including clothes for outdoor activities: jacket, good shoes, sweater.



The Journey

VERY IMPORTANT: Selected participants can buy the plane tickets **ONLY AFTER** they confirm with us the proposed flight itineraries. For validation of travel, send your proposed travel itinerary by email to projects@atdd.ro

The international travel for participants can be made either by plane, train or bus. Personal car or taxi travel cannot be reimbursed.

The arrival and departure days for the Training Course are:



22 June 2023 (arrival day)



01 July 2023 (departure day)

We recommend participants to plan their travel to **Bucharest, Romania (Henri Coanda Airport - OTP)**. Use the airport train (to reach Gara de Nord – main train station) or bus 783 (to reach Piata Unirii – city center). Tickets for train or bus can be bought in the train/bus stations, just outside the arrival terminal of the airport.

For participants who will be using other means of transport for arrival to Bucharest (e.g. bus or train), please inform us about your itinerary so we can further guide you.

Travel from Bucharest to Busteni (the Training Course venue) will be made by train on **22 June 2023** from **Bucharest Nord** (Gara de Nord railway station). Here you may find the location of the central railway station: <https://goo.gl/maps/D1uVABBe68c7d5MM9>

Depending of your arrival hours to Bucharest, there are many trains that travel from Bucharest to Busteni during the day, in average every one hour. Tickets can be bought from the vending machines in the train station or online from the website: <https://bilete-arf.infofer.ro/en-GB>. One way ticket costs up to 10 euros (or 50 lei), depending on the type of train you choose. The travel from Bucharest to Busteni takes around 2 hours. Please keep your train ticket for reimbursement.

For those of you who wish to spend extra time in Romania for visiting purposes, its possible to book tickets with maximum 2 days before arrival day and/or 2 days after departure day. Extra days spent in Romania will be covered at your own expense.

Once arrived in Busteni train station, the project venue is 10 minutes by walking. Here is the itinerary: <https://goo.gl/maps/u1F2azE4NcpU4T6o9>

The official currency is Romania is **lei (RON)**. Average exchange rate is 1 EUR=4.95 RON. In most places you can pay by card. We recommend you to exchange a small amount of lei, you may need for small expenses. Avoid exchanging money in the airport, the exchange rates are not so good.

Financial rules



Bulgaria - 3 participants
travel budget: 180 euro/pax



Czech Republic - 3 particip.
travel budget: 275 euro/pax



Greece - 3 participants
travel budget: 275 euro/pax



Italy - 3 participants
travel budget: 275 euro/pax



Lithuania - 3 participants
travel budget: 275 euro/pax



Poland - 3 participants
travel budget: 275 euro/pax



Romania - 3 participants
travel budget: 275 euro/pax



Slovakia - 3 participants
travel budget: 275 euro/pax



Spain - 3 participants
travel budget: 360 euro/pax



Turkey- 3 participants
travel budget: 275 euro/pax

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✓ For the plane transport, the **mandatory documents** are:

1. **FLIGHT TICKET / INVOICE**
2. **PROOF OF PAYMENT** (from online banking)
3. **BOARDING PASSES**



If possible, we recommend to use **green travel** (low-emission travel like bus, train, car pooling), where there is an increase in the travel budget:

180€ → 210€
275€ → 320€
360€ → 410€



We will reimburse the travel expenses after the end of the mobility (can take up to 1-2 months), only when all the travel documents presented above are provided.

We can only refund travel costs for which original tickets/ invoices/ boarding passes are provided. We strongly recommend you to keep all the original travel documents with you, since we won't be able to refund them if we don't receive them.

Reimbursement will be made only by bank transfer to the sending organizations, which will distribute the money to participants.

Personal car or taxi travel cannot be reimbursed.

Please DO NOT BUY any tickets before our approval!

What to bring?



readiness to learn and contribute to learning of others



ticket receipts, boarding passes, bus tickets



one laptop / country, if you have



various weather cloths, including jacket, good shoes, sweater



your traditional foods and drinks for the cultural evenings



health insurance (we suggest European Health Insurance Card)



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About the organizers

Youth for Sustainable Development (ATDD) is a dynamic youth NGO established in 2010 in Targu-Jiu, Romania. The organization and has the mission to support the personal development of youth, by gaining new key competences in areas such as creativity and entrepreneurship, communication, critical thinking, European cultural awareness and expression.

We organize activities targeting young people and offer a positive alternative for spending free time, as well as gaining relevant competences necessary for a smooth transition from school education to work life.

We provide a strong focus on activities that aim at enhancing critical thinking skills among young people, in the same time with providing tools for correct information.



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