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EMPOWER - A programme on youth-driven community development

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What?

EMPOWER is a training programme designed for **young leaders, youth workers and community workers** working by on youth empowerment and youth-led community development.

The programme aims **to develop competences that are needed** to empower young people to actively engage in community development. A specific focus of the programme will be how to plan youth projects from conducting community research, context analysis to project design.

EMPOWER explores the following **themes**:

- What is youth empowerment and its principles?
- What is community development, and specifically youth-led community development?
- How do I conduct community research as part of a needs assessment?
- How do I conduct a context analysis as the basis for my project design?
- How do I design a needs-based and outcome-oriented youth project?

The **blended programme** is composed of two online learning activities and two residential training courses. Together these four activities constitute a single programme in which each activity builds upon the previous one.

The **four interlinked educational** activities are:

- E-learning course 1 – Framing community development and youth empowerment
- Training course 1 – Sharing practices on youth empowerment and community development
- E-learning course 2 – Framing community development and youth empowerment
- Training course 2 – Partnerships for youth-led community development

The methodological framework of the training programme is based on **non-formal education**.

What can you gain from the training programme?

The training programme is primarily designed to help youth workers and youth leaders to **improve their competences in planning youth projects fostering youth-led community development**.

The programme offers the following:

- A save space to **development competences** for planning youth empowerment projects through a learning by doing approach
- The chance to **develop own project ideas for local initiative** with peer support and under coaching of experienced trainers
- Space for building **project-based international cooperation** between individuals and their organisations based in the EU and within the Eastern partnership region
- Time to **establish links between like-minded individuals** that allow for a tailor-made knowledge transfer and peer-to-peer support

When and where?

The training activities will take place in the following locations and times:

Activity	Location	Dates
E-learning course 1 – Framing community development and youth empowerment	Online	18 September– 15 October 2023
Training course 1 – Sharing practices on youth empowerment and community development	Kobuleti, Georgia	17 October – 25 October 2023
E-learning course 2 – Framing community development and youth empowerment	Online	01 November 2023 – 29 February 2024
Training course 2 – Partnerships for youth-led community development	Rustavi, Georgia	04 March – 12 March 2024

Please note the following:

- The first e-learning course is composed of four self-learning modules hosted on the [Canvas platform](#). Each module has a duration of a week with a work load of 1 to 1,5 hours. No webinars are part of the e-learning.
- The second e-learning course is lasting 4 months and combines self-learning, coaching and practical work to conduct a small-scale community research
- Both training courses have a duration of 7 work days and two travel days on which the participants are expected to arrive respectively departure from the training venue
- While the first training course will explore theory and practice of youth empowerment work and youth-led community development, the second training course explores in a practical manner tools for community analysis and project design

For whom?

We seek participants with the following **profile**:

- Be actively involved in youth empowerment work – as an educator, project manager, youth worker, volunteer or similar - on local level in their communities
- Good knowledge of the community development challenges and the situation of young people in their community
- Prior knowledge of approaches to youth empowerment and youth work

- At least basic understanding of community development approaches and practices
- Motivation to take part in a mutual learning process in a very intercultural setting
- Good level of English to follow the course and to contribute to it
- Wish and ability to participate fully in the entire training programme composed of all four educational activities (2 e-learning courses, 2 training courses)

The programme is only open to people residing in one of the following countries: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Netherlands, Spain, and Ukraine.**

Conditions

The course is implemented in the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme.

Accommodation, food and learning activities are fully covered by the organisers. **No participation fee is expected from the participants.**

100% of the travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed up to the maximum of the amount indicated below.

Reimbursement will only be done for travel costs (cheapest means of transportation, only economy class, no taxi) upon presentation of original tickets and invoices (and boarding tags for flight tickets).

The reimbursement budget per person based on the country of residence:

Country	Green travel (EUR)	Standard travel (EUR)
Armenia	80	50
Azerbaijan	120	80
Georgia	60	40
Germany	400	330
Hungary	310	250
Netherlands	600	480
Spain	600	480
Ukraine	320	250

Please note that green travel is defined as travel that uses low-emissions means of transport for the main part of the travel, such as bus, train or car-pooling. Any use of non-low emission means of transport will result in the entire travel being classified as standard.

Application process

If you want to join the training programme, please apply **until July 24 2023** using this [application form](#). *Our international team of partners will assess all applications, and we will inform all applicants about the results on August 01 2023.*

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