

# “Life After Mobility Projects”

International training course

*Gyumri, Armenia*

*November 20 – 27, 2023*



## Practical Information

## 1. General Information about the TC

**Gyumri “Youth Initiative Centre”** NGO from Armenia and **Exploring Cultural campfire Opportunities** from Norway will host a 7-days international training for youth workers.

As stated during different Eastern Partnership Youth Forums (Riga, Latvia, in 2015, Warsaw, Poland in 2017, Vilnius, Lithuania in 2019) experts in the field of youth mobility see and experience major problems regarding reintegration, empowerment of young people and enhancing young people’s employability after the mobility programmes and non-formal learning experiences. There is a vast demand for tools and mechanisms to support, build upon and multiply the positive impact of young people’s non-formal learning mobility experience. At the same time, the recognition of non-formal learning experience by business companies, public authorities, agencies and companies on local, national and European level is yet another issue to be tackled and addressed.

Therefore, we foresee a need of providing adequate support to youth workers involved in non-formal learning mobility programmes, in particular European Solidarity Corps Volunteering programmes, to ease the transfer of young people’s mobility experience to their daily life making them more self-confident, competitive, employable and equipped with entrepreneurial skills.

**Aim:** To improve the quality of non-formal learning mobility programmes and strengthen their impact on young people’s employability through equipping youth workers, youth leaders and mentors with tools and competences for designing efficient support systems to guide young people throughout their mobility experience (preparation, implementation and follow-up).

### **Objectives:**

**To share and develop** new creative tools for supporting and guiding young people before, during and after their mobility experience.

**To examine** the existing mechanisms for assessment, recognition and validation of the mobility experience and acquired competences on local and European levels.

**To explore** links between and the potential of non-formal learning mobility programmes and young people’s employment/employability.

**To discuss** within the participants’ group and with various local stakeholders the issues connected with the visibility of mobility programmes, cross-sectorial cooperation and the benefits of mobility programmes for the community at large.

**To develop** recommendation towards National and European level stakeholders for setting up a coherent support system for organizations, project managers, mentors and young people.

**To share** best practices and set up further cooperation projects in the field of non-formal learning mobility, institutional development, coaching and mentoring.

The training will bring together 2 representatives per country (Programme, South-Mediterranean and EaP countries), which have capacity to serve further as multipliers of the developed tools and strategies.

The training will also have a strong partnership building component.

### **Methodology:**

The TC is based on the principles of non-formal learning and will further contribute to the recognition of it. The experienced project team will support learning process of participants, and also will help them plan the application of skills and knowledge.

## **2. Profile of Participants:**

The project will bring together 24 participants. Age limits: **18 +**

The participants should meet the following criteria/have the following criteria:

- ESC coordinators, youth workers, mobility project coordinators experienced in youth work,
- Have strong interest and motivation on the topic,
- Ready to be engaged in a non-formal learning process in an intercultural setting and be willing to transfer the gained knowledge and skills to his/her reality by providing support and guidance to the beneficiaries of the mobility projects in his/her organizational context,
- Possess strong interest in working on follow-up projects and designing a support system for participants of the mobility projects.

\* European volunteers under the ESC programme are NOT allowed to participate.

**! The participants are expected to participate fully in all activities. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops will not be permitted and will result in cancellation of the travel reimbursements. We would really appreciate energetic and active participation!**

Country	Organization	Number of participants
ARMENIA	GYUMRI YOUTH INITIATIVE CENTRE	2
NORWAY	EXPLORING CULTURAL CAMPFIRE OPPORTUNITIES	2
ISRAEL	KFAR HANOAR KYRIAT SHMONA	2
FRANCE	NOUVEAUDEPART	2
BULGARIA	SDRUZHENIE WALK TOGETHER	2
GEORGIA	YOUTH ASSOCIATION DRONI	2
UKRAINE	CENTER FOR EUROINITIATIVES	2
MOLDOVA	INSTITUTUL DE INSTRUIRE IN DEZVOLTARE "MILLENIUM"	2
ESTONIA	MITTETULUNDUS UHING CONTINUOUS ACTION	2
ITALY	IDENTITIES	2
SLOVAKIA	MLADIINFO SLOVENSKO	2
LITHUANIA	VSI "UMUNTHU"	2

The selected participants should fill in the following [Participants Registration Form](#) till the 13<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023.

### 3. Project Team

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**Armenia**

## 4. Venue & Accommodation

The TC will be held in Gyumri – the city where the hosting organization is based and which is the second city of Armenia. The hotel where the participants will stay is called “Berlin Art Hotel” right in the city centre (Haghtanaki Street 25). The training venue is equipped with all the necessary facilities and conveniences. The participants will be accommodated in 2-beds and 3-beds rooms. Each room has private bathroom and toilets. Bed linens and towels are provided.



## 5. Travel:



As soon as you search for suitable flights, please contact me at [mariam.gharagyozyan@yic.am](mailto:mariam.gharagyozyan@yic.am) and [anita@svelgen.com](mailto:anita@svelgen.com) to consult on the dates and times of your travel. By getting a **GREEN LIGHT** from the organizers, you are requested to book your tickets.

**The travel details should be provided through filling in the following [Travel Form](#) till the 30<sup>th</sup> of October, 2023 in order to be able to arrange your meeting at the airport and transfer to the training venue.**

### ARRIVAL

#### *Travelling to Yerevan*

You should organize your travel to **arrive** in the capital of Armenia on the **20th of November**. According to the travel details provided beforehand you will be picked up at “Zvartnots” International Airports, Yerevan (<http://www.aia-zvartnots.aero>), where one of the organizers with the sign of YIC will be waiting for you at the airport or you will be provided with detailed instructions how to get to Gyumri.

#### *Travelling to Georgia*

As soon as you arrive in Tbilisi or Kutaisi you take public transport (in case of Kutaisi-at first a bus to Tbilisi) and from Tbilisi airport you need to take a bus number 37 and get off on Rustaveli street from where a yellow mini-bus number 133 should be taken to **Ortachala bus station or you will be instructed on how to take a train or a shared transportation to come to Gyumri**. You will be met at the Gyumri bus station or train station by the organizers with the YIC sign or you will be provided with detailed instructions how to get to the hotel.

**You are kindly asked to be in Gyumri on the 20th of November by 16:00 (4 p.m).**

*In case there will be too many people flying to Tbilisi we will arrange a mini-bus which will take you to the project venue right from the airport.*

## **DEPARTURE**

The participants will be taken to Yerevan or to Tbilisi /according to their flights/ by the organizers or they will be instructed how to get to the airport. In case you want to stay longer you need to agree that with the organizers in advance (extra days are not covered by the organizers), otherwise your travel costs will not be covered by the project.

In case of emergency or any travel changes, please call **Mariam + 374 77477382** (also Viber and WhatsApp are available by this number).

**! Note:** The above mentioned information regarding your pickups, transfer to the training venue and drop offs is initial. It may be changed depending on the arrival place, time and number of participants. As soon as we have the final list of arrival days and times you will get more detailed and final information via e-mails.

**!! Note:** Don't forget to take your passports with you as you will not be able to travel to Armenia only with your ID cards.

## **6. Travel Reimbursement:**

Reimbursement of travel costs will ONLY be done upon full attendance in the training and presentation of the original tickets with boarding passes and receipt/invoices. **Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops will not be permitted and if happening, may result in the cancellation of travel costs' reimbursements and/or expulsion of the event.**

***Reimbursement for the countries coming outside of the European Union will be done during the training course in cash and for the EU countries will be done via bank transfer.***

**!!! Note:** Bring original invoices and tickets, print out e-tickets and keep your boarding passes. Price, currency, name of passenger, date of purchase and travel should be clearly visible on all documents, otherwise we will be unable to reimburse the travel costs.

**!!!! Note:** If you wish to travel on other dates as the project's dates (November 20 - 27), please ask for confirmation before booking the tickets (we accept 2 travel days before the event and 2 days after the event under the condition that no stop-overs are done on the travel).

**!!!! Note:** Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket

and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated accordingly to the exchange rate of the month when the tickets were purchased, as stated in the official European Commission website at: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/exchange-rate-infoeuro\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/exchange-rate-infoeuro_en)

**!!!!!! Note:** The costs of pickups and drop offs arranged by the organizers from and to the respective cities: Yerevan/Tbilisi will be included in the travel and deducted from the overall reimbursement of international travel.

Please see the country-specific travel budget limits given below per person, per country which is given according to Erasmus+ distance calculator: **EC Distance Calculator**

The costs of travel will be reimbursed 100% according to Erasmus+ travel framework maximum up to:

Country	Amount
ARMENIA	23 EUR
NORWAY	530 EUR
ISRAEL	275 EUR
FRANCE	530 EUR
BULGARIA	275 EUR
GEORGIA	180 EUR
UKRAINE	275 EUR
MOLDOVA	275 EUR
ESTONIA	360 EUR
ITALY	360 EUR
LITHUANIA	360 EUR
SLOVAKIA	360 EUR
SPAIN	530 EUR

## 7. Visa:

The participants will not need visa to enter Armenia.

**Visa is required only for nationals of Israel.**

**Visa to Armenia can be obtained:**

- by E-VISA system
- at the border of Armenia
- at the Armenian Embassies and Consulates

More details can be found here: <https://www.mfa.am/en/visa>

## 8. COVID-19 rules:

### *Travelling to Yerevan*

At the moment the passengers are NO LONGER REQUIRED to present a COVID-19 PCR test or a Certificate of complete vaccination against COVID-19 to enter the Republic of Armenia.

For foreigners, the entry to the Republic of Armenia continues to remain open both via air and land borders.

For further information and more details check [here](#):

### *Travelling to Georgia*

Citizens of any foreign countries, traveling to Georgia via any route (by ✈️ air, land and 🚢 sea) are no longer obliged to present either Covid-vaccination certificate or PCR-examination negative result report from June 15, 2022.

For further information and more details check [here](#):

## 9. Participants' contribution

THE SELECTED PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE **25 EURO PARTICIPATION FEE EACH.**

The participation fee should be paid by the participant during the project dates in Armenia to the hosting organization. The participation fee is the contribution of each participant to cover the very small part of the project organizational expenses. The symbolic amount is the participant's contribution in the quality project.

## 10. Health Insurance

The insurance is the responsibility of the participants; please make sure you are covered with an insurance plan during your stay in Armenia!

## 11. Things to bring:



Each national group should present shortly their country and culture during the intercultural evening. Additionally participants may present food or whatever they prefer from their country and region and any other items about their country (brochure, pictures, costumes, etc.) that they want to share with the group.

## 12. Communication:

### *Sim Cards/Mobile Phones:*

In case you need a Mobile/Sim card with Armenian number, please ask for it just after your Passport Control at the airport. There are 3 main operators in Armenia: Vivacell-MTS, U-Come and Team Telecom Armenia. In case you get a local Sim card you'd better choose Vivacell. 😊



### *Internet Access:*

There will be Wi-Fi in the whole hotel building.

## 13. Money:



The Armenian Currency is called **ARMENIAN DRAM**.

Banknotes: 1000 DRAM; 2000 DRAM; 5000 DRAM; 10000 DRAM; 20000 DRAM; 50000 DRAM and 100000 DRAM.

As Coins DRAMS in low sum are being used, such as 10 DRAM, 20 DRAM, 50 DRAM, 100 DRAM, 200 & 500 DRAM.

If you want to see the specimens of banknotes and coins access the web site: <http://www.cba.am>

Approximate exchange rate is:

1 USD = app. 405 AMD, 1 EUR = app. 400 AMD

In the shops US dollars and Euros are not taken. However there are many places you may exchange money in also pay with a card. The ATMs are widely spread. In public transport and local shops, they take just cash.

## 14. Weather



In November the weather is cold and can be snowy in Gyumri. Have warm clothes, jackets and shoes with you. For an accurate information on the weather, make sure you look up the weather in Gyumri [www.bbc.com/weather](http://www.bbc.com/weather).

## 15. Public Transport:



Public transports accept only cash in Armenia. The approximate cost of transportation:

Type	Cost
City bus or “marshutkas”	100 AMD
Taxi (in the city)	100-120 AMD per 1 km

## 16. Contact Information:

If you need help, have questions or need further information please contact:

*On behalf of the hosting organization YIC*

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**Have a nice trip** 😊

**See you in**

