



First steps

Project proposal

The project “**First steps**” is a project proposal that aims to create opportunities for quality partnerships among youth organizations from donor and beneficiary countries through exchange of good practices and information in the field of youth projects and. The project is going to be developed by Romanian NGO “Mod of Life” and applied for funding under the EEA Grants –bilateral funds.

Project objectives:

- to provide information about cooperation opportunities between donor and beneficiary countries;
- to provide space for new partnerships between youth organizations from donor and beneficiary countries
- to understand the basics of quality partnerships and to be able to develop the quality partnership on international level
- to encourage the development of the basis of the future common projects to get to know each other professionally;
- to build trust and partnership among partner organizations;

Program of activities:

The project itself is structured as a partnership building activity with elements of a study visit. We plan two mobility activities –one in Romania and the other in the country of the partner organization in order to check the realities where project partners are working, to meet fellow local organizations and exchange good practices examples in the field of youth projects. We will provide space for partnership building and project developing as well. The final program of activities is going to be finalized with partner organization.

Financial Conditions

The board and lodging, travel costs and all other costs incurred during the activity for all participants will be provided by organizers through project budget.

Eligible partner organizations

We are looking for youth NGO`s from donor countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway

About Mod of Life association

"Mod of Life" commenced to work in June 2010 just a little group of 5 people. It was registered as an NGO in the same year. The organization was formed and operates out of the strong need of its members to be proactive in the society and time they live in. Since then we are oriented towards creation of opportunities for youth to grow and adapt to the upcoming changes. By that goal, we have developed a program of active participation of youth to ensure the rising of their awareness, in short, to prepare them to become youth of Europe with all the benefits and responsibilities. Our mission is to increase the involvement of young people in the public life. Our objectives are to promote the basic needs of Romanian young people, to educate them in the spirit of democracy, to promote the relations between youth organizations from Romania and abroad, to promote the European idea and principles contained in the United Charter in Romanian society debates. Our aims:

- To inform the young people about civic education, health programs, community organization, community development;
- To promote the Romanian values in the country and abroad;
- To create equal opportunities in accessing the information to all young people;
- To educate the young people in the spirit of the democracy, tolerance and diversity;
- To develop national and international youth project collaborating with local, regional, national and international youth structures;

In order to achieve his objectives our association is organizing conferences, seminars, workshops, public campaigns, training courses, symposia and debates, is communicating with the state institutions and civil society and in the same time participating to other association activities in the country and abroad.

More information can be found on our web page: www.modoflife.ro

The EEA Grants

The EEA Grants and Norway Grants is the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reducing economic and social disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe.

Through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are partners in the Internal Market with the 27 EU member states. We also share common values and responsibility with other European countries to promote equality of opportunity, tolerance, security, environmental sustainability and a decent standard of living for all.

Strengthening bilateral relations is a primary objective of the EEA and Norway Grants. Strengthening ties between European countries brings mutual benefits for institutions and organisations in both the donor and beneficiary countries.

To enhance cooperation and knowledge exchange, partnerships between organisations in the donor and beneficiary countries are widely encouraged for mutual benefit and strengthening of the programme and project's quality. Funds are set aside in all beneficiary countries to support networking and foster project partnerships on initiatives of mutual interest.

Grants are available for non-governmental organisations, research and academic institutions and the public and private sectors.

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