



## Call for partners

### War of Words

#### Meeting of young people and those responsible for youth policy

5.1. Structured dialogue on the thematic of the addiction disorder to massively multiplayer online role playing games (MMORPG addiction)

**JUNE 2014 – NOVEMBER 2014**  
**ACTIVITY IMPLEMENTATION**  
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#### BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT:

W.o.W. (War of Words), is a 6 months Youth in Action program starting in June 2014 and concluding in November 2014, including a 6 day international seminar (22-27/08/2014), under action 5.1 "Meetings of young people and those responsible for youth policy" that will be organized and hosted by [United Societies of Balkans](#) in Thessaloniki, Greece. The thematic of the particular project is the creation of a dialogue framed space in which the participants, both young people and experts as well as youth policy makers, will discuss about the addiction disorder to massively multiplayer online role playing game s(MMORPGs). Participants will present and discuss the consequences not only to the individual player but to the broader social environments and networks of young people. During the seminar, the participants will also examine the positive side of video games and the way those can contribute to the individual and to groups of young people. This includes how in game systems, tactics and strategies can be transformed into real life applications, for the enhancement of creativity, education and learning.

#### DESCRIPTION:

The general content of foreseen seminar is:

Young people, experts and people responsible for policy making will participate in a structured dialogue framework, discussing around topics related to online video gaming addiction disorder. Included presentation and dialogue, thematics are bullying manifested in online gaming worlds, the young people relation to their favorite games, matters of self efficacy, adjustment of in game strategies to real life ones, hate speech and forms of racism, policy development methods, European identity and active citizenship, effects of the online gaming disorder to the player's social environment and presentations regarding professional orientation and health. Non-formal education practices will be used for the implementation of the above as well as presentations on behalf of the experts and their field of expertise related to the seminar's thematic.

#### AIM AND OBJECTIVES:

The program aims to help young people express themselves about the problem of MMORPG (*Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game*) addiction disorder and in helping policy makers come in contact with young people themselves in order to get a firsthand taste about the issue and get informed in order to develop responsive policies in regard to the particular matter.

- Promote and empower youth's voice regarding the problem of MMORPG addiction disorder
- Facilitate structured dialogue workshops

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- Bring policy makers closer with young people in order to develop responsive youth policy regarding the program's thematic
- Help people orientate regarding their future and opportunities made available to them through YiA and the European infrastructures

#### **METHODOLOGY:**

The project's learning processes will be facilitated by the use of non formal education methods, structured dialogue workshops, presentations and lectures.

#### **TARGET GROUP:**

Young people of ages 16-25 (a few can be up to 30), who are active or have had an extensive gaming experience with the specific game genre and for whom video gaming makes up a very important part of their lives. The candidates must show willingness to share about their experiences and should be interested in contributing to the development of according youth policy.

#### **PARTNERS AND PROCESS:**

WE WILL BE PRESENTING THE APPLICATION TO THE GREEK NATIONAL AGENCY MEETING THE DEADLINE OF FIRST OF OCTOBER 2013. IF YOU INTERESTED FOR PARTNERING UP, PLEASE FIND THE PARTNERSHIP IDENTIFICATION, FILL IT AND SENT IT BACK TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE E-MAIL ADDRESS [INFO@USBNGO.GR](mailto:INFO@USBNGO.GR) . IF YOUR ORGANIZATION IS SELECTED AS A PARTNER, YOU WILL BE ACCORDINGLY NOTIFIED.

**For any further information do not hesitate to contact us.**

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