



CALL FOR PARTNERS

The type of project:
Training Course, Action 3.1.2.

Title of project **"Balkan Re(vision)"**

From September 02nd to 12th 2014, Greece

In the project will participate 40 youth from 10 Balkan and European countries, partner organizations with strong cooperation with USB and organizations which want to build capacity on non formal education dealing with social issues. During 10 days the participants will be involved into several formal and non-formal education methods of intercultural dialogue and human rights in order to acquire new skills, attitudes and gain new knowledge and experience on how to use these methods in order to break the stereotypes and prejudices among Balkan countries, as well as to deal with human rights and social issues of Balkans such as xenophobia, nationalism, racism, LGBT etc.

Who we are:

"United Societies of Balkans" (USB) is a Non Governmental Organization, founded in Thessaloniki in 2008 by a team of active young people, socially sensitized, and with rich experience around voluntary programs. Main vision is promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement in volunteering and their further sensitizing around social issues.

Balkans and Eastern Europe are geographical regions with many cultural features which offer a broad spectrum of actions and youth involvement initiatives. The organization was created as a respond to the pressure of constant changes in the Balkan and Eastern European region and under the need for the creation of a better social environment. Key areas of the organization's activities concern the defense of human rights, the organization of youth exchanges and training courses, which will bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, the organization of local educational seminars and multimedia production.

Trainers:

Experienced regional trainers with background on Intercultural learning and dealing with youth.

About the Project:

Throughout 6 years of experience dealing with social issues among Balkan countries and fighting with the ghosts of the past, USB is coming to propose as last project of Youth in Action Program the advanced version of the very first project which has been presented by USB in



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Therefore *the main goal of the project* will be to enable participants to build knowledge and appreciation of their social, cultural, linguistic and religious diversity, and to enhance the ability to relate to and communicate across cultures. So this project through intercultural learning methods and youth participation will strive to break stereotypes and prejudices, to reinforce the networks between Balkan countries and to make future plans for collaboration. It will create environment for significant conversations across profound cultural difference. Engaging a full range of local, national, and international experiences and perspectives, the project will work toward offering methods for reducing conflicts, thus generating sustainable solutions to the complex questions of our time.

Activities on our training course:

Intercultural learning (fighting prejudices, tolerance, respecting human rights and differences), youth participation (European citizenship, YiA program), sharing past experience in implemented projects, making action plan and brainstorming ideas for future collaboration in the new YiA program 2013-2020, non-formal education and informal way of learning, using set of instruments and methods of experiential learning based on active and dynamic approach to work, networking.

Target group:

Participants from partner organizations with strong cooperation with USB and organizations which want to build capacity on non formal education dealing with social issues.

Objectives:

- to develop and improve the use of intercultural learning methods, non-formal educational methods
- to develop partnerships for new potential projects for the YiA program
- to enhance the already established network of NGOs of South East Europe-participants of the previous Balkan Vision project and to expand the network with new organizations
- to improve the quality and to increase the interest of international youth projects in South East Europe
- to enable participants to develop multicultural competencies that will assist them in their future professional, civic, and personal endeavors
- to increase the participants' diversity awareness including national and international perspectives



- to assist participants in their ability to engage in a dialogue on issues of diversity, inclusiveness, human rights, European citizenship and multiculturalism
- to provide opportunities for participants to practice their diversity skills in multiple settings and to break the stereotypes and prejudices

Working language:

English – all participants must be able to actively communicate using English language

Period of realization:

Location:Thessaloniki, Greece

Partners: All interested Program countries and Neighboring Partner countries.

Funding: 100% for accommodation will be covered and 70% of travel cost (Apex tickets) will be reimbursed after receiving original receipts.

If you are interested to become partner organization in our project please send to us:

1. Filled partnership identification form – word document (.doc)
2. Filled, Signed, Stamped and Scanned preliminary agreement from attachment, by E-mail:

Please: As we are applying on first of October deadline, be as fast as possible in sending to us preliminary agreement and partnership identification and do not forget to send us approximately your travel costs from your home town to Thessaloniki, Greece.

Deadlinefor receiving preliminary agreement and partnership identification is 20th of September 2013.

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