

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Dear friends,

“Change, Grow, Become” Armenia in cooperation with Academy of innovation is inviting you for partnership in PBA that will be held in Armenia in February 2016.

The “Social diplomacy - mindmapping opportunities” is Partnership Building Activity (PBA), with an aim of gathering youth NGOs from different countries, which have similar missions and objectives related to social diplomacy especially strengthening public participation in decision making processes, promoting dialogue and deliberation.

This project aims to create a diverse network of youth organisations bringing together young diplomats acting for social change through active participation. The meeting will offer a place to discuss, to decide, and to create an action plan together in order to address today's toughest challenges.

**SOCIAL DIPLOMACY -
- MINDMAPPING
OPPORTUNITIES**

Main objectives of the activity are:

- To explore the meaning of social diplomacy in a current social and political situations in different countries, to identify its potential, limits, challenges and current state;
- To get-to-know each other personally and professionally;
- To share own “success stories” about social diplomacy in a change-making process at local level;
- To identify the common “change field” – main challenges to be addressed centralized as a network of young diplomats;
- To innovate mechanisms and to develop a new ideas to draft a MINDMAP;
- To contribute to capacity building of other organisations by doing “peer reviews”;
- To deepen knowledge on EYF and Erasmus + programs, other European and national funding opportunities and to find potential partners for applications.

Within a framework of this project a co-working platform will be created for more effective capacity building - sharing an experience and getting actual knowledge, realization of the joined projects and grants applications.

The group is planned to be consisted of 26 people from 15-20 organisations, which seems to be an optimal number of participants for the effective brainstorming and group activities.

A non-formal manner of activities and beautiful views of the region should additionally motivate participants to feel free-and-easy and be actively involved in workshops.

Another important factor, which affects on project impact is the professionalism of the trainers team, which will be consisting of people from different nationalities, educational and working backgrounds. With the purpose of better teambuilding, the selection of participants will be done as detailed as possible, taking into account experience, interests, motivation, clear follow up and possible contribution. Moreover, the program will be adapted to participants' personal needs and appropriate working environments, trying to make rather flexible one.

Choosing Armenia as hosting country, current trends in public sector, which are rather fast-growing in the country, were taken into account. Thus, cognitive meetings with representatives of some successful formal and non-formal initiatives will give an additional opportunity of getting acquainted with their experience. Moreover, they will collaborate with participants at place on developing real solutions related to introduced issues.



The permanent platform that is going to be created during this project can serve as a virtual “meeting point” to continue discussions about implementation and why not to inform participants about the ongoing processes and results. This will be an indicator of sustainability, that project can have after the end.

In order to become a partner we need a letter from your organization containing:

- General information of your organization
- Your motivation and need to participate in the project
- Your contribution to the project
- Name of person in charge

We will apply for 1st April deadline to European Youth Foundation. The call is open for Council of Europe member states as well for 2-3 partners from outside Europe until March 30.

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Looking forward to hear from you soon,

