



CONTEXT

The increasing number of refugees in Europe challenges the international community, professionals, governments and voluntary agencies.

Current refugee crisis is of everyone concern. Not only the national and European authorities, but also civil society organizations have a significant role to play in the mobilization of competent professionals who feel concerned about refugees hosting.

Experience of displacement due to armed conflict, persecution, or disasters put significant psychological and social stress on individuals, families and communities, which may affect their psycho-social well-being and possibly increase their vulnerability.

As a number of psycho-social and youth workers in European countries of resettlement will be required to address young refugees in their practice, the need for trained European professionals providing efficient support to young refugees has to be addressed.

DESCRIPTION

This youth workers mobility project aims to develop greater awareness and understanding about the psycho-social needs of refugees in Europe and to strengthen the quality of psycho-social support practices.

The project is focused on acquisition of skills and abilities such as:

- Ability to identify their psycho-social needs and appropriateness of interventions (extend, purpose);
- Understand the specific needs of young forced migrants compared to other vulnerable groups
- Take into account cultural differences and potential biases.

METHODOLOGY

One-week training in Belgium is divided in several activities: workshops/seminars, presentations, peer discussions and on- site experience.

Participants are expected to write reports or articles (individually or in group), being also involved in dissemination activities on what they have learned.

PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE

- The study-visits are opened to up to 50 youth workers (no age limitation) who are involved in organizations in contact with young refugees.
- Although previous work experience with refugees would be an asset, importance will be given to participants' interest, motivation and professional project targeted to refugees support.
- Groups of participants will mix several profiles of youth workers (psychologists, educators, social workers, sport coaches, trainers, teachers...)
- Participants are expected to be able to communicate fluently in English.
- They also have to commit to take part in the full duration of the project (i.e. preparation, active attendance, article drafting, dissemination activities).

PROJECT DETAILS

- Starting date: September 2016
- Place: Belgium
- Type: Study-visit
- Submission: 29th April 2016
- Partners: 3 organizations from program countries (UE 28 + former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Turkey)
- Applicant: EPN (Belgium) Deadline for submission to this call : April 25, 2016

APPLICANT ORGANISATION

European Professionals Network (EPN) is a Brussels-based civil society organization founded in 2009 to provide professionals in Belgium with services to foster career development, awareness-raising, network building and social enrichment. More info on www.epnetwork.eu

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*This project is organized within the framework of the EU Erasmus + program (Mobility of youth workers - Action-key 1) which supports the professional development of youth workers through training and networking