**Call for partners**

Youth Exchange for Key Action 1 – Learning Mobility of Individuals:

***Out of the Box***

*Bulgaria, August 2019*

The Municipality of Samokov is looking for partners interested in being part of the **Out of the Box** Youth Exchange, taking place in Samokov, Bulgaria, in August 2019. It will gather 50 participants from 5 different countries. The Municipality will apply for the youth exchange under Key Action 1 in the 05/02/2019 deadline.

The project Out of the Box aims to empower the young Roma people from Samokov providing time, space and safe environment for 50 young people (40 youngsters +10 group leaders) from Roma and non Roma origin to reflect on stereotypes and ‘out of the box’ thinking. During the youth exchange participants will:

* Develop theoretical and practical knowledge on stereotypes, the way they are constructed and how to deconstruct them;
* Increase their knowledge about other cultures and especially about Roma culture during the project;
* Develop their self esteem and intercultural competences;
* Increase their tolerance and acceptance on people with diverse backgrounds.

The methods we will use are based on non formal education and are highly participatory.

The **project partners** we aim to reach are municipalities with Roma minorities and youth organizations working with young people from Roma communities in Europe.

The **target groups** of this project are active young Roma and non Roma people, motivated to enrich their knowledge about stereotypes.

Finally, we ask our partners to take an active role in the dissemination of results.

Eligible countries are EU Program Countries.

**Please, notice:**

Activities, food and accommodation for the youth exchange will be covered by the organizers. Travel costs will be counted by distance calculator provided by European Commission and reimbursed by bank transfers after the course.

If your organization/municipality is interested in being our partner in this project, we kindly ask you to send your PIF to [lyuba.klenova@samokov.bg](mailto:lyuba.klenova@samokov.bg) before **Monday**, **the14th of January 2019**. After a selection procedure we will send mandate letters to the identified partners. If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to contact us.

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