**Call for partners**

International Meeting Project, Key Action 3 – Support for Policy Reform

(decentralized activity “Youth Dialogue”):

***Reducing community pressure for early marriages***

*Bulgaria, Augist-September 2019*

The Municipality of Sungurlare is looking for partners interested in being part of the KA3 Erasmus+ Project **Reducing community pressure for early marriages**, taking part in Bulgaria in August 2019. It will gather up to 60 participants from 4-5 different European countries. The Municipality will apply for the international meeting event with a project proposal under Key Action 3 in the Youth Sector at the 05/02/2019 deadline.

The project ***Reducing community pressure for early marriages*** aims to gather international youth, stake-folders, and decision-makers at the local level in order to jointly discuss and propose solutions to confront this problem common to the participant EU partner counties.

During the five-day international meeting (that is supposed to be held on the Bulgarian Black Sea cost in the Summer of 2019), the participants will:

* Present the issue, its origin, and interconnectedness with other social problems as they appear in their home communities and societies;
* Debate the theme of community pressure for early marriages in the respective settlements and communities;
* Identify common measures and solutions that the involved local, regional, and national authorities could take in order to alleviate the problems;
* Work on, sign, and distribute/popularize a joint declaration on the topic.

The methodology we will use is non-formal education, allowing to give voice to all of the participants.

The **project partners** we aim to reach are municipalities and/or organizations working with youths in municipalities, where the problem of early marriages is observable and poses the respective educational, social, and/or legal challenges.

The **target groups** of this project are young people from minority and non-minority origin such as Roma and other communities suffering from community pressure for early marriages (thought as marriages in which at least on the persons is minor or under-age – i.e. less than 14/18 years old).

The partner organizations are supposed to organize a national group comprised of 12 participants including 8 young people (aged 13 - 30), two group leaders (no age limitations), and two public officials/decision-makers (no age limitations) who will gather and work together at the international meeting event.

We will also ask our partners to take an active role in the dissemination of the results.

Eligible countries are EU Program and Partners Countries.

If your organization/municipality is interested in being our partner in this project, we kindly ask you to send an e-mail with your PIF and motivation to take part in the project to the e-mail:  [erasmus\_sungurlare@abv.bg](mailto:erasmus_sungurlare@abv.bg) before **Tuesday, the 15th of January 2019**. Please the mention project title in the subject of your e-mail.

After a selection procedure we will send mandate letters to the identified partners.

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