



Project proposal
CALL FOR PARTNERS

Working title:
**sustainABILITY.4 youth empowerment and
self-organisation:
from vision to action!**

Applicant organisation

Kulturlabor Trial & Error e.V. (Berlin, Germany)
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sustainABILITY is a platform for exchange and collection of ideas, methods and tools for self-organisation, characterised by following keywords: horizontal hierarchy, bottom-up, collectives, community, inclusion, diversity, open source, commons, solidarity. We work with in hands on approach and self-organisation is our heart topic, as we believe that to build a sustainable community, it should start from the roots, bringing people together, observing our environment, researching our needs, detecting problems, agreeing on priorities and only then planning interventions. We want the participants to develop awareness towards sustainability, community building and democracy while practising decision making and working in a horizontal empowering structure.

In a Europe overcome by the categorisation and stigmatisation of people due to their political, economic, social or cultural background as a result of inequality, migration and a lack of empathy and respect, it has become more and more important to find ways to **overlook our differences** and to give people the opportunity **to grow in a safe environment**, in which **common values** and **youth participation** challenge pre-established categories and build an identity and a common unity that satisfies social, economic and professional needs and prevents people from feeling forgotten or unworthy. It is necessary to develop self-organisation skills in youth to be able to grow proactive **local communities**, that are the cells for the organism of European democratic society, they reflect the values and the patterns of the whole, demonstrating on a small scale how our society works.

The main aim of the project is to empower youth and promote pro-activity through working in self-organised collectives in local communities, to develop their communication, idea development processes and decision making skills. The project will allow participants to gain knowledge and experience in order to shape and grow their communities beyond the local level or even to expand their established networks. Together with the participants from different youth collectives, youth work organisations and youngsters from their communities, the project wants to discuss and disseminate the idea that a grassroots approach, bottom-up planning and collective decision making, gives the opportunity for a new level of inclusion and ownership from one side and political literacy from the other, fostering participative and creative european citizenship.

Time frame

5 May 2019 - 28 February 2020

Preliminary dates for project activities

Training 1: 2-9 June 2019

Training 2: 22-28 September 2019

Project objectives:

- To set up tools for communication, exchange of tools and publicity of the project activities;
- To train group of youth leaders from project countries on youth empowerment and self-organisation;
- To support implementation of local activities;
- To empower youngsters in their community-shaping idea development process;
- To provide youngsters with practical tools and skills to develop a vision and find like-minded people;
- To monitor the process, build a supporting network between partners;
- Document the project experience - methods, actions, concepts in visual and written form, share it amongst partners, stakeholders and wider network of organisations;
- To stimulate exchange of knowledge and experience in the partner network.

Activities

Activity: Youth workers mobility, KA 1

Topic: Communication tools

Length: 5 working days + 2 travel days

Time: 2 - 8 June 2019, including travel days

Location: Berlin, Germany

Preliminary program:

day 1 - getting to know each other, partner organisations, common goals / youth work locally & internationally - sharing session

day 2 - intercultural communication in mixed youth groups - concept, game, reflection, case study, documentation

day 3 - non violent communication, esp with young people - concept, game, reflection, case study, documentation

day 4 - online and offline tools for communication in youth work - needs and resources, peer-to-peer learning / documentation

day 5 - youth participation neighbourhood development: methods for participatory vision making / Follow up & Evaluation

Local activities:

Meetings with local groups on "tools for self-organisation"

Aim: share and practice the methods, multiplikator*** for TC

Topics:

1. Getting to know each other
2. Intercultural communication
3. Nonviolent communication
4. Online and offline tools

5. My neighbourhood 2025 - creating a common vision

Activity: Youth exchange, KA1

Topic: Leadership, decision making

Length: 6 working days + 2 travel days

Time: 21 - 28 October 2019, including travel days

Location: partner country

!NB we are looking for a partner organisation, ready to host an activity

Preliminary program:

day 1 - ice breaking / getting to know each other / virtual travel through the neighbourhoods & countries

day 2 - defining the topic/ a call for like-minded people - how to build a team / PR session

day 3 - Vision workshop 1 / Horizontal organisation - interactive sharing, role play, designing collective

day 4 - Vision workshop 2 / Decision making - group work, consensus simulation activity, reflection

day 5 - Vision workshop 3 / Learning outcomes: Youthpass session

day 6 - Documentation session / Evaluation - interpersonal, organisational, target groups

Financial framework and funding

We plan to apply for ERASMUS+ KA1 youth workers mobility, for German National agency.

The following costs will be covered:

Participation in mobility events

travel costs - real costs, up to maximum amount, determined ,
accommodation, catering, program costs - 100%, according to the distance
calculator and ERASMUS+ guidelines,
visa and other relevant costs - up to 100%.

Coordinating costs:

for the hosting organisations of the activities.

Follow up costs:

Contributions for the local organisations.

* The sending organisations may apply charges for preparation of the participants and administrative work.

Target groups / Stakeholders

- Cooperation with local municipalities;
- Partner organisations - coordinators from the partner countries;
- Youth workers;
- Local youth;
- Local communities.

Eligible countries

EU program and partner countries:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/programme-guide/part-a/who-can-participate/eligible-countries_en

We aim to reach a balance between EU and non-EU countries. One of the partner organisations has to have a capacity to host the 2. Activity of the project.

Partner engagement

Amongst others,

- Participation in preparation of project proposal, budget and activity planning,
- Capacity to provide 1 person at least for 1 day a week for the project tasks (paid by the project, of course),
- Managing local activities, preparing and supporting participants, local projects,
- Responsible for participation in the international events, dissemination activities,
- If relevant, hosting international activity,
- Administrating the project budget part allocated to the partner,
- Active communication with the coordinating and partner organisation,
- Project documentation, financial and activity reporting.

Activities will be budgeted in the project, co-financing and own investment is expected.

Are You interested? Please tell us until 16.01. And send the basic partner information:

- Name of NGO, full address
- Short description, including main aim, target groups areas of specialisation
- Website
- Contact person, Email, Phone nr (Telegram or Signal) of contact person

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