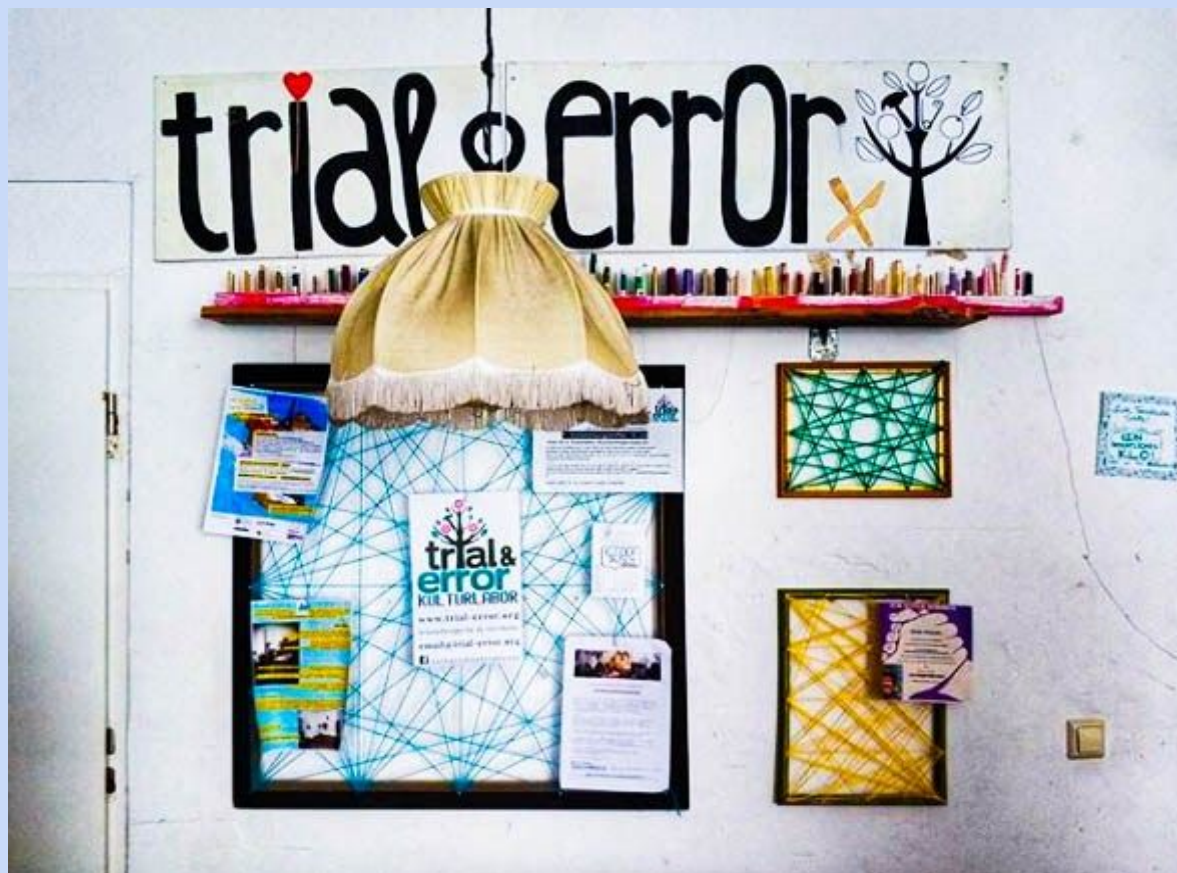


Project proposal

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Working title:

## Post-capitalism summer school



### Applicant organisation

Kulturlabor Trial & Error e.V. (Berlin, Germany)

[www.trial-error.org](http://www.trial-error.org)

### Funding proposal

for Erasmus+ Key Action 1 Mobility of individuals in the field of youth

deadline: 07.05.2020

### Time frame

10.2020 - 09.2021

## Erasmus+ Key Action 1

The actions under KA1 make it possible for organisations from different participating countries to work together, to develop, share and transfer best practices and innovative approaches in the fields of education, training and youth. More information [here](#).

### Short project description:

In the light of climate change, COVID-19 pandemic, accelerating migration - the necessity for a change in patterns of how we work, live, build social contacts and interact with others in dense urban environments, has become obvious. Global climate activism movements like Fridays For Future and Extinction Rebellion, and adjustments of daily life to limit the spread of the pandemic, have shown that a solidarity driven common movement against capitalism pushing environmental issues is possible. When the European community is standing at the crossroads, young people are the ones who will have to take the lead and decide, in what kind of world they want to live in. And it is the task of today's youth workers to support and guide the youngsters into the unknown future.

For some decades scientists, philosophers, and economists have been exploring the realm of de-growth, also known as post-capitalism - a holistic system, an essential economic strategy that gives society a better alternative to the ever-growing - never-ending resource illusion of capitalism. The basic values of degrowth - such as equity, inclusion, solidarity, environmental justice, sufficiency - correlates with the democratic values that the EU has put at the center of its youth policy. The question is - how to link these values with the aspects of daily life, how to make choices and decisions that bring us closer to the world, where we all would like to live.

**Responding to the need for a change in the post-pandemic climate-change-pressured society in densely populated multicultural urban neighborhoods, the project Post-Capitalist Summer School aims to re:evaluate and promote the tools of non-formal education to introduce youth with practical initiatives and patterns from the de-growth mindset to come up with ideas and solutions for the future society and foster trust in a possible change.**

We will bring together a group of youth workers from EU and neighboring countries to explore the existing post-capitalist practices, get inspired from them and discuss how these practices can be applied in the youth work through participation in a **5-day long study visit** in Berlin. It will be followed by a **7-day seminar** in one of the Eastern Europe Partnership Countries, building capacity in the field of youth work of their organisation. Part of the seminar activities will be made public in order to increase the impact of the project for the wider audience. The content of the project activities will be documented in a zine and social media adjustable contact, to reach out the target groups - the project partners will organise follow-up workshops in their own countries, to reach the local youth and promote project ideas. The activities will be implemented between October 2020 and September 2021.

### **Project objectives:**

- to bring together best practices and share knowledge between the youth workers that are active in the field of community work in urban neighborhoods;
- to network with like-minded organizations and bring the knowledge to the outside circle;
- to adjust non-formal education methods to transmit degrowth ideas and practical patterns to youths;
- to envision a possible long term alternative to everyday practices;
- to practice using non-formal education methods;
- to document the process and learning outcomes in a way that is easily accessible to the youth, which will be used for further dissemination.

### **Target groups / Stakeholders**

The target group of the project is youth workers, engaged in community work in urban neighborhoods with multicultural and high-density populations, with experience and interest in post-capitalism and degrowth ways of living. Particularly we are interested in reaching out to the target group - young people with geographic disadvantages from urban problem zones. Secondary target groups are local youth and target groups of partner organisations - young people, who are active in their local urban communities and who have the potential to work as multipliers.

### **Eligible countries**

The project applicant is a Berlin-based collective Kulturlabor Trial & Error e. V., we are open for partnerships from EU and neighboring countries, particularly aiming at Eastern Partnership Countries. We are particularly interested in having a balance between Eastern partnership (post-Soviet) and western European countries.

### **Partner engagement**

It is expected, but not limited to, that partner organisations will:

- find participants for the activities;
- participate in the preparation of the study visit and seminar;
- If necessary, manage local activities, prepare and support participants, local projects;
- spread the knowledge gained during this project and work as multipliers.
- if relevant, host international activity;
- manage to administrate the project budget part allocated to the partners;
- be active in communication with the coordinating and partner organisation;
- provide project documentation, financial and activity reporting.

### **If you are interested, please contact us until 23.04.2020 with basic information:**

- Organisation ID (OID) nr., Partner Information Form (PIF)
- Brief motivation, why are You motivated to join this project as a partner organisation

### **Contact**

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