

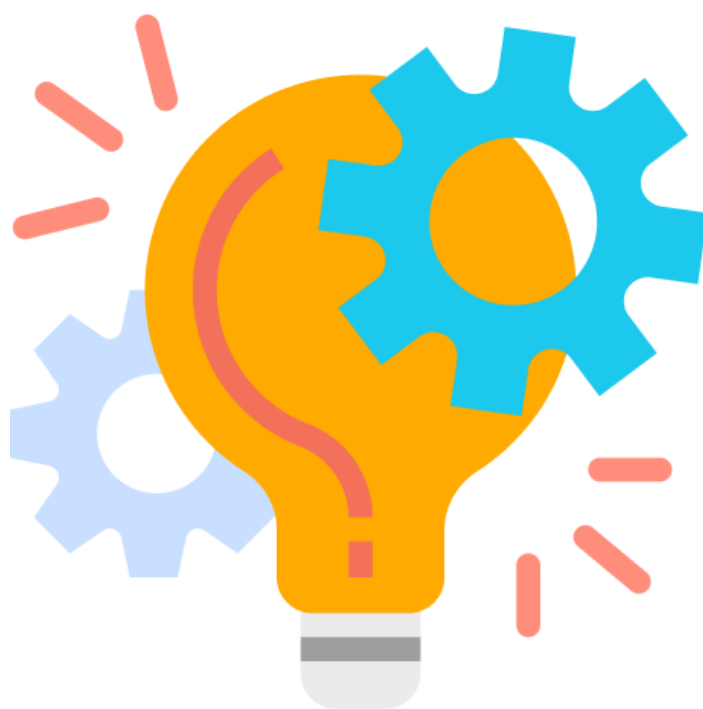
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Youth Projects LAB

Erasmus+ Youth training course

Dates: 10.09.2021 - 17.09.2021

Venue: Toledo, Spain



Partner organisations.

Coordinating organisation: Consejo Local de la Juventud de Ciudad Real - Consejoven (Spain)

We are a the Youth Council of Ciudad Real (youth NGO) that represents around 70 youth associations from the town and province of Ciudad Real. We promote youth participation and volunteering, help and train local youth on how to organise activities and support them in the process of creating and managing their own youth associations.

We are based in the town of Ciudad Real, but for some of our national and international projects we use the Castle of San Servando in Toledo as a main venue, because it provides all necessary facilities and participants really like and enjoy the place.

Partners:

Association Inspiration (Bulgaria)

ESTYES (Estonia)

You in Europe (Greece)

'a Strùmmula (Italy)

"Volunteam" Volunteering Culture Development NGO (Armenia)

Asotiatia Centrul de Excelenta in Dezvoltare Personala SOLOMON (Romania)

The idea behind this project.

With this project, we want to improve our knowledge about the conditions of the Erasmus+ Youth and European Solidarity Corps programmes and to balance the knowledge and practices that we and the European partners have in developing joint projects. We want to increase the capacities of the participating organisations and our competences as youth workers to develop more and better quality European projects for the young people within our target groups.

The experience we have so far with these programmes has taught us that in each country, in each region, even in each entity, there is a different way of understanding the objectives of the programmes, the planning processes, coordination and implementation, the ways of selecting and working with participants, etc. These differences often result in difficulties and problems in carrying out a project at European level and complicate the achievement of the programmed results.

Taking into account all of the above, we need to carry out this training course to improve our knowledge and our understanding of the Erasmus+ Youth chapter and ESC programmes, in addition to increasing our international cooperation capabilities to carry out more youth projects, with partners properly prepared and with the best possible quality.



The specific objectives of this project are:

- Learn more about the conditions of the Erasmus+ and ESC programmes and about actions and types of projects in which we have little or no experience.
- Improve our competences for planning and coordination projects at European level, in order to have partners with adequate competences and a universal understanding of programme conditions and project planning and implementation processes.
- Address the issue of the involvement of all partners during all project phases and improve this fundamental aspect for the achievement of the results of any project.
- Improve our competences as youth workers, at the same time developing the working capacities of our organizations, with the aim to expand and improve the activities we carry out with and for young people and to be able to support them in the development of their own initiatives.
- Train youth workers who are newcomers to the organisation of projects within the framework of Erasmus+ and ESC programmes.
- Learn from more experienced partners, share good practices, but also take advantage of the new vision and ideas that beginners in E+/ESC programmes might have.
- Increase our capacities for international cooperation and create new projects and a new collaboration network.
- Start collaborations with organisations from neighbouring countries or EU countries with which we have not worked so far in order to increase our capacities to carry out projects that promote intercultural dialogue, solidarity between countries and European values.
- Start developing common projects to learn how to develop them in a practical and collaborative way, working in teams, improving our abilities of creating and sharing ideas and turning them into common actions.
- The final objective, in the mid-term perspective, is to apply the projects created during the course and to carry them out by putting into practice the new competences acquired in this training.



Participants' profile

Age: 18+

Participants in this training are **youth workers (staff members, collaborators, volunteers, etc)** who work or collaborate on a more or less regular basis with the organisation they will represent in this training course.

It is important that the participants have a **good understanding of their organisation's experience, future interests and plans**, so that during the training course they could share with other participants and find potential partners for common projects.

Partner organisation (and therefore the potential participants) in this project have **diverse profiles** and experiences:

- On one hand, we will have **professional youth workers with considerable experience and competences in the youth field and in European projects**. -> These participants will be able to update their knowledge and working practices and increase their capacity for international cooperation.
- On the other hand, we will have **people with little experience or who have just entered the field of youth associations and learning mobilities**. -> These participants should be interested and will be able to learn how to implement Erasmus+ Youth and ESC projects for their target groups.
- Also, we could have **staff and members of organizations** with experience in organizing and facilitating activities with their entities, but **who need to acquire competences related to the planning of European projects** and the aspects of application, administration, coordination, etc.

All participants should have the **motivation to learn and improve their competences in order to develop more and better Erasmus+ Youth and ESC projects** for the benefit of young people, of their organisations and other members of their local communities. Participants should be **interested in building new partnerships and starting to work on common projects during the training course**.

The total number of participants is 18.

6 will come from the hosting country Spain.

12 will come from the 6 partner countries (**2 participants per country**).



Venue.

Accommodation, meals and activities will take place in the youth hostel “Castle of San Servando” in Toledo, Spain. (Yes, it’s a real castle converted into a youth centre with great views of the Old Town).

Accommodation will be in 2-bed bedrooms, each with a private bathroom and shower.



Travel arrangements.

The closest airport with good connections with Toledo is Madrid Barajas.

Your flight should **arrive at Madrid airport on Sept. 10th no later than 17:00h** and **leave on Sept. 17th no earlier than 10:00h** in order to allow enough time for transfer between Madrid and Toledo. *Spanish National Agency is very strict and doesn't allow extra days before or after the project, so you have to arrive on these exact dates in order to have the travel costs reimbursed.*

From Madrid Barajas airport you must take a shuttle bus or city train to go to Madrid - Puerta de Atocha Train Station and from there to take the train to Toledo. **Please remember to save all tickets so that we can reimburse them.**

In the weeks before the training course we will send you very detailed information about the transfer, where to buy the local tickets, etc.

We will help you monitor the Covid-19 travel restrictions close to the dates of the course. At this point, we believe most of you should be able to enter Spain with only a QR code (health declaration) or a vaccination certificate.

We recommend bringing your European Health Card (if you have it) or getting travel insurance for the days of the project (it is not covered by the project, but there are some very cheap options).

Costs covered.

The training course is co-funded by the Erasmus+ programme. All costs for accommodation, meals and activities will be covered. On the day of your arrival you will have dinner provided. On the day of your departure you could have breakfast or a take away pack if your flight leaves too early.

Travel costs and reimbursement.

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to the standard budget based on the Erasmus+ distance calculator. These are the amounts that could be covered per participant from each country:

Italy: 275 eur

Bulgaria, Greece, Romania: 360 eur

Estonia: 530 eur

Armenia: 820 eur + 60 eur for visa costs per person

Have in mind that from these amounts the local transfers in Spain should be covered as well (around 35-40 eur per person).

In case you need to do a Covid-19 test in order to travel in September, these costs are not planned in the budget, but if there is unused travel budget we could try to cover the tests. Please, try to find cheaper plane tickets, so that we are on the safe side.

Reimbursement of the travel and visa costs will be done shortly after the training course and after having received all tickets, invoices, etc.

Things to prepare before the training course.

In the weeks before the training course we will send you additional information with things to prepare (such as some information about your organisation and projects done; maybe some good practice from your local or European level work that we could learn from; some food/drinks for the intercultural evening, etc.)

Contact details.

In case you have any questions or we missed some important information, feel free to contact us at any time at email: consejovencr@gmail.com.

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