

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Erasmus+: KA1 – Training course Comedy as a Tool - Enhancing Youth Engagement through Humor

CET platforma Skopje is looking for partners for a project “Comedy as a Tool - Enhancing Youth Engagement through Humor” that is planning to submit to Macedonian National Agency on 23rd of February 2023 deadline. The project is envisioned as 9-days training course for youth workers and youth leaders coming from 8 European countries that will be organized in Autumn 2023 in Krushevo, North Macedonia.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The main aim of the project is to improve the quality of youth work in engaging young people of 24 youth workers from 8 European countries by educating and training them to use different stand-up comedy strategies and techniques.

We have recognized that in many youth project, organizations and youth workers are facing with the problem of how to transfer complex and abstract ideas and concepts to young people they work with into simple, visual and easily comprehensible way. Many topics, workshops and presentations are emotionally challenging for the young people, because they are too serious for them to process and engage with. Some concepts (for example such as entrepreneurship) are important for the youngsters to grasp it, but they are too abstract that when potential project on this topic is presented, the youngsters are not interested or even when they attend, they are not paying full attention. That's why, if we want to have a high-quality workshops and impactful activities, we have to make those abstract ideas more visual (like they are happening in the front of our eyes), more fun, interesting and memorable for the young people attending them. The idea of this project is not to make the youth workers professional stand-up comedians, but to give them guidelines how to cultivate their sense of humor, communicate better their ideas, explain easier important concepts and how to create captivating activities for the young people they work with. Well-placed humour can give to the target audience some much-needed relief in an otherwise serious topic.

As the outcome of the project, the participants will create a toolbox of non-formal educational activities that utilize stand-up comedy techniques for working on improving employability of young people that can be used by them, their organisations or others working with youth.

The working methods used throughout the training course will be various non-formal educational and creative methods that will include: brainstorming, discussions, groups work, work in groups, simulations, debates, theatre, role playing, presentations and outdoor activities.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES



28 EU member states, EFTA countries, Serbia and Turkey

Each partner organisation should send **3 participants**: youth workers, youth leaders or active members that are involved in the work of the organisation.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS



Youth workers, youth leaders, project managers, trainers, active volunteers that are involved in the work of involved organisations .



Over 18 years old (preferably 18 to 35 years old).



Ready, motivated and able to attend for the full duration of the training course and take active part in all phases of the project.



With good command of the English language.

THE ROLE OF PARTNERS



Take active participation in all project phases from the preparation and implementation of the youth exchange to the dissemination, evaluation and follow-up phases.



Select and send a motivated group of 3 participants according to the agreed profile.



Appoint a contact person who will be responsible for smooth and timely communication with CET platforma Skopje.



Contribute and support hosting organisation as much as possible for ensuring visibility of the project and disseminating the project idea, results and activities on your websites, blogs, mailing lists and social media networks before, during and after the project completion.



Be ready to organise with selected participants follow-up activities or events in form of workshops, training sessions, presentations, online conferences, meetings with local stakeholders after the Training course for your members, volunteers or young people from your communities.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The applicant organisation will fully cover the accommodation, meals and program materials for the participants. Travel costs will be covered up to the 100% if they do not exceed the amounts established by the Erasmus+ Programme.

HOW TO BECOME OUR PARTNER?

If you want to be partner on the project, then please send us the attached fully filled **Partner Identification Form** by email to macedonia@cetplatform.org with subject line “Humor project partnership”, not later than 20th of February 2023.

Please use the format of the PIF that we attach to this call for partners. It doesn't need to be the same document, but it MUST have the answers to all questions included in it.

WHO WE ARE

CET platforma Skopje is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental association of citizens with mission to: strengthen civil society on local, national and European level, promote and protect the human rights, perform activities which encourage moral and civic values, strengthen inter-ethnic relations, empower youth in society, advocate for social inclusion of vulnerable groups, promote non-formal education and offer support, education, training and mobility opportunities to young people. CET platforma Skopje is established in January 2016 by young, motivated, competent and experienced youth workers, leaders, activists and experts who are active in the civil sector and youth work from 2008. Furthermore, CET platforma Skopje is the Macedonian branch of CET platform network that has member organisations in Serbia, Croatia, Poland, Montenegro, Slovenia, Kosovo, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The vision of CET platform is to fulfil a broader social interest, to act and achieve objectives in the areas of civil society, democratic order and institutions, civic values, human rights, media, non-formal education and vulnerable categories of citizens in society. We strive to stimulate and sustain the personal, professional and social development of the local youth and to foster their active and responsible participation in educational, social, cultural, political and economic life in the communities they live in.

In the last 6 years, we have been very active as a reliable partner on Erasmus+ mobility projects. So far, we have sent over 600 young people and youth workers on more than [130 projects](#) abroad that were organised by our partners with the support of Erasmus+ programme.