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Entertaining Financial Literacy

Training Course Youth Workers

Smolyan, Bulgaria



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Hello dear friends,

Through the following pages, we have summarized the information you need to know about our training course.

We are very glad that you have decided to participate in our project and therefore we will strive to offer a warm welcoming to you in the training course for youth workers that will be held between 22th - 31th JULY, 2018 in Smolyan, district town, Bulgaria.

If you have further questions,
do not hesitate to contacting us at:
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Summary of the project

The "Entertaining Financial Literacy" project will be held as a long learning process - a combination of an on-line course using modern ICT, a 10-day skill development training and a follow-up for application and evaluation of results. 27 youth workers from 8 countries and 9 organizations will participate in the training.

Main goal of the project

Training and **developing the skills** and capacity of youth workers in order to increase the **financial literacy** among young people.

We will achieve the goal by increasing the capacity of **youth workers** to apply pedagogical methods aimed at developing **practical skills** for young people in a structured learning process based on non-formal education and **learning**.



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Summary of the project Specific goals

At the end of the project, participants will:

Demonstrate, validate and enforce through their work, values and attitudes agreed with the principles of **Youth Work**.

Prepare, use and **manage** learning activities for young people based on non-formal education, **interactive** teaching and contemporary pedagogy.

Use **specific skills** such as - games, workshops, discussions, setting educational goals, facilitating learning processes through experience, managing group dynamics, giving feedback, designing and **conducting** training activities.



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Working process

1. Preparation (distance learning)

On-line tools are used during preparation. Provides basic **information** to learners, creates contact between participants and trainers, and initiates the **individual preparation** process.

2. Training (10-day training 22-31.07.2018 in Bulgaria)

This is the time to deliver and develop a specific set of **practical skills** related to **financial literacy** training for young people / budgeting, risk management, loan money, investments, education, traveling abroad, etc...).

3. Follow-up (application of the results)

After the training, **practical tasks** are carried out in real situations at the workplace and / or in the community of youth workers. The **long-term benefits of implementing** the project will be: increased financial literacy and youth realization; increased image and competence of youth work and non-formal education; positive long-term development of organizations; better quality activities that will lead to better cooperation; opening up **local communities** for inter-cultural dialogue and the development of European identity and solidarity among more **young people**.



Important dates

21 of June 2018 / Deadline for submitting of application forms;

25 of June 2018 / Selection of participants;

31 of June 2018 / Deadline of buying tickets and sending copies of them;

01-20 of July / On-line materials

22 of July / Arrival day in Smolyan, Bulgaria / after 1 p.m.;

31 of July / Departure day / after 2 p.m.;

30 of August 2018 / Deadline to send copies of the tickets in original by post.



The methodology

All of the activities and methods will contribute to the process of **non-formal learning**.

The methods in the program follow the model

"Learning by doing" -

debates, simulations, energizers, ice-breakers, communication games, activities for exploring and sharing, group discussions, coaching sessions, creativity, reflection and self-reflection, open space and others.

We will play **entrepreneurial board games** and create new games related to financial literacy.



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The program

The program is designed with a **logical flow** that starts with **introduction to concepts** and progressively gets into the topic, to end up working on the of practical **creation by participants** results. This way, the course will close with a new products containing all the information gathered in the training.

We will send the full program to all applicants!

The training course will be fully implemented in English!



Selection of pax.

The training course is aimed at **youth workers** who **actively work** on topics related to the concept of **financial literacy** and **entrepreneurship** and youth unemployment / employment, social inclusion, development of specific competencies among young people etc.

N of participants: **27**

Participants per organization: **3** (1 of them have to be with fewer opportunities)

APPLY HERE ;)

Deadline for submitting application forms is **21 of June 2017**. We will send the list of applicants to all partners and will ask from them to do and confirm selection until **25 of June**.



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Travel information

We will provide the bus from Smolyan to Sofia at the day of departure 1-st of August between 4 and 6 a.m. – depend of travel bookings.

Please, try to look for travel options which allow you to be in Smolyan before 10 p.m. on the 21-th. of July and after 8:00 on 01-th. of August, 2018.

NOTE! The distance between Sofia and Smolyan is 250 km. or around 3.5 hours by bus.

If you plan to arrive earlier or leave later and you need to find an accommodation, let us know, so that we can support you. **Your expenses out of the days of the training will not be reimbursed by the organizers.**

The travel expenses (from your home town till the venue of the course - Smolyan) are reimbursed on presentation of the relevant receipts up to the maximum limit. In the frames of the Training Course the reimbursement will be done only for travel expenses incurred according to the rules given below:

Travel expenses will be reimbursed **only** upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid: original invoice or/and a copy of credit card slip. The documents must have the date, price, name of the traveler, destinations of the travel and the bill has to be completely clear.



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Travel info 2

Electronic tickets will only be reimbursed on receipt proof of payment (invoice, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, copy of credit card-slip showing the transfer of the money for the ticket, payment confirmation from internet) and on presentation of the boarding pass for the outward journey.

Note, that **the booking paper alone is not enough to prove your travel expenses**. You should present as well the **boarding passes**, a bill, a slip of payment and print-out from your bank account to confirm the sum paid for your ticket.

Keep all travel documents you get during your trip: boarding passes, bills, slips, tickets etc., because we absolutely need them!

Taxi fares cannot be reimbursed.

Personal health. It is very important that you notify us of any health risk or possibly necessary medicines (if you did not note it yet in your application form, please let the team know about it as soon as possible via e-mail). The information you provided on any special needs does not remove your own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.



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Reimbursement and insurance

Board and lodging will be provided and paid by the organizers of the Training Course.

There will be **travel reimbursement** according to the Erasmus + regulations. Please pay attention to the figures and conditions. We are strongly recommending you **to have insurance** while you are in Bulgaria.

Each participant will be in charge **of purchasing one**, because no private insurance will be reimbursed.

Organizers **will reimburse 100% of eligible travel costs** up to the limit. Travel cost will be reimbursed after participants provide their original tickets and fill their personal report from European Commission.



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Travel limits

Reimbursement will be done by bank transfer in Euro to the sending organization's bank account. If you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EUR, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official **European Commission web-site:**

www.ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en Note that, only participants attending the entire training course can be reimbursed. The Commission solely reimburses public transport costs.

Travel limits:

180€ - Macedonia, Greece

275 € - Romania, Poland, Italy, Sweden

360€ - Spain

Very important: your tickets are an **essential part** of accounting of the project that we must keep and present to the Erasmus+ National Agency, the main funders of the training. Therefore, if you cannot provide your original tickets, receipts, insurance and invoices clearly stating the travel agency, your name and the exact costs of the tickets, we will not be able to reimburse you.

Please DO NOT BUY
any tickets
before approval of the
organizers!



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Venue

The town of Smolyan is located in the Middle Rhodopes, Southern Bulgaria. It lies 104 km south of Plovdiv and 98 km west of Kardzhali.



The town stretches over a huge part of the valley of Cherna River (Black River). The population of the town is approximately 32 000 people.



The Old Houses Architectural Complex in Cheshitska Quarter attracts the tourists' attention. This is the oldest quarter in Raykovo Housing Estate, where the most impressive houses built after 1835 can be found.

The largest Orthodox temple in Southern Bulgaria is also situated in Smolyan.



The oldest archaeological evidence discovered in Smolyan Region date back to the end of the Bronze Age – 13th century BC.



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Accommodation and food



The training course will take place in hotel "Moni"
<http://www.hotelmoni.com/>

Participants will be accommodated in **double** and **triple** bed rooms. Each room has a **bathroom**.
Accommodation and full board meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) **are covered** by the hosting organization.



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What to bring?

- Clothes and shoes suitable for **sports** and walking/**hiking**.
- Your **original tickets** for the entire trip, the **invoice** of the travel agency (the price clearly indicated on the ticket), **the boarding passes**.
- Your **travel insurance** contract and a legible copy of it.
- Your **ID/passport**.
- Your own **medication**.
- Something typical **about your country** such as food, drinks, music, traditional objects, promotional materials and whatever else you want to present.
- **Materials** about **your organization**.
- **Your willingness** to reflect on your own skills, knowledge and attitudes.
- **Your motivation**, inspiration and energy for an intense and hard working week.
- (; Your spirit to share your **experience**, questions and doubts.

Concerning special needs (diets, medicine) please, tell us beforehand if you need any assistance from us in this matter.



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Useful information

Located in South Eastern Europe, **Bulgaria** is bordered by Greece and Turkey to the South, Romania to the North and Macedonia and Serbia to the West. Its Eastern Border is formed by the beautiful Black Sea Coast. A country of outstanding natural beauty the environment remains unspoilt and is incredibly varied.

A relatively small country, a few hours drive will take you from the snow covered central Pirin mountain Ranges to the long sandy beaches of the Black Sea coast.

Forming the heart of several of ancient histories greatest civilizations Bulgaria's rich culture is reflected in a vast number of architectural treasures.

Throughout the country you will find ancient Greek sites, Roman amphitheatres and Byzantine churches. The country is home to 160 monasteries, 36 cultural centres and 40,000 listed archaeological monuments. Nine sites have achieved a coveted place on the UNESCO world Heritage list.



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Short visit card

CAPITAL CITY IS **SOFIA**

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IS **BULGARIAN**

THE CURRENCY IN REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA IS
"LEV". THE COURSE OF EXCHANGE IS FIXED AND
1 EUR = 1.95583 BGN.

THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURE FOR JULY IN THE
MOUNTAIN ON 1300-1500m. ALTITUDE IS
5-25 DEGREES CENTIGRADE.

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