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YOUTH POLICY GUARDIANS TRAINING COURSE

17TH - 23RD JULY
KARLOVAC, CROATIA

INFORMATION PACK

DEAR PARTICIPANTS, WELCOME TO THE TRAINING COURSE "YOUTH POLICY GUARDIANS"!

With this Information pack we would like to inform you about everything that can help you in the preparatory phase.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Young people constitute a huge proportion of the world's population. Yet many are prevented from achieving their potential because they lack access to quality education, health services, decent work and opportunities to participate fully in society.

Young people need to be considered as the ones who have valuable ideas and who can contribute in the decision making process and creation of youth policies. Instead of using them as a political tool, decoration or tokens, they should be included as the ones that can propose solutions, critically question certain decisions and share those decisions with other stakeholders in the community.

Youth workers have an increasing role of a "trusted adult" so they have an extremely important role in the non-formal education of young people, encouraging active and political participation and understanding of basic civic concepts. We consider the Watchdog function as an innovative form of involving young people in the monitoring of youth policies. and we want to present the tool to YW with the idea of them using a range of different activities of civic monitoring in their work with youth. Watchdog is a type of Civic monitoring which implies supervision of the behavior of power centers, denunciation of abuses, injustices, and bad practices.

The main aim of the project is to enable youth workers for direct work with young people on monitoring the implementation of youth policies.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- introducing Watchdog function as a tool for engaging young people in the monitoring of implementation youth policies
- creating space for sharing good practices
- strengthening youth workers to act as a trusted adult
- initiating cooperation between young people and local/regional stakeholders

DURATION:

ARRIVAL DAY: 17TH JULY 2024

DEPARTURE DAY: 23TH JULY 2024

WORKING DAYS: 18TH - 22ND JULY 2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

You can either come to Croatia 2 days earlier or stay longer up to 2 days at your own expense but keep in mind to inform us about your plans earlier!

PREPARATION PHASE

Immediately upon selection, participants will be "added" to the Facebook/Whatsapp group that will be created for the purposes of this project and for future cooperation and creation of new ideas and their implementation through the Erasmus+ program.

Before the training, with the help of their sending organisations, participants will have preparatory tasks:

- to make a research on the current situation in the field of monitoring and evaluation of the policy processes in their country by trying to cover the following topics:
 - availability and relevance of information regarding monitoring of youth policies methods and tools,
 - A lack of systematic implementation of Watchdog monitoring tool in the educational system,
 - Critical judgement of local/regional/european political events,
 - The role of youth workers in active participation and monitoring of youth policy
- to prepare data about their organisations for sharing good practices and expanding their partner network during NGO fair
- to prepare an example of their own practices and experiences in youth work in the field of supporting young people in the monitoring process
- to think of a non-formal method they can share with the rest of the group which is connected to monitoring and evaluation of public policies
- to prepare for an intercultural evening through which they will show things that define them personally, without being nationally coloured

DISSEMINATION

The main results of the project: watchdog action plans and a report of implemented watchdog activities.

The dissemination plan :

- **the participants will organize activities with young people through which they will support them in the monitoring and evaluating the youth policy implementation procedure using the Watchdog function**
- **they will share the tools and methods as well as the competences they have developed**
- **the participants will have at least 3 options to share what they have learnt: an interactive workshop, a presentation or a simulation.**
- **they will show the dissemination plan to their organizations and implement it together with them or adjust it if necessary.**
- **everyone will be welcome to the dissemination as it will be an open event for the community**

All participants will do the dissemination with the help and supervision of the partner organization. Each workshop will be published on the website after the implementation, and depending on the possibilities, transmitted to local media.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

We expect you to arrive to the capital of Croatia, Zagreb: (A) Franjo Tuđman Zagreb Airport (B) Zagreb Central Bus Station (C) Zagreb Central Train Station

The Franjo Tuđman Airport in Zagreb is located 65 km from Karlovac. From the airport you can take the shuttle bus which leaves every 30 minutes to the Zagreb Main Bus Station (Autobusni kolodvor). The cost of a one-way ticket is 8,00 EUR and you can buy it from the bus driver (you need to have cash) or [online](#).

The drive lasts 30 - 45 minutes.

The timetable is available [here](#).

From Zagreb Main Bus Station you should take the bus to Karlovac. The average bus ride Zagreb – Karlovac is around 45 minutes. The bus lines are quite frequent (mostly every 30 – 45 minutes). The average price for a one-way ticket is approximately 6 EUR, although the prices vary depending on the provider. The luggage fee for buses to Karlovac is about 1,5 EUR. The timetable is available [here](#). Be sure to click "Show complete timetable" because with the direct lines Zagreb – Karlovac there are a lot of connection lines that stop in Karlovac.

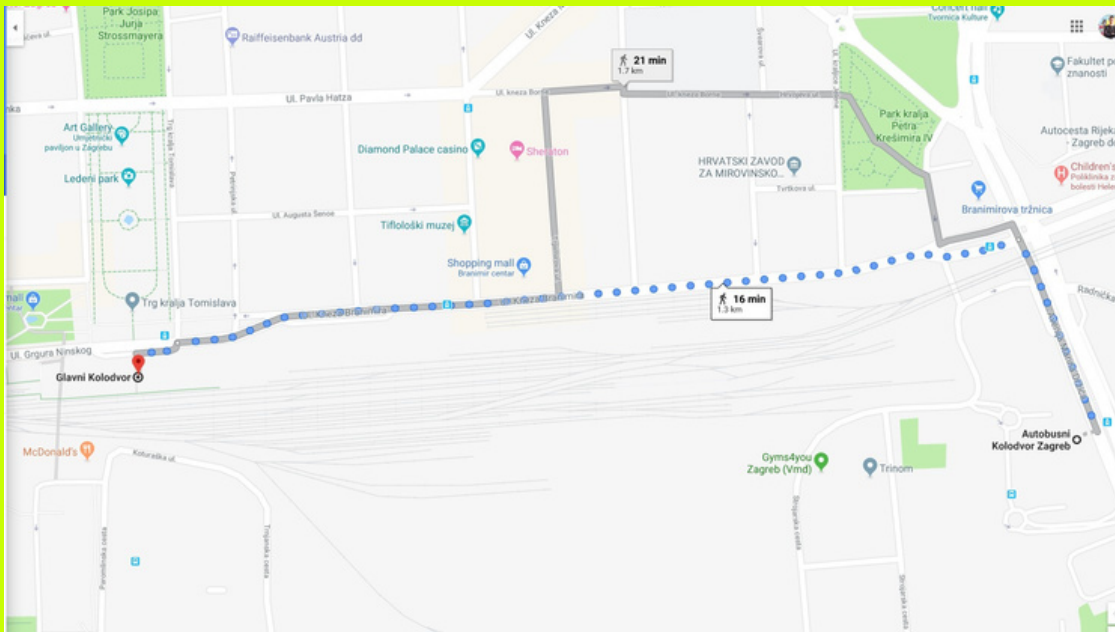
Your other option is to take a train to Karlovac. In front of the bus station you have to take a tram number 6 (Črnomerec direction) and go to the stop called "Zagreb Glavni kolodvor" which is the main train station in Zagreb. Glavni kolodvor (Main train station) is the 3rd stop from the main bus station (Autobusni kolodvor).

Then you buy train ticket from Zagreb to Karlovac in the station or you can buy it [here](#) in advance. . Once in Karlovac, you can exit at the Main station or at the station Karlovac Centar. It's approximately the same distance to the venue.

PLEASE, DON'T BUY ANY TICKETS BEFORE CONSULTING WITH US!

Please, don't forget to save all the travel invoices and tickets! If we don't have original invoices of your travel expenses, we do not guarantee to refund your expenses.

TRAVEL INFORMATION



Zagreb Bus Station (Autobusni kolodvor Zagreb) – Zagreb Train Station (Glavni kolodvor)



This is where you arrive
- Glavni kolodvor
Zagreb.

Then you find your train to
Karlovac and enjoy Croatian
railways!



ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

In the historical centre of Karlovac – the Karlovac Star, surrounded by a park, you can find the Student Dormitory Karlovac or Hostel "Bedem".

The Hostel address is: Ivan Banjavčić Street, number 13.



Completely renovated and modernly equipped building has been transformed into the modern student dormitory which becomes a hostel during the summer period. You will be accommodated in Triple rooms (3 persons from different organisations/countries in one bedroom). All rooms are modernly equipped with an en suite bathroom, refrigerator, WI-FI, air conditioning and electricity management system, and an LCD TV. On each floor there is a shared kitchenette and a communal living room for socialising. Rooms are equipped with towels, bed linen, hand soaps and toilet paper. So **don't forget to bring your own shower gels and hair driers (if you need any)**.

MEALS

We will have breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as coffee breaks. Dietary needs will be taken into consideration. Please be sure to notify us if you have any special dietary requirements such as allergies, vegetarianism, food intolerance, etc. If you contact as early on we can make sure we think of everything.

OTHER INFORMATION

PARTICIPANTS

There will be 27 participants, two trainers and one facilitator from the receiving organisation.

Participants should be educators/trainers i; have experience in implementing international projects with an emphasis on Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps; who are employees, members or volunteers of participating organisations, which ensures the sustainability of project results.

Each participant **has to fill out** the application form!

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The food and accommodation will be provided and covered by the organisers during the project. In other words, you could use some pocket money aside.

The organisers **will reimburse your** travel costs from your home city to Karlovac. Organisers **will reimburse** 100% of eligible travel costs up to the limit. Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance in the project and presentation of the tickets with boarding passes and receipts/invoices. Missing tickets cannot be reimbursed.

Travel costs will be reimbursed through the sending organizations by bank transfer after the training course. All participants have to send/upload the necessary documents (tickets, boarding pass, invoices, receipts etc.). Reimbursement will be done after participants have completed dissemination activities and filled out final reports!

OTHER INFORMATION

ERASMUS+ PROGRAM ALLOCATES A LIMIT AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED FOR TRAVEL COSTS, ACCORDING TO THE ERASMUS DISTANCE CALCULATOR

Warning: don't buy any ticket before consulting with us by e-mail.

COUNTRY	ORGANISATION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	TRAVEL GRANT + EXCEPTIONAL COSTS per participant
Spain	<u>Ayuntamiento de Maracena</u>	3	275 EUR
<u>Estonia</u>	MTÜ Piiriveere Liider	3	275 EUR
Portugal	<u>Agoraveiro</u>	3	360 EUR
<u>Latvia</u>	<u>Keep the Change+</u>	3	275 EUR
Republic of <u>Türkiye</u>	ISTANBUL AYDIN UNIVERSITESI VAKFI	3	275 EUR (150 EUR <u>exceptional costs</u> – Visa/per participant)
<u>Greece</u>	THREE THIRDS SOCIETY	3	275 EUR (Green <u>Travel</u> 320 EUR)
<u>Lithuania</u>	Mano Europa	3	275 EUR
<u>Cyprus</u>	<u>Steps for Youth</u>	3	275 EUR
Croatia	LAG <u>Vallis Colapis</u>	3	23 EUR

OTHER INFORMATION

THE LOCAL CURRENCY IS EURO.

IN ZAGREB AND KARLOVAC (AS WELL AS OTHER PARTS OF CROATIA) YOU CAN PAY EITHER IN CASH OR WITH YOUR BANK CARDS (BUT NOT EVERYWHERE).

WEATHER

The summers in Croatia are pretty hot and the temperatures in Karlovac during July are around 30 celsius during day and 20 during night. But it can also get a bit hotter and surpass the 30 celsius easily. So we advise you to bring appropriate clothes and bathing suit. We also have mosquitos here, so be prepared to become friends with them.

INTERCULTURAL NIGHT


There will be one intercultural evening where participants can introduce their country, customs, values, tradition and culture. We encourage you to introduce dances, sing songs, challenge yourselves and everyone else – go beyond a simple presentation!

Please, do not bring food that needs cooking!

What to bring:

- your passport and/or ID card
- health insurance card or european health insurance card
- we recommend that you have travel insurance but, please keep in mind that it is not covered by the project
- national snacks, drinks, easy food, specialties,...
- medicines – if you need them (anti-allergy pills, pain killers, aspirin etc.)
- sun cream, bathing suit (nice weather and swimming in the river)
- good energy :)

OTHER INFORMATION



See you soon in
Croatia!

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