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Youth Empowerment and Social Transformation

Call for Participants

General Information

EU countries and its Eastern partners are being challenged by cuts of individual and collective rights in the last years, and by an uprising of ultra-nationalist and anti-EU social and political movements that represent a threat for the maintenance of these rights and the amend of those that have been already set aside. The cuts on the rights and the populist ultra-nationalist uprising differ on its intensity depending on the country and regions, but are happening nowadays at an increasing speed within the EU.

Youth and youth CSOs can contribute to trigger positive changes through social, economic, legal and cultural movements, and therefore reinforce the structures that guarantee the observation of basic rights for citizens in Europe. Youth organizations, though, are often lacking long-term strategies, international perspectives, are easy to manipulate and have a poor understanding of the processes of social transformation and the role they play on them.

Against this background, the project proposal aims **to empower youth CSOs by strengthening their understanding of processes of social transformation and increasing their competences on developing initiatives that include strategic planning and social transformative approaches**. Therefore, 24 youth workers from Germany, Poland, Spain, The United Kingdom, Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia and Georgia will participate in the project.

The **objectives** of the project are:

- To strengthen the understanding of youth empowerment as a tool for social transformation in youth CSOs
- To increase the use of systematic and long-term approaches to social transformation in youth CSOs
- To exchange good practices for youth empowerment work and social transformation among the participating organizations
- To establish transnational links between CSOs in the youth sector and translate them into project-based partnership for needs-based social transformation

The project will include **two e-learning modules, two residential training courses, and follow-up events**.

Activity details and timeline:

1st e-learning module (4 weeks, online, February/ March 2017):

- Exploring concepts and theories for youth empowerment
- Exploring concepts and theories for social transformation
- Discussing the main elements of these concepts among the participants
- Identifying local examples and initiatives using these approaches in the countries represented

1st Training Course (Misaksieli, Georgia. 27 March to 04 April 2017):

- Deepen into the concepts and theories of youth empowerment and social transformation
- Deepen into the logics of theoretical frameworks and how this affects the work of the CSOs represented (value-based frameworks)
- Provide participants with tools for community-based needs assessment
- Serve as a platform to discover challenges and initiatives in different countries

2nd e-learning module (4 weeks, online, May/ June 2017):

- Provide with tools for analysis of community based problems
- Support the usage of analytical tools to process the results of the community-based needs assessment
- Provide participants with space to share and follow the work of the other groups, and go through a peer-to-peer learning and multiplicative process

- Introduce the basic theories of Theory of Change and Logical Framework.

2nd Training Course (Kobuleti, Georgia. 12 to 20 of June 2017):

- Deepening into the conceptual understanding of theory of change and logical framework for social transformation
- Developing strategic value-based theories of change for social transformation addressing the needs identified during the e-learning modules and using the intervention points defined
- Planning follow-up activities in cooperation between the organizations

Follow-up events (July-September 2017):

All national groups are required to organise a small scale local event in their communities. These events can take the following shape:

- Informational event about the project
- Educational event about social transformation
- Discussion/ debate about social change and youth work
- Any other event organised by the participants related to the topic of youth empowerment and social transformation

Important: The participants have to participate in the entire educational programme.

Participant Profile

The participants are obliged to follow the whole project, meaning that the two e-learning phases and both training courses are obligatory for all participants.

The requested profile of participants is the following:

- Working and/or being actively involved in the daily work of the partner organization and able to apply immediately the acquired competences of the training courses and the follow-up activities
- Basic knowledge of the role of youth work in processes of social transformation
- Basic knowledge of the situation of young people in the own country and/or community
- Experience working with young people, preferably with young people with fewer opportunities)
- Work experience as a coordinator and/or leader in a youth CSO
- Involved in management and planning processes within a CSO, a social initiative or a youth movement
- Motivation to take part in a mutual learning process in a very intercultural setting
- Good level of English to follow the course and to contribute to it
- Readiness to attend the full educational programme (two e-learning modules and two training courses)
- **Residing in one of the eight partner countries (see below)**

Partner organisations and number of participants

Country	Organisation	Number of Participants
Germany	European Intercultural Forum e. V.	3
Armenia	KASA Swiss Humanitarian Foundation	3
Georgia	Academy for Peace and Development	3
Belarus	Respublikanskaje pravaabaroncaje hramadzkaje abjadnannie 'Bielaruski Hielsinski Kamitet'	3
Poland	Fundacja Studentow i Absolwentow Uniwersytetu Jagiellonskiego BRATNIAK	3
United Kingdom	The ASHA Foundation	3
Spain	Nova - Centre per a la innovació social	3
Ukraine	Chernivtsi cell of allukrainian organisation "PORA!"	3

Training Course Details

1. Training course on youth empowerment and social transformation

Dates: 27.03.2017 – 04.04.2017

Venue: Misaktsieli, Georgia

Aim: To introduce the participants to concepts youth empowerment and social transformation

Content:

- Deepen into the concepts and theories of youth empowerment and social transformation
- Deepen into the logics of own theoretical framework and how this affects the work of the CSOs represented (value-based frameworks)
- Provide participants with tools for community-based needs assessment
- Serve as a platform to discover challenges and initiatives in different countries

Partners and Participants:

Country	Organisation	Number of Participants	Travel Budget according to Distance Band based on residence of partner organisation
Germany	European Intercultural Forum e. V.	3	360 EUR
Armenia	KASA Swiss Humanitarian Foundation	3	180 EUR
Georgia	Academy for Peace and Development	3	180 EUR
Belarus	Respublikanskaje pravaabaroncaje hramadzkaje abjadnannie 'Bielaruski Hielsinski Kamitet'	3	275 EUR
Poland	Fundacja Studentow i Absolwentow Uniwersytetu Jagiellonskiego BRATNIAK	3	360 EUR
United Kingdom	The ASHA Foundation	3	530 EUR
Spain	Nova - Centre per a la innovació social	3	530 EUR
Ukraine	Chernivtsi cell of allukrainian organisation "PORA!"	3	275 EUR

Important note:

- 75% of the travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed up to the maximum of the amount indicated by the distance calculator provided by the EC (see above).
- If the departure place of the participants differ from the seat of the organisation, and if this causes that the travel distance falls into a lower distance band, then the travel budget for the lower distance band applies.

Hosting organisation in Georgia:

Academy for Peace and Development

Daily Programme – 1st Course

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
8:30-9:45	<i>Arrival</i>	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:45-11:30		Name Games & Icebreaking	My Personal Pathway	Youth Empowerment	Intelligent Groups - Motivations	Approaches to Social Transformation - Forum Theatre	Community Development: Needs Assessment Tools	Presentation of Needs Assessment Plans	<i>Departure</i>
11:30-12:00		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
12:00-13:30		Methodology & Programme Presentation	Social Transformation	Youth Empowerment for Social Transformation	Intelligent Groups - Leadership	Approaches to Social Transformation - Forum Theatre	Community Development: Needs Assessment Tools	Presentation of Needs Assessment Plans	
13:30-15:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15:30-17:00		Team Building	Context Youth – Young People in Europe	Creating our Portfolios for Change	Visit to Tbilisi and CSO Working in Youth Empowerment in Georgia	Approaches to Social Transformation - Forum Theatre	Planning Needs Assessments	Presentation of the 2nd E-Learning Module	
17:00-17:30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
17:30-19:00	Welcoming & Get to know each other	Assessing Learning Needs	Context Youth – Young People in Europe	Creating our Portfolios for Change		Approaches to Social Transformation: Conclusion	Planning Needs Assessments	Closing and Evaluation	
19:00-19:30		Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection			
19:30 – 20:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Traditional Dinner	Dinner and Farewell Party	
21:00	Welcome Evening	Night of Cultures	Free Space	Free Space	Free Space	Free Space			

Project Details

2. Training course on developing interventions for social transformation

Dates: 12.06-20.06.2017

Venue: Kobuleti, Georgia

Aim: To strengthen the participants' capacities in developing needs-based and outcome-oriented interventions for social change

Content:

- Fine-tuning the analysis developed during the second e-learning module
- Deepening into the conceptual understanding of theory of change and logical framework for social transformation
- Developing strategic value-based theories of change for social transformation addressing the needs identified during the e-learning modules and using the intervention points defined
- Planning follow-up activities in cooperation between the organizations

Partners and Participants:

Country	Organisation	Number of Participants	Travel Budget according to Distance Band based on residence of partner organisation
Germany	European Intercultural Forum e. V.	3	360 EUR
Armenia	KASA Swiss Humanitarian Foundation	3	180 EUR
Georgia	Academy for Peace and Development	3	180 EUR
Belarus	Respublikanskaje pravaabaroncaje hramadzkaje abjadnannie 'Bielaruski Hielsinkski Kamitet'	3	275 EUR
Poland	Fundacja Studentow i Absolwentow Uniwersytetu Jagiellonskiego BRATNIAK	3	360 EUR
United Kingdom	The ASHA Foundation	3	530 EUR
Spain	Nova - Centre per a la innovació social	3	530 EUR
Ukraine	Chernivtsi cell of allukrainian organisation "PORA!"	3	275 EUR

Important note:

- 75% of the travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed up to the maximum of the amount indicated by the distance calculator provided by the EC (see above).
- If the departure place of the participants differ from the seat of the organisation, and if this causes that the travel distance falls into a lower distance band, then the travel budget for the lower distance band applies.

Hosting organisation in Georgia:

Academy for Peace and Development

Daily Programme – 2nd Course

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
8:30-9:45	<i>Arrival</i>	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:45-11:30		Training Course Concept & Ice-breaking	Pathway of Change - Social Transformation and Strategic Planning	Transformative Initiatives in our Communities	Organisational Development Practices in PM&E	Social Transformation Project Development	Social Transformation Project Development	Project Presentations and Feedback	<i>Departure</i>
11:30-12:00		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
12:00-13:30		Methodology & Learning Goals	Pathway of Change - Social Transformation and Strategic Planning	Transformative Initiatives in our Communities	Organisational Development Practices in PM&E	Social Transformation Project Development	Social Transformation Project Development	Follow-up: Planning Partnership	
13:30-15:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15:30-17:00		Context Youth – Young People in Europe	Organisational Development SWOT and Our Constituency	Context Analysis: Our Communities	Theory of Change	Excursion & Visit to a Local CSOs working in the Youth Sector	Social Transformation Project Development	Erasmus+ and other Funding Opportunities	
17:00-17:30		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break		Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
17:30-19:00	<i>Welcoming</i>	Context Youth – Young People in Europe	Organisational Development SWOT and Our Constituency	Context Analysis: Our Communities	Our Theory of Change	Social Transformation Project Development	Closing and Evaluation		
19:00-19:30		Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection	Daily Reflection			
19:30 – 20:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Traditional Dinner	Farewell Party & Dinner	
21:00	Welcome Evening	Night of Cultures	Free Space	Free Space	Free Space	Free Space			

Practical Information – 1st Residential Training Course

Arrival day: 27 March 2017

Departure day: 04 April 2017

The travel dates are: 27 March 2017 for arrival at the venue and 04 April 2017 for departure from the venue. You are allowed to stay up to 3 days extra outside these dates. Outside this time frame, your travel costs will **NOT** be reimbursed.

You are requested to arrive on the 27th of March 2017 not later than 5pm local time at the project venue.

Accommodation and Food

The participants will be accommodated in double, 3-beds and 4-beds rooms in:

**Hotel Kapiloni
Selo Misaktsieli
3308 Lami - Georgia**

Each room has private bathroom and toilets and is fully equipped. Bed lines and towels are provided. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners, as well as two coffee breaks per day will be provided by the organisers. For more information about the hotel, please follow this [link](#).

Travelling to Georgia

Participants should travel by plane to Tbilisi or Kutaisi, except if coming from the neighbouring country Armenia. The cheapest flight connections to Tbilisi are via Riga (Air Baltic), Istanbul (Turkish Airlines and Pegasus Airlines), Kiev (Ukrainian airlines). Travelling to Kutaisi is possible with Ukrainian Airlines (from Kiev) and with Wizzair (from various locations e.g. Poland, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Germany). Connections through Munich or Frankfurt (Lufthansa) also exist, but are usually more expensive.

Participants from Armenia are requested to travel by land (train, bus, mini-bus).

The participants will be transferred from Tbilisi city to the venue by mini-bus. The pick-up schedule to Misaktsieli will be communicated to all participants once all tickets are booked. The transfer will be organised on March 27 2017. No arrivals to the hotel before March 27 midday is foreseen.

! Please note that participants are in charge of covering 25% of their travel costs to the venue, thus if the organisers organise pre-paid mini-bus from Tbilisi Airport/ Tbilisi to Misaktsieli, we will deduct the 25% of this cost from your travel reimbursements!

!! Please note that the organisers do not organise any transfers to Misaktsieli outside the indicated dates. As well the organisers will not cover any accommodation and food costs outside the project dates (27 March 2016 – 04 April 2016 // First meal: dinner on March 27, last meal: breakfast on April 04).

Financial Conditions/ Reimbursements

The course is implemented in the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme. Accommodation, food and activities are fully covered by the organisers.

75% of the travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed up to the maximum of the amount indicated above. Please consult the travel budget list above!

As the reimbursement amount depends on the travel distance between the place of departure and the project venue the following additional regulation applies: if the departure place of the participants differ from the seat of the organisation on which the travel budget below is based, and if this causes that the travel distance falls into a lower distance band, then the travel budget for the lower distance band applies.

Reimbursement will only be done for travel costs (cheapest mean of transportation, only economy class, no taxi) upon presentation of original tickets, invoices (and boarding tags for flight tickets).

The travel dates are: 27 March 2017 for arrival at the venue and 04 April 2017 for departure from the venue. You are allowed to stay up to 3 days extra outside these dates. Outside this time frame, your travel costs will **NOT** be reimbursed.

Participants from Armenia, Georgia, Belarus and Ukraine will receive the reimbursements **in EURO in cash** on spot in Georgia upon presentation of booked return travel documents and boarding tags. Please book your return tickets before departure, so that we can reimburse you. No reimbursement will be calculated based on non-booked tickets or estimations!

Participants from EU countries will receive the reimbursements via **bank transfer** after the course upon reception of the return travel documents and international bank details. No exception to this rule will be done. Post address where to send the documents will be handed out to the participants during the course.

Please have in mind that the transport Tbilisi - Misaktsieli – Tbilisi will be organised by the organisers and that you have to cover 25% of these costs. The corresponding amount will be deducted from your final reimbursement. The costs will be around 10 EUR, which is approximately 3 EUR for the 25% per person.

!! Bring the original invoices and tickets, print out e-tickets and keep your boarding passes. On all documents the price, currency, name of passenger, date of purchase and travel should be clearly visible, otherwise we will not be able to reimburse the travel costs. Please make an extra copy of all your documents to hand out to the organisers!

!! Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/ invoice. Any tickets purchased in a currency other than EUR, will be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month when the ticket/s were purchased. We will use the exchange rate of the official European Commission web-site at <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/infoureuro/index.cfm?Language=en>

Application Procedure/ Next Steps

- **Participant recruitment:** Feel free to recruit the participants using your standard recruitment procedures.
- **Course registration:** Every participant is required to register for the course by filling in the participant form online. Please follow this [link](#): **.Deadline for registration is February 01 2017.** Note in order to register for the course your participants will need to have their travel tickets (especially plane tickets) booked.
- **Please be aware that the participants are obliged to participate in the online learning module that will start in mid-February 2017.**
- **Health insurance documents:** the health/ travel insurance is in the responsibility of the participants, make sure your participants are covered during their stay in Georgia!

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Training Course on Youth Empowerment & Social Transformation

Various Dates including Online Modules and 2 Training Courses in Georgia

To apply for the participation in the training, please fill in the Application Form, **SAVE IT FIRST** and then email it to: uk@ashacentre.org | www.ashacentre.org | The deadline is **February 9, 2016**.

Please note that if a good application is received, participation will be offered before the deadline closes.

APPLICATION FORM

Name		Surname	
Date of Birth		Gender	
Contact Email		Contact Number	
Nationality		Country of Residence	
Sending Organisation (write ASHA if resident in the UK)			
Have you taken part in ASHA Centre courses?		Yes	No
If YES , please specify for which course(s) and when			

RELATIONSHIP TO COURSE THEMES

What is your personal/professional experience in relationship to the theme of the training?

MOTIVATION

What is your motivation to participate in this training? Please refer to a maximum of three learning expectations.

In the wider context of the Erasmus+ focus on empowering those with fewer opportunities, would your participation in this course help you overcome any barrier(s) (e.g. lack of work experience, discrimination, disadvantaged socio-economic background, geographic isolation etc.)?

SPECIAL NEEDS

Do you have any special needs or requirements that the organisers would need to take into account (e.g. dietary, disability, medial, etc.)?