

Call for Participants

Training Course

“DSITEV — Developing Social Inclusion Through European Volunteering”

Topic: Training capacities for youth workers in inclusive projects exchanging volunteers with fewer opportunities

When: 01-06-2022 – 07-06-2022 (INCLUDING TRAVEL DAYS)

Place: Athens, Greece

About the Project:

International volunteering projects are a strong educational tool for volunteers with a positive impact in the personal development of the participants. An international group of volunteers work together for a short period of time supporting local communities through their work. Besides the work, volunteers will share their time with a diverse group of people enhancing intercultural learning and social skills.

The impact of volunteering is particularly high especially for youth with fewer opportunities, i.e. young people who facing economical, geographical, social, educational, cultural obstacles.

However, many organizations developing volunteering initiatives are not hosting youth with fewer opportunities, being afraid, under the influence of stereotypes regarding this target group, or lacking the resources, cooperation, or means to reach and prepare these youngsters.

This project aims to train social and volunteering organisations to develop and implement volunteering projects including youth with fewer opportunities.

Increasing the knowledge about Erasmus+ key values, European identity, European mobility on one hand, and the skills of the youth workers in group dynamics, management of emotions, non-violent communication, and non-formal education methodology on the other.

At the same time, this training course wants to impulse long-term partnership between Alliance organisations, educational actors, and a larger number of educational volunteering projects, adapted and accessible to youth with fewer opportunities.

Target group:

Each participating organisation will send 2 participants:

- A youth worker involved in your organization and more specifically in the placement, preparation and follow-up of volunteers with fewer opportunities (A4A).
- A staff member from a local social organisation working with youth with fewer opportunities which a long-term collaboration is possible.

Working level of English is required.

Background information:

ELIX has been an active member of Alliance Access for All Working Group (A4AWG). The A4AWG existed to ensure, promote, and facilitate access to everyone to our projects, i.e. workcamps, with a special focus on supporting volunteers with fewer opportunities. Our workcamps must be open for all, regardless of origin, gender, cultural and social background, economic position, education, religion and beliefs, physical and health conditions, and/or disabilities.

This TC is part of a strategic long-term vision of the A4AWG to enhance the capacities of Alliance organisations in social inclusion and accessibility.

Applicant and host of the project is ELIX - Conservation Volunteers Greece, www.elix.org.gr

Aim and objectives:

The main objectives of this TC are:

- To increase the capacities of youth workers to reach, inform and mobilise youth with fewer opportunities about volunteering initiatives,
- To increase the skills of youth workers to implement volunteering activities adapted to the target group,
- To address the challenges and fears of organisations when sending volunteers with fewer opportunities and to demonstrate that it is feasible, efficient and economically sustainable,
- To deconstruct stereotypes about this target group,
- To increase the capacities of youth workers to create partnerships with youth work organisations dedicated to social work, and not yet involved in European volunteering by creating communication tools and methodologies to reach and collaborate on the long term.

The indirect goals of this project are:

- To give the opportunity to youth with fewer opportunities, far away from school, training or work, or facing other obstacles, to retrieve a positive dynamic towards activity or employability.
- To give youth with fewer opportunities the chance to live a new experience, a break from negative habits (total inactivity, addiction, criminality).
- To develop competences valid in the professional world. (Key competences)
- To encourage and maintain a dialog between the youth and the local communities.
- To improve the volunteer's self-image, to reinforce their capacity to handle their feelings and communicate.
- To achieve positive change in the local communities and their environment.
- To increase participation of youth with fewer opportunities to civil society initiatives, and European mobility.
- To give the opportunity to youth with fewer opportunities to understand cultural differences, to enhance a positive relationship with others, to break stereotypes.
- To increase relationship between European youth and youth work organisations.

Methodology and programme :

This training course will use non formal education methodology and participative workshops. The proposed activities for the TC are:

| DAY 1 | DAY 2 | DAY 3 | DAY 4 | DAY 5 | DAY 6 | DAY 7 |
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| Arrivals | Opening Getting to know each other Team building | Defining the target group ? Stereotypes of YWFO | Group dynamics | Special cases: addiction, disabilities, etc | Long term Partnership | Departures |
| | Erasmus + and introduction | Intercultural learning and YWFO | Non violent communication | Emotion management | Future project Development | |
| | Alliance bodies and A4AWG | How to make volunteering inclusive | Preparation tools and activities of YWFO | Follow-up and Evaluation of YWFO | Future project Development | |
| | What is social inclusion | Outreaching YWFO | Conflict resolution | Institutional cooperation and advocacy | Closing and evaluation | |

Partner organisations:

Alliance of European Service Organisations

Allianssi Finland

COCAT Catalunya

CB Belgium

CONCORDIA France

Concordia UK

Egyesek Hungary

Grenzenlos Austria

GHD Turkey

ICJA & IBG Germany

INEX Czech Republic

SJ France

Partners: The call is open for partners from all Erasmus+ programme countries.

Financial Conditions:

Board, lodging, visa costs, local transports, all materials and the content of the training course are fully covered.

Participants will be in charge of arranging their own insurance for their travel and stay in Greece.

Travel costs to and from the venue (Athens, Greece) are covered according to the new Erasmus+ lump sums, Based on the travel distance per participant. Travel distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

For travel distances between:

100 - 499km: 180 EUR per participant

500 - 1999km: 275 EUR per participant

2000 - 2999km: 360 EUR per participant

Accommodation:

The accommodation will be provided in Athens. The participants will be hosted in shared rooms in the 'Hotel Exarchion, Athens, Themistokleous 55, 10683'. A very central hotel for every destination in Athens and also very close to the training center that the TC will take place.

Participation fee:

There is no extra fee for participation in the project.

How to apply:

To register, fill in the following application form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9aIXLRB6E75rjAfUd8SL9zRaIAcSbSiKDu1bgjt1jNlycA/viewform?usp=sf_link

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