Key Action 1 – Youth exchange, Erasmus+ Programme

Youth on the Edge

11th – 19th April 2015

Snina, SLOVAK REPUBLIC

INFOPACK

Erasmus+

STEP

Society for territorial progress

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A project called **Youth on the Edge** is a 9 days Mobility of young people – Youth exchange - Key Action 1 (KA1) of Erasmus+ programme. This activity will gather **42 participants** - youth leaders and youth workers, coming from **7 European countries** (Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and Turkey). Project is being realized by an experinced NGO called STEP – Society for territorial progress.

Organizer of the training course

STEP – Society for territorial progress is an association of (not only) young people, an NGO founded in 2010 from initiative of local youngsters, aimed to support rural development of Upper Zemplin region community, Slovakia and to support multicultural communication of local youngsters in various spheres of life. Since its creation, the main objective of the organization is local community interest in youth activities of cultural, education and sports.

Since its creation in 2010 STEP has implemented many international projects under the Youth in action programme, including youth exchanges, national and transnational youth initiatives and a training course based on non-formal education methods and sent more than 100 participants for a youth projects abroad. And since our organization is very active in the field of youth activities, experience of its management in these activities are the best guarantee for organizing another high quality project as this.

Aims and objectives of the training course are:

- Development of solidarity and tolerance among young people,
- Creation of awareness and knowledge development toward marginality, exclusion and discrimination issues,
- Ensuring cooperation among youth in terms of social networking for preventing exclusions,
- Creating positive impact on youth work at different levels,
- Ensuring cooperation among youth in terms of social networking for preventing exclusions.

Working methods

Our youth exchange will be based on non-formal learning process. It means that learning is based on your experience, your motivation and your needs. During the project non-formal education methods and methods, and methods that assure balance between theory and practice will be used such as: workshops, presentations, co-operative games, individual work, small discussion groups, plenary work, group dynamics, personal challenges, theoretical input.

DATES & VENUE

Arrival:	**11th of April** (morning, noon time)
Activities start:	11th of April (afternoon)
Activities end:	19th of April (morning)
Departure:	**19th of April** (noon time, afternoon)

Project will be realized in green area of Sninské Rybníky (Snina punds) in Snina town neigbourhood. We will be accommodated in hotel DRZ VIHORLAT situated right in the recreation area of Sninské rybníky. During whole period of project we will be the only people accommodated there so we will have the whole hotel for us. Behind the hotel there is a playground where which we can use for the outdoor activities. Participants will stay in 2 and 3 -bed rooms. There is a toilet and shower in every room. We would like to mix the participants in rooms together but since we don´t know how many girls and boys will be on the project, we will decide about this solution later. The staff of the hotel is willing to cook us everything we want. Of course we will keep an eye on the needs of people with allergies and vegetarians and so on. You can find additional information and pictures of the hotel on this link: http://www.jurpak.sk/fotogaleria.html

HOW TO GET TO THE VENUE

Please see attached file "**How to reach Snina**", where you will find complete information about travel to the project venue.

TRAVEL COSTS

We will reimburse **100% of participant´s travel costs** from your home town to the project venue, within the valid budget sums. (The sums for travel costs are calculated according the official rules for Erasmus+ programme, where considering the distance. All limits can be calculated according the distance calculator: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm?utm_source=ExisT+-+European+Volunteers%27+Newsletter&utm_campaign=ec3710eb6b-ExisT+Newsletter+-+Maggio+2014&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_f50d5476ea-ec3710eb6b-73540869))

Note: Travel expenses exceeding the stated costs limit will be reimbursed only till the amount of the limit, the excess will by paid by participant himself/herself.

- **80 €** per participant: **Czech Republic**
- **170 €** per participant: **Greece, Italy, Romania, Turkey**
- **270 €** per participant: **Spain**

Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of **all** (including return) **original tickets, receipts/invoices** and **boarding passes** and later sending of the return documents and boarding passes. **You must use public transport (bus, metro, tram) – taxi will not be reimbursed!**

Please keep the **boarding passes** from your airport check-in as well. Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice.

! Note: Please make the copies (better scan or take photographs) of your tickets and invoices before you will come to the training. E-mail those to us (societystep@gmail.com) as soon as you buy them. If you have tickets and invoice, make sure that you e-mailed copies of both.

WEATHER

In April weather in Snina region it is a usually warm with medium temperatures. But weather can be as nice as unforeesenable, so sometimes it can be cold and rainy during this period. We will keep you updated about the weather forecasts for the project dates.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organizers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase travel insurance.

CONTACTS

If you need help, have any questions or need further information, please contact:

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PARTNERS & PARTICIPANTS

Each partner will send **5 participants + 1 leader**

AEYB – Active European Youth Brno

Sharp Minds

Associazione di Volontariato INCREDERE

Together Romania Association

Asociación de Desenvolvemento e Acción Social-ADAS

Istanbul Kolektif Sanatlar Kultur Dernegi

Participants are expected to be:

- between 18 – 30 years old
- motivated to work directly with young people on project issues
- **able to communicate in english**
- able to attend the full duration of the project
- energetic, cheerful and creative!

PREPARATION

Intercultural night

There will be intercultural night, where every country will present its culture. Do not forget to bring some traditional music, food, drinks and other stuff representing your country and culture in some way.

YOUTHPASS

Every participant is individually entitled to receive a Youthpass Certificate, which confirms participation and validates the non-formal learning (NFL) experience of Training course project. Validating the learning experiences of participants is important in itself and the document can be of benefit in terms of the educational or employment future of the participant. Through Youthpass the European Commission ensures the Training course activity is recognized as a non-formal learning experience. For more information on Youthpass you may wish to visit https://www.youthpass.eu/en/youthpass/.

TIME / DAY	11.4.2015 1st Day SATURDAY	12.4.2015 2nd Day SUNDAY	13.4.2015 3rd Day MONDAY	14.4.2015 4th Day TUESDAY	15.4.2015 5th Day WEDNESDAY	16.4.2015 6th Day THURSDAY	17.4.2015 7th Day FRIDAY	18.4.2015 8th Day SATURDAY	19.4.2015 9th Day SUNDAY
8:30		*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*	*Breakfast*
10:00		Energizers Ice breakers	Workshop - I am excluded - how will you behave?	Sharing the best practices - marginalized youth communities		Workshop - Respect the difference	Social inclusion and Gender equality	Follow up - Let´s suggest a new project	What I have learnt?
	ARRIVALS	*Coffee break*	*Coffee break*	*Coffee break*	Trip to Košice	*Coffee break*	*Coffee break*	*Coffee break*	
		Getting to know each other	Continuation of workshop	Sharing the best practices - marginalized youth communities		Roleplays - Respect the difference	Workshop - Prepare the promotion	Follow up - Let´s suggest a new project	
13:00		*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	*Lunch*	
14:30		Common rules Fears, goals & contributions Teambuilding activities		Sharing the best practices - marginalized youth communities	Field visit of youth help centre	Presentation of outputs from workshop Respect the difference	Promotion of the project in citytown	Workshop - working on Youthpass	DEPARTURES
		Coffee break	City tour	*Coffee break*		*Coffee break*		*Coffee break*	
	Official project opening Presenting the programme	Presentation of Youthpass		Sharing the best practices - marginalized youth communities	Free time Retourn to hotel	Free afternoon Reimbursement	Return to hotel Reimbursement	Project evaluation	
18:00		Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups	Reflection groups		
19:00	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	*Dinner*	
20:30	Welcome party	Intercultural evening SLOVAKIA	Intercultural evening ITALY	Intercultural evening GREECE	Intercultural evening TURKEY	Intercultural evening ROMANIA	Intercultural evening CZECH REPUBLIC	IC SPAIN Youthpass ceremony	