“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race”

Kofi Annan

Interreligious Dialogue is defined as:

“All positive and constructive interreligious relations with individuals and Communities of faith which are directed at mutual understanding and enrichment, in obedience to truth and respect for freedom. Interreligious dialogue, also referred to as interfaith dialogue, is about people of different faiths coming to a mutual understanding and respect that allows them to live and cooperate with each other in spite of their differences. Interfaith dialogue is not just words or talk. It includes human interaction and relationships. It can take place between individuals and communities and on many levels.”

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Is religion the main cause of conflict today? Maybe we should talk.

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As we know Europe is facing with a huge emigrant problem: A lot of people are migrating from warzones in Middle East, but also from other of the World where the fleeing from poverty. Most of this people come from different cultures and religion. Unfortunately because of this, there is a lot of tension in most European countries: Racism, xenophobia and intolerance are rising among the European people.

Inter religious dialogue in youth work is one year Capacity building project with main aim: to foster the effectiveness and quality of youth work through the development of youth workers, youth leaders and NGO representatives’ competencies in the field of interfaith dialogue; to prepare youth leaders/workers how to deal with religious issues in youth work and promote dialogue among young people with different religions and believe belongings in international youth work.

Issues related to religious diversity and discrimination are becoming increasingly important in European societies: Not only is Europe becoming more diverse in religion and belief, providing a rich opportunity for intercultural understanding, but it is also an undeniable aspect in many modern-day conflicts in intercultural relations. It is important to respect the development of individual religion and belief identities and to confront prejudice and discrimination based on religious and convictional differences.

Why inter - religious dialogue is necessary?
The usage of Inter-religious dialogue can encourage unity and peace, help to improve the knowledge and skills of participants, and lead to mutual understanding. We do believe, that one thing is to read about it in literature, but totally other - try out in practice.

First training course:
Vrnjacka Banja, Serbia

General info:
36 youth workers and youth leaders from 12 country will take part in training course. This training course will give the participants the chance for individual reflection about religion, beliefs, cultural reflection about role of the religion in their country. Also they will learn more about religious dialogue. At the same time it will allow participants to share that reflection in small groups and on plenary, where they will mix with people from different countries. Overall the participants will also have a chance to interact with and listen to the inputs of experts who will connect the topic of religion to the challenges of youth work.

Project activities:
- 2 training course; December 2016 and March 2017
- Project blog/website
- 5 webinar in each partner country
- The Tool Kit for Inter religious dialogue
- Round table in each partner country
- Local training course in each partner country
- Final evaluation meeting