

Make my community a youth capital!

Study visit on exploring and sharing good practices for empowerment, participation and active citizenship of young people with special focus on non – organised youth through cooperation among youth councils, local government and youth NGOs

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The main aim of our study visit is designed by the organisational goals of project partners and the learning needs of the participants and it is to share and exchange good practices how youth workers can reach non – organised youth and motivate and involve them to be important and responsible part of the society. How can they recognise their rights and responsibilities as citizens locally and European level? How can they act as European citizens for the sake of their local community? How youth councils, local government and youth NGOs can make a successful cooperation in order to empower non – organised youth to be active, participate and be creative, find and use their opportunities as personal and professional level. Presenting good practices and exchange and invent methods and tools for involvement of non – organised youth as focusing on European Youth Capital, Cluj Napoca in 2015 by SHARE good practice project that involved successfully youth councils – local government – youth NGOs in order to make Cluj Napoca the Capital of Youth.

Learning objectives of the study visit are:

- ✓ To define who is non – organised youth;
- ✓ To share motivation and involvement strategies working with non – organised youth;
- ✓ To get familiar with the support structure of youth councils in different countries;
- ✓ To clarify the rights and responsibilities of youth council and the system how it works in different countries;
- ✓ To clarify the meaning of European citizenship and make a link to be active in the local community;
- ✓ To explore a good practice for cooperation among youth councils, local government and youth NGOs in order to support, motivate and involve non – organised youth by SHARE project of Cluj Napoca as European Youth Capital of 2015;

- ✓ To prepare projects on European citizenship according to the proposal of the programme Erasmus + with special focus on KA 1 Mobility project for young people and youth workers.

Methodology: The main element of the study visit is to visit to different youth councils and active youth NGOs and can get familiar with their motivation and involvement strategies how they reach non – organised youth. Exploring good practices from the local community and exchange and invent methods and tools for involvement of non – organised youth, with focus on Cluj Napoca European Youth Capital 2015 good practice project that involved youth councils – local government – NGOs. The study visit is based on non – formal education and absolutely learned – centred. It will be facilitated by experienced local trainer with the support of an international trainer. Methodology will provide opportunity for participants to share their experiences, challenges and realities then to invent new strategies and projects together. Some example for methods we will use: pair work, team work, brainstorming, active listening, feedback, feedforward, strategy planning, etc.

Applicant organisation:

Asociatia MIERT was established in 2002 as a result of the need of the youth from Transylvania to organize itself. The representation of the interests of the Hungarian youth from Romania is the biggest aim of MIERT. Asociatia MIERT is an umbrella organization, a platform where the Hungarian youth from Romania can have the opportunity to meet policy makers, thusly making the voice of the Hungarian youth be heard on every level of decision-making, for example, on the level of local, regional and national institutions as well as on a government level.

Asociatia MIERT is a member of numerous European youth organizations and institutions.

Openness, professionalism and cooperation are the basic principles of the organization. MIÉRT is open to every youth organization that sets as its aim to represent the interests of the Hungarian youth from Romania. Its aim is to support new initiatives, as well as to assist self-organization of youth living in areas sparsely populated by Hungarians. MIÉRT considers professionalism a priority when it comes to meet its obligations and fulfill its tasks. At the same time MIÉRT and its member organizations are willing to cooperate with organizations and institutions that play an influential role in representing youth interests.

Asociatia MIERT encourages initiatives to reveal the interests and demands of the Hungarian youth and youth organizations in Romania, it organizes forums, orders surveys and public opinion polls. Moreover, the organization assures the framework of discussing a great variety of problems with the participation of with the involved political, public and civilian forums.

Web: www.miert.ro

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In order to participate the study visit, you have to be:

- ✓ at least 18 years old and there is no upper age limit!
- ✓ enthusiastic individuals with an interest in developing soft, transferable skills and exploring new opportunities to increase their competences in a professional context.
- ✓ participant with clearly designed learning needs and expectations before applying for the study visit
- ✓ committed for personal and professional development in the field of youth empowerment and for acting together with the youth council and the local government (after the study visit all participants are expected to share their competences with their peers at local level as well to contribute to distribution of their skills inside the partner organisation)
- ✓ able to share the information about Erasmus + youth programme, and especially promote it among small youth organizations and organisations from local areas to encourage them to participate in the program.
- ✓ ready to take part in the whole study visit, learn and share experiences
- ✓ have organizational support for further youth activities in local level and international level according to the proposals of Erasmus+ programme KA1 Mobility projects for young people and youth workers;
- ✓ To be able to communicate English.

Preliminary programme:

Hours	Day 1 – 13.01.2017 Arrival day	Day 2 – 14.01.2017 Day of cooperative group building	Day 3 – 15.01.2017 Day of Groups	Day 4 – 16.01.2017 Day of Techniques	Day 5 – 17.01.2017 Day of Preparation	Day 6 – 18.01.2017 Day of Implementation	Day 7 – 19.01.2017 Day of evaluation	Day 8 – 20.01.2017 Day of our future CCC	Departure day – 21.01.2017
8.00 – 9.00		breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast	breakfast
09.30– 11.30	Arrival of participants Registration and accommodation	Get to know each others	Motivation factors in learning by youth work activities: Flow by Mihály Csikszentmihályi; Hierarchy of Needs by Maslow; ASK IF I by Madeline Hunter;	PIES principles Cooperative exercises and examples	How cooperative learning can be used in my daily youth work? Prepare a workshop for with and by young people with fewer opportunities based on their needs of competence development used by cooperative learning in youth work context	Running workshops on competence development of young people with fewer opportunities by using cooperative learning It is run by group of participants. Feedback	Evaluation of the workshops: personal learning outcomes group learning process and outcomes	Overall overview of Mobility projects for young people and youth workers	
11.30– 12.00		Coffee break				Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
12.00– 13.30		Cooperative group building				Running workshops on competence development of young people with fewer opportunities by using cooperative learning It is run by group of participants. Feedback	How can I adapt cooperation learning into my daily youth work activities?	Project proposals and partnership building	
13.30– 15.00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15.00- 16.30	Communicate, Create, Cooperate!	Intro of the training course Aim and objectives Day by day programme Expectations Learning needs	What is cooperative learning in youth work? Group types Group processing	Techniques: Team building Mastery structures Concept development structure Multifunctional structure – social skills, communication skills decision making skills and emotional intelligence of young people with fewer opportunities CCC Groups	Sightseeing Free afternoon	Running workshops on competence development of young people with fewer opportunities by using cooperative learning It is run by group of participants. Feedback	Preparation of a Manual on cooperation learning in youth work context with for and by young people with fewer opportunities based on the content and outcomes of the workshops	Fill in Youthpass certificate – dialogue space	Departure of participants
16.30 - 17.00		Coffee break	Coffee break			Coffee break		Coffee break	
17.00– 19.00	Official welcome and practicalities	Europe 2020 Strategy: Smart, Sustainable, Inclusive CCC Groups	CCC Groups			Running workshops Feedback		Evaluation of the training course	
19.00- 20.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
20.00-	Welcome evening	European evening	My Group I represent	Feedback evening	Karaoke evening	CCCafeteria	Finalising the Manual	Farewell evening	

Participating organizations: *YOPA - Fiatalok az Állampolgári Részvételért Közhasznú Egyesület - Hungary, Gruppo Informale UinEurope – Italy, Association "Youth Bureau for social services and civil initiatives" – Bulgaria, Green Spirit – Greece, Centrul pentru Cooperarea Tinerilor – Republic of Moldova, Nevladina organizacija "IUVENTA" – Serbia, IDEAL GELECEK – Azerbaijan, Armenian Progressive Youth - Armenia*

Financial conditions

The food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the organizers during the project. The travel costs are limited, the Lump Sums are defined according to the distance band used by the ErasmusPlus Programme:

Italy – 275 euro/participant	Moldova – 180 euro/participant
Bulgaria – 180 euro/participant	Serbia – 180 euro/participant
Hungary – 180 euro/participant	Armenia - 275 euro/participant
Greece – 275 euro/participant	Azerbaijan - 360 euro/participant

Travels costs will be reimbursed by bank transfer through the sending organizations AFTER the study visit.

The project team will provide an InfoPack for the participants with all the other necessary information: accomodation, travel, what to bring, wheather, currency, etc. after receiving their application forms.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me!

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Greetings,

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