

” STEP FORWARD FOR INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE ”

Training course: 11-19 April 2018

Limassol, Cyprus

Dear partners and participants,

We are glad to welcome you to the Seminar **”Step forward for interreligious dialogue”** and we are looking forward to meet you in Limassol very soon. Please, read all the provided information carefully and don't hesitate to contact us with anything related to your participation in the project.



About the project

A lot of people are migrating from war zones 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.

Why inter – religious dialogue is necessary? Why we need to engage in it? And how to do it? Europe is a multi – cultural place (we can find many nationalities, ethnicities, languages, cultures and religions there) and it is also engaging in different corporations with countries outside Europe. The usage of Interreligious 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, learn from each other and then implement the outcomes of the training course in future projects under Erasmus + program and daily work.

Objectives

Learning objectives of the project are:

- To develop knowledge and skills of participants in the field of IRD;
- To bring youth workers and leaders interested in interfaith dialogue together to explore the concepts of interfaith dialogue in Europe
- To raise interfaith qualifications and competences of participants and to encourage them to use their acquired skills for working with youth belonging to various religious backgrounds in the future
- To raise the participants' intercultural sensitivity through exploring various religion (their historical development, values and spiritual interconnectedness) as well as the principles of constructive dialogue among religions
- To bring youth organisations dealing with or interested in interfaith dialogue together in order to develop follow-up projects for young people in this field
- To raise awareness on the importance of Inter-religious dialogue among the future youth multipliers from EU countries and non-EU countries
- To develop participants knowledge about Erasmus + programme

Participants

The target groups of the project are group leaders, youth workers, volunteers who work with young people and who want to learn about or develop their skills in order to promote and launch new quality projects under the framework of the Erasmus + Programme on the topic of interreligious dialogue, tolerance, cooperation and also social inclusion in order to involve and aware the young people they are working with in their local environment.

The participants will be youth workers that are active members of the organizations of the partners involved which:

- youth workers and youth leaders active in non – formal education field;
- are willing to develop their competences in field of interreligious dialogue and share their knowledge, skills and experiences with other participants;
- are working or plan to work with multicultural groups (also different religious groups) on local, national or international level;
- would like to get practical and theoretical knowledge, how to use Inter – religious dialogue in their work;
- have already “some” experience with working with young people;
- have previous experience in intercultural activities and/or are familiar with concept of intercultural learning;
- are able to communicate in English (The official language of the training course will be English).
- are at least 18 years old;
- are motivated to be fully involved in preparation process (homework’s) and attend at least 98% of the training course.
- are motivated to take part in after training phase (evaluation, self-assessment, etc.).
- have organizational support for further activities with young people from different religious background and realize the youth project which will be invented during this training course

THE PROJECT SEMINAR WILL START AT 7:30 PM (DINNER TIME) ON APRIL 11th. PLEASE MAKE YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY !!!

Finances

The youth exchange is implemented by support of the European Commission programme ERASMUS+ and the Cyprus National Agency. Travel Expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget. We will reimburse travel costs as listed below on the basis of the *cheapest* possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc. by bank transfer after the training and the receipt of all ORIGINAL tickets, bills, invoices, receipts, boarding tags/cards etc. Following the guide lines of the Erasmus + programme the travel back must be realised by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Please, keep the original tickets in order to get money back. Till 20. March please send as your travel details.

Maximum travel costs for each participant is from home town to Limassol (Cyprus) and back:

Country	Number of persons	Costs per person
Cyprus	5	0
Serbia	4	275
Romania	3	275
Albania	3	275
Bulgaria	3	275
Spain	3	530
Kosovo	3	275
Turkey	3	275
Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	275
France	3	360

IMPORTANT: PLEASE KEEP ALL YOUR ORIGINAL TRAVEL INVOICES AND BOARDING PASSES.

Accommodation

The project will be held at Hotel Navarria (Verginas 14, Agios Tychonas, 4532 Limasol, Cyprus). This property is 3 minutes walk from the beach. Navarria is within driving distance to Amathunda ruins and 4.5 km from the city centre of Limassol. There is public transport right outside the property.

All the activities of the seminar take place in the same hotel so we have the chance to combine education with cool /relax time.

Full board: rooms with 2 beds, bathroom, toilet.

Accommodation includes all the meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.

People from the same country can not be in the same room.

During the seminar, costs for board and lodging are covered by the project. Extra expenses, such as drinks in the bar in the venue, extra days have to be paid by participants.

During the workshops there is 2 coffee break; during this break we will provide nes coffee and tea, also some sweets. This is for free for participants.

How to get there:

TRAVELLING

FROM LARNACA AIRPORT

There are 2 ways to come to the Hotel at Lemesos from Larnaca airport.

- 1) You can take a bus from the airport to Lemesos. It **costs €9** per person. The bus is just outside the airport at your left (you can see the signs). **It takes about 50 minutes** to come to Lemesos. The bus stops only in 2 points in Lemesos. You get off at the 1st stop (at Saint Rafael Bus station). You can see the timetable of the bus at www.pameaerodromio.eu

From there you have to call a taxi to take you to the hotel. The taxi can take up to 4 persons and it costs €10 for everybody. I have arrange the price and the taxi so you will not have surprises. The name of the taxi driver is Mr Leonidas and his telephone number is **00 357 99 666718**. I will tell him to wait for your call and when you call him tell him that you are my guests for the Navarria Hotel. It takes 5-10 minutes to the hotel.

Also you can take a public bus (number 30) direction to city center and it cost 2euro. You can pay the bus driver. Ask him to get off at Armonia Café. Navaria Hotel is 2 minutes walk.

- 2) The other way is that if you want we can arrange you the same taxi to take you from the airport directly to the hotel. The taxi can takes 4 persons and the cost is €50 during the day and €60 at night.

FROM PAFOS AIRPORT

There are 2 ways to come to the Hotel at Lemesos from Pafos airport.

- 1) You can take a bus from the airport to Lemesos. It **costs €9** per person. The bus is just outside the airport opposite the exit (you can see the signs). **It takes about 50 minutes** to come to Lemesos. The bus stops only in 2 points in Lemesos. You get off at the 1ststop (at Saint George Bus Station). You can see the timetable of the bus at www.pameaerodromio.eu

From there you have to call a **taxi** to take you to the hotel. The taxi can take **up to 4 persons** and it **costs €13** for everybody. I have arrange the price and the taxi so you will not have surprises. The name of the taxi driver is Mr Leonidas and his telephone number is **00 357 99 666718**. I will tell him to wait for your call and when you call him tell him that you are my guests for the Navarria Hotel. It takes 5-10 minutes to the hotel.

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If you have any question please contact us and we will help you get out of any inconvenience.

In any case, please send us as fast as possible before your departure an e-mail and inform us about your arrival time in Limassol.

Food

The provided food (3 meals a day) may differ from the food you are used to from home.

However, we will try our best to accommodate your needs and dietary requirements. Please make sure, you indicate any special needs in the application form!

What to bring

Insurance - Travel Insurance

- To prepare **presentation** about reality in your country about topics of religious diversity and inter-religious dialogue. Can be done in any way, just be creative, make something interesting for others. Of course, Power Points are welcome

- **About your NGO** - During seminar will be a informal opportunities to present your NGOs' work. We fully encourage you to bring as much – relevant – materials as possible. Very useful is:

- To bring information in English language about your organization
- To bring other relevant information about your previous international projects you have organized
- To bring pictures, posters, leaflets and booklets of your NGO related to independent living

- To bring necessary things for representing your country, because we will have **intercultural evenings** and this mean that you will have your own space (around 15 min) to present your traditions, cultures or whatever you think represent your country to whole group. Try to make something interactive for people, make them participate, try to show culture but please, don't play long videos from Youtube because this is something we can do at home, we would like to really experience your country in live ;-)

- And for sure, don't forget to bring food & drinks from your countries!!

-Good Mood

-your swimwear (hotel has a 25m swimming pool and is 200m from the beach)

Money

The domestic currency is the Euro.

If you have any questions concerning your participation or need additional information please feel free to contact us anytime !!!

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SEE YOU SOON IN LIMASSOL