

TRAINING COURSE

## “Youth Academy2017”

Berlin, Germany

30.03 – 07.04.2017

Info Pack

**Dear Partners,**

We are glad to welcome you to the Training course “Youth Academy2017” and we are looking forward to meet you in Berlin 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 Organizer**

The Central Council of Serbs in Germany eV (ZSD) invites all interested Serbian applicants of about 750,000 from all parts of former Yugoslavia who are living in the Federal Republic of Germany to discuss about socio-political issues, the situation of Serbs abroad and to formulate positions and develops solutions for all problems and Life situations.

At the same time the ZSD continues the preservation of the Serbian language, Culture and the Serbian tradition among the Serbian immigrants in Germany as an essential condition for the creation of a multicultural society.

Most Serbs immigrated to Germany as "guest workers". They already live here in second or third generation. From the very beginning Serbian migrants have started organizing different Serbian organizations and associations. Some of these associations existed for 40 years. During the civil wars of the 1990s in the former Yugoslavia, most Serbian associations withdrew from public life and they did not succeed to enter into a dialogue with the majority of the society. ZSD Foundation in Hamburg tries to overcome the absence and to make the Serbs feel perceptible again in Germany. The biggest responsibility of ZSD is to encourage the Serbian migrant organizations in the years of reconstruction and empower the local structures of the majority society to work together. Furthermore, ZSD attempt to the generational change in the Serbian to accompany migrant organizations and intercultural in the associations for more Opening referencing. The construction is still ongoing at national, regional and local levels.

## Description of the project

"**Youth Academy2017**" is a training course which will take place from **30<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Berlin, Germany**. The project "**Youth Academy2017**" aims to support the quality development of non-formal education activities in the youth work through the development of competences of youth workers for preparing and implementing workshops, trainings, seminars and similar activities organized for youth on local and international level with special focus on human rights and minority issues.

With this project, we expect youth workers to be able to initiate, develop, prepare, run and evaluate an independent non-formal education youth activity and be able to include in it specific target group of young people with minority backgrounds.

Training trainers is important for capacity of organizations and their programs, taking in consideration that trainers are people with experience in certain field with competences to share that experience with other people. Training youth workers to become trainers is raising capacity not only of individuals, but their organizations, communities and society in general. The objective of this training course is to provide learning opportunity in an intercultural setting for youth workers interested to gain competences for being trainers in workshops, trainings, seminars and similar activities organized for youth on local and international level on various topics according to the specific needs of their target groups of youngsters and needs of community and society in general. In cooperation with our partners, based on needs of youth organizations across Europe, we will share our knowledge and experiences on cooperative learning and its techniques and structures and adapt it into youth work with our diverse target groups in order to provide innovative, efficient and effective youth non-formal education activities on competence, knowledge and attitudes development.

## Objectives

- Provide participants with set of practical skills and attitudes for future youth work;
- Empower participants, future youth workers, to actively work with specific target group of young people;
- Raise capacities of youth workers to prepare and implement NFE activities where young people with different possibilities and different background will work together for better understanding among them and for stronger impact on society;
- Provide participants with competences to be able to work individually or in teams as presenters, facilitators and trainers;
- Introduce participants with different learning styles and different approaches in learning;
- Increase participants understanding of other cultures and countries;
- Empower participants to work on different topics in youth work
- Promote Erasmus plus as a tool and platform to work with youth with fewer opportunities (cultural differences, economical obstacles, social obstacles) and reach and enable active participation of excluded groups of young people;

### Profile of the participants:

Participants will be 24 youth workers from *Germany (6), Serbia(6), Romania(3), Bulgaria(3), Turkey(3) and Austria(3)*. Each partner will select 3 participants. Each partner will select the participants according to the following criteria:

- at least 18 years old;
- Staff (Youth worker, youth leader, social worker) who are directly working with young people who are having different cultural backgrounds;
- Youth worker and youth leader active in non-formal education field, special human rights, minority;
- Are working or plan to work with multicultural groups on local, national or international level;
- Have already some experience with working with marginalised youth, minority, specific target groupe etc. ;
- Young people with fewer opportunities representing local youth organisations, having experience of participating at least one international youth project supported by youth programme of European Commission;
- Able to convey their experience and knowledge;
- Able to communicate in the English language (The official language of the TC will be English);
- Highly motivated to engage in project-related topics;
- Able to implement and share/expand project results into their local community ;
- Participating in the entire implementation of the project (at least 98% of TC);

**Within the priorities of Erasmus+ program we encourage you to include at least 1 participant with fewer economic, geographic obstacles and cultural differences.**

### Finances

The Training Course is implemented by support of the European Commission programme ERASMUS+ and the German National Agency. Travel Expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget.

### Transport cost

<u>Country</u>	<u>Organizations</u>	<u>Travel Grant per participant</u>	<u>Number of participants</u>
<b>Germany</b>	Zentralrat der Serben in Deutschland e.V.	0.00	3 (+3)
<b>Serbia</b>	EUROPEAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS	275.00	3 (+3)
<b>Bulgaria</b>	Association „WalkTogether“	275.00	3
<b>Romania</b>	<i>Asociatia Tinerilor cu Initiativa Civica</i>	275.00	3
<b>Turkey</b>	Ankara Youth Workers Association	360.00	3
<b>Austria</b>	Be-Education, Equality, Sustainability (BEES)	275.00	3

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

### Accommodation

The project will be held at Schwanenwerder Gästehaus (Rico Thielsch, Inselstraße 20-22, 14 129 Berlin, Germany)

For more info check: <http://www.schwanenwerder.gfbm.de/>

### 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!



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## What to bring

Zentralrat der Serben  
in Deutschland  
Централни савет Срба  
у Немачкој



**Insurance** - Travel Insurance (For participants from EU countries the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is advised!)

- To bring necessary things for representing your country, because we will have **intercultural evenings** and this means that you will have your own space (around 15 min) to present your traditions, cultures or whatever you think represent your country to the 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

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

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