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## Introduction

This Training Course will offer an opportunity to the partners involved to reflect on issues which are common to all countries coming from the EU/Meda region. The training course will thus focus mainly on three issues;

1. Inter-cultural dialogue enhanced through intercultural communication
2. Inclusion and young people in EU / Meda region within a European context
3. Project Management and active participation of young people in an innovative and creative way

This training will result in opportunities to actively participate; thus stimulating initiative, innovation and entrepreneurship. Therefore, the event shall generate an environment to support partner's capacity building in the region on topics of inclusion and intercultural communication. It will be run over 5 days and will see 30 participants coming from 10 different countries from all over the Mediterranean namely; Malta, Greece, Croatia, Spain, Italy, Palestine, Tunisia, Egypt, Turkey and Morocco

Simulation, role- playing, Workshops, discussion and hand on / practical session will be taking place during the training course.

## For whom is this Training course?

This training course is targeted for youth workers, youth leaders and young people (18+) that are interested to learn more about intercultural dialogue and inclusion.

## Profile of Participants

The training course is designed for those who are directly involved in their organization on a local level and would like to start networking on an international level. The characteristics needed for the selected participants are;

- Interested to know more about intercultural learning
- Have the capabilities to apply what he/she learns in the local organization
- Interested to work on the network created during the training course
- Interested to create project within ERASMUS+ framework
- Open minded
- Young at heart

## Aims and Objectives

The main aims and objectives of this training course are to;

- 1) Promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular
- 2) develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union
- 3) foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries; The training will tackle Intercultural learning on an individual and group level to ensure that the participants will go into depth in the subject
- 4) contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society organizations in the youth field; As individual participants will learn more about intercultural communications, how to deal with conflict, how to improve the quality of youth work implemented on a National and European level. All this will increase the capabilities of the individuals

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enabling them to transfer the knowledge, attitudes and skills in their local and European realities when working with young people.

- 5) Increase the participation of young people
- 6) Promote cultural diversity; the nature of the training course is a melting pot of cultures coming from the EUROMED region. The participants will learn about each other's cultures. They will come to understand that although there are deep rooted differences, these differences can enrich our experience rather than being a point of friction and conflict. Thus, this training course aims at making the participants appreciate cultural diversity and celebrate it and therefore building on the values of the European Union which stresses that in diversity lies our unity.
- 7) Promote inclusion; The training will specifically tackle inclusion through specific session which will lead participants to reflect on the situation in their country and in their own personal lives.



### What about Malta?

Malta is a tiny Island with a lot of history which goes back thousands of years (<http://www.visitmalta.com/>). Malta is also well known for its beautiful shores and kindness of the people (I hope you would agree with this statement after the training course as well).

The climate is not too cold in winter and piping hot in summer. In October – We can expect anything from Sun to a bit of a rain, but with an average temperature of 20 degrees. Malta although small in its size we are proud to have our own unique language (which is Semitic in its roots but influences by Italian, French and English), we also speak English as well, so don't worry, you don't need to learn Maltese!!

### Practicalities

(This will be communicated to you later on once we book the hotel/hostel)

### Costs

This training course is co-financed by Youth in Action programme. Therefore 70% of the travelling and accommodation and Visa costs are covered by the Youth in Action programme. As a participant you have to pay 30% of the travelling. By Travelling we mean, Buses, Trains, Flights and any transport you might take to arrive from home in your country to the hotel in Malta. Please note that only the cheapest option will be reimbursed, therefore no 1<sup>st</sup> class tickets please!!! **Choose your cheapest viable option to get from home to Malta in Time.** You have to make your travelling arrangements yourselves!! **IMP!! Keep any receipts/tickets/boarding passes you might have since we cannot reimburse any tickets if we are not given these documents!!**

Should you wish to spend more time in Malta this is possible but you would have to cover the accommodation costs since the Youth in Action Programme covers only costs related to the duration of the project.

### Intercultural Eve

If you already took part in a Training course you might be aware what intercultural Evening is... If this is your first time I will explain. It is a tradition that on one of the evenings during the training course; all the participants gather together and present food and drinks which they bring with them from their country. Therefore this is a polite invitation for you to get some goodies from your country for the rest of us to try out!!!...apart from the food you might also get some information (posters, postcards, leaflets etc...) about your home country for us to appreciate...who knows maybe we will come and visit you one day!!

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Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Arrivals	Official Welcome	Barnga!	Who would you live with? + The 7 types of exclusion	The Ladder of Participation + The Power of NFE	Get SMART!	Departures
	Ice Breakers & Common Grounds					
	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	Coffee Break	
	Hopes, Fears and Expectations	Barnga! Continued	The reality in my country ...	Erasmus+ and Youthpass Explained	Works in Progress ...	
	Introduction to Programme					
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	The Island of Monomulti					
	The Island of Monomulti – Debriefing	Getting Immersed	My personal experience ...	Let's Get Going!	My Factor!	
	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
Welcome and Ice-Breakers	NGO Fair	Intercultural Evening	Mdina by Night	Free Evening	Farewell Party	

