



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME
Key action 1 - Learning Mobility of Individuals

KALEIDOSCOPE

Youth work and innovative methods to work with young people

GENERAL BACKGROUND

Lunaria has been active in the last 12 years in the enhancement of **youth work** as a tool to promote intercultural learning, active citizenship, volunteering, social inclusion, anti-racism and gender equality. For this reason the association has been developed the mobility sector, implementing numerous activities focused on youth work as, for example, international training courses and youth exchanges at national, European and International level.

Youth work is a broad term covering a wide variety of activities of a social, cultural and educational level, done with and for young people, in groups or individually. Youth Work, apart its diversity and specificity across and within member States, generally enhances diversity and can contribute to equality, sustainable development, intercultural understanding, social cohesion, civic participation, democratic citizenship and the upholding of the values of human rights.

The work with young people, done with a grass-rooted perspective based on the daily challenges of the societies where they live, facilitates the young people's active participation and inclusion in their communities and in decision making. For this reason we believe that the primary function of youth work is to motivate and support young people to find and pursue constructive pathways in life, thus contributing to enhance their personal and social development in society and at large.

In order to facilitate these outcomes, youth work should create an enabling environment, inclusive, creative and safe where young people can learn and growth. It should be marked by accessibility, openness and flexibility and at the same time promote dialogue between young people and the rest of society.

In this perspective we believe that Youth Work should:

- ✓ contributes to young people's **autonomy, critical thinking and well-being**, encouraging the sense of belonging and strengthening their capacity to take decisions;
- ✓ promotes the development of **various skills** such as creativity, critical thinking, leadership and conflict management;
- ✓ develops **young people's competences**, supports a positive and purposeful passage in a challenging and transitional period to adulthood, ensuring their personal and civic development;
- ✓ ensures **the life-long learning process** of young people, developing on-minded approaches, flexibility and the openness toward differences.

Youth Work is based on non-formal and informal learning processes focused on young people and on voluntary participation. For this reason, and in this perspective, Lunaria uses in its projects targeted to youth workers and then to young people participative methods and tools within the non formal education - NFE framework.

Indeed this choice is set to ensure the:

- ✓ **personal empowerment:** though self-esteem raising, development of the self confidence, competences and skills development;
- ✓ **flexibility:** responding to the different learning needs and styles, being learner-centred, contextualized and based on the promotion of participatory approaches;
- ✓ **horizontal cooperation:** facilitators and experts creating a shared learning path with participants and trainees, encouraging the exchange of knowledge.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

DATES OF THE PROJECT: 18/05/2018 – 17/08/2019

DURATION: 15 months

PROJECT FOCUS: youth work and participative methods within the NFE framework to enhance inclusion, participation and involvement of young people and of those at risk of exclusion.

AIM: to develop tools and working methods, among youth workers and trainers, to further promote the active participation and inclusion of young people and young people with fewer opportunities, in Europe.

More specifically the project foreseen to facilitate the access to youth work knowledge and resources at European, national, regional and local levels, to further support the exchange of youth work practices and peer learning.

As direct outcome we expect the creation of a sustainable informal network of facilitators with different profiles and expertise and the development of interactions among partners organizations. It will consequently strength the capacity of youth work to respond to the changes and trends in our society and the emerging challenges faced by young people.

KALEIDOSCOPE Youth work and innovative methods to work with young people, is a pilot project, including four strategic actions with the following specific objectives:

TRAINING COURSE – TC Youth Work and Innovative Methods:

- ✓ to **share and map the existing methods** youth workers and organizations are using in the different European countries;
- ✓ to reflect on learning within the youth work and to develop a **pedagogical approach** based on a common vision and values to then enhance the active participation of young people;
- ✓ to provide youth workers and trainers with new **competences** and innovative **methods** to better reach young people, youth at risk of exclusion and preventing violent radicalisation of young people.

ADVANCED PLANNING VISIT - APV:

- ✓ to **gather the future group leaders of the two Youth Exchanges - YEs** in order to prepare the upcoming steps, run the logistic check, develop the final agendas and select the working methods to apply during the two YEs.

YOUTH EXCHANGES – YE Kaleidoscope of Experiences 1 and 2:

- ✓ to reach out young people in general and marginalised youth to promote **exchange, understanding, intercultural learning** and promoting diversity, equality and the respect of human rights;
- ✓ to raise awareness among young people on **sensitive topics** as: active citizenship, volunteering, social inclusion, anti-racism, gender, human rights and sustainability;
- ✓ to make them **experimenting new participative tools** to afterwards raise awareness among groups of peers on the **sensitive topics they have discovered**, through workshops and other actions.

TARGET GROUP

TRAINING COURSE - TC: youth workers and trainers, interested in sharing and developing new working methods to promote the active participation and inclusion of young people.

YOUTH EXCHANGES: young people and youth at risk of exclusion (aged between 18 - 25).

GENDER-SENSITIVE APPROACH: a gender-sensitive approach will be applied all along the whole project, as well as while selecting the candidates for the different actions, ensuring gender diversity within the group.

GENERAL REMARK: the project is structured in a chronological perspective and includes two internal follow up which are the two YEs. For this reason, some of the TC participants will be involved as follow:

- ✓ **Youth Exchange – November 2018:** they will support their sending organizations (the ones involved in the Youth Exchange taking place in November) in the youth group preparation and in the pre-departure activities. They could also join the YE as group leaders and lead some of the workshops.
- ✓ **Youth Exchange – March 2019:** they will support their sending organizations (the ones involved in the Youth Exchange taking place in March) in the youth group preparation and in the pre-departure activities. They could also join the YE as group leaders and lead some of the workshops.
- ✓ **Advanced Planning Visit – September 2018:** the future group leaders of the organizations involved in the youth exchange of November 2018 and in the one of March 2019, will jointly participate in the Advance Planning Visit in Italy to prepare the two YEs. In the same time, for the TC participants not directly involved in the Youth Exchanges we expect they will be actively involved by their organizations in new non formal education activities, as workshops and trainings run at local and national level.

The participation is compulsory to ensure continuity in the pedagogical approach and the learning process. Please, consider this before applying for the TC.

METHODOLOGY

The whole project will be based on participative and interactive methodologies within the **non formal education – NFE** framework, promoting:

- ✓ flexibility, being learner-centred, contextualized and based on the promotion of participatory approaches;
- ✓ horizontal cooperation, where facilitators and experts create a shared learning path with participants and trainees, encouraging the exchange of knowledge;
- ✓ personal empowerment through self-esteem raising, development of the self-confidence, competences and skills development.

It will be proposed a **learning by doing approach**, where in each activity, the specific objectives will allow to better target the action and to ensure a coherent learning process.

Furthermore there will be the possibility to **re-adapt the methods** during the process, taking into account the needs of participants and of the different actors involved. This decision due to the need of giving flexibility to the learning experience, encouraging the different learning approaches and the activation of the individual skills.

TIMELINE OF THE ACTIONS

DATES	ACTIVITY - LOCATION
STARTING DATE OF THE PROJECT: 18/05/2018	
12 th July 2018: arrival day 13th – 18th July 2018 (6 days) 19 th July 2018: departure day	TRAINING COURSE: YOUTH WORK AND INNOVATIVE METHODS Casa Laboratorio il Cerquosino, Morrano, Orvieto (TR) ITALY
05 th September 2018: arrival day 06th – 07th September 2018 (2 days) 08 th September 2018: departure day	ADVANCED PLANNING VISIT Tenuta Sant'Antonio, Poggio Mirteto Scalo (RT), ITALY
31 st October 2018: arrival day 01st – 08th November 2018 (8 days) 09 th November 2018: departure day	YOUTH EXCHANGE: KALEIDOSCOPE OF EXPERIENCES 1 Tenuta Sant'Antonio, Poggio Mirteto Scalo (RT), ITALY
23 rd March 2018: arrival day 24th – 31st March 2019 (8 days) 01 st April 2019: departure day	YOUTH EXCHANGE: KALEIDOSCOPE OF EXPERIENCES 2 Tenuta Sant'Antonio, Poggio Mirteto Scalo (RT), ITALY
ENDING DATE OF THE PROJECT: 17/08/2019	

VENUES

The project will be hosted in two different venues:

TRAINING COURSE VENUE: Casa Laboratorio il Cerquosino, Morrano Orvieto (TR), ITALY
 Website: www.cerquosinoartemide.org Facebook: @Cerquosino Artemide

APV and YEs VENUE: Tenuta Sant'Antonio, Poggio Mirteto (RI), ITALY
 Website: www.tenuta-santantonio.it/sabina/ Facebook: @Tenuta.S.Antonio.Official.Page

Before submit your expression of interest, please, be sure you checked the information concerning the venues. Then further logistic information will be given in the Infosheet sent one month before the beginning of the project.

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED and NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

ORGANIZATION	COUNTRY	N. PARTICIPANTS TRAINING COURSE July 2018	N. PARTICIPANTS APV September 2018	N. PARTICIPANTS YOUTH EXCHANGE November 2018	N. PARTICIPANTS YOUTH EXCHANGE March 2019
LUNARIA	ITALY	5	1	7+1 (group leader)	6+2 (group leader)
CONCORDIA	FRANCE	4	1		6+1 (group leader)
UNIVERSITUR	ROMANIA	3	1		6+1 (group leader)
UTILAPU	HUNGARY	2	1	6 + +1 (group leader)	
EQUA	SPAIN	4	1	7+2 (group leader - accompanying person)	
RÖNESANS ENSTITÜSÜ DERNEĞİ	TURKEY	3	1		6+1 (group leader)
BREAK THE BORDERS	GREECE	4	1	6 + +1 (group leader)	

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

TRAVEL COSTS FOR TRAINING COURSE – APV – YOUTH EXCHANGES	
TRAVEL DISTANCE BAND	AMOUNT
for travel distances between 10 and 99 KM	20,00€ per participant
for travel distances between 100 and 499 KM	180,00€ per participant
for travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM	275,00€ per participant
FOOD AND LODGEMENT COSTS - ALL THE ACTIONS	
covered by the coordinating organization at 100%by the project	

GENERAL REMARK

ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURES

The eligibility starting date of the project is the 17/05/2018. All the expenditures occurred before this date are not considered formally eligible and cannot be refunded.

TRAVEL COSTS AND REFUNDS

The travel distance included in the E-Form budget is calculated accordingly to the main office location of partner organizations and using the Travel Distance Calculator of the EACEA. This amount is the maximum that can be refunded.

The travel costs, anticipated by participants, are refunded upon the presentation of all the travel documents in originals, up to the maximum specified in the tables above "AMOUNT per person" and accordingly to the travel documents and invoices received by Lunaria. In the case the travel costs beard will exceed this amount, the amount refunded will correspond to the one fixed in the application form, as approved by the Italian National Agency.

We will refund all the participants after the end of the action, upon the presentation of the travel documents, once we receive all the tickets and airplane boarding passes A/R in original. Normally the refund process can take, approximately 6 months.

The refunds will be done directly to the sending organizations bank account, not to the participant's bank accounts.