

International Training Course Peers to Peers (P2P)

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The training course "Peers to Peers" (P2P) took place in Klodzko Land/ Poland on 10th-16th October, 2016 and involved 29 participants from 26 organizations from nine different EU countries - Croatia, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Romania, Poland, Czech Republic - and Turkey. It was intended to raise awareness among stakeholders to the problems that young people with fewer opportunities face in their day-to-day life and to discuss possible solutions based on the principles of tolerance and cooperation.



Our project was consistent with the objectives of the Erasmus+ Programme, in particular with the objectives of Action 1 "Learning Mobility of Individuals" - increase the professional competences of youth workers; - allow the youth workers to understand the broader youth education system in different countries; - increase the ability to create change in terms of modernization and openness to the international community and learning centers; - improving the quality of the work and efforts of volunteers; - increase the understanding of social, linguistic and cultural sensitivity and improve on it; - support and promote activities in the field of mobility of persons; -provide opportunities for professional development; - increase the ability to act at EU level; - enhance cooperation with partners from other countries; - improve the quality of the preparation, implementation, monitoring and follow-up of international projects; - improve working methods for the volunteers.

During the week, both theoretical and practical aspects of the project P2P were discussed and taken in consideration, coming up with thoughtful conclusions.

Different methods and approaches like integration games, workshops, brainstorming, audiovisual materials and lectures, posters, experiments and study cases were used to help on structure, organize and exchange ideas.

The participants were challenged to create joint projects in various areas such as EVS, Youth Exchange, Training Courses, etc, involving different partners from multiple countries and from the sending, hosting and coordinating points of view. They were also challenged to think about the problems the organizations can face with the different volunteers and situations - language struggles, unexpected health problems, lack of motivation, problematic cooperations, participants who don't fit the projects, early-leavers,



innappropriate facilities, participants who can't work in teams, geopolitical problems, etc.



They learned how to build and structure an Activity Agreement, what is the role of the mentor and the eight key competencies: mathematical competencies, communication in mother and foreign language, social and civic competencies, intercultural learning, digital competencies, learning to learn, sense of initiative and entrepreneurship. Together, in a brainstorming session, a list of the concepts involved in the definition of a participant with fewer opportunities was created.

Because this year marks the 20th anniversary of the European Voluntary Service, there was a brief presentation demonstrating the impact that this program has on both volunteers and communities where they are carried out, on the improvement of several personal skills and on the awareness for EU values like tolerance and equal opportunities for everyone.



The outcome of the training course was definitely attained as the stakeholders became more aware of the problems that youngsters with fewer opportunities face as well as the whole process of creating a project from scratch.

This was the perfect chance for the organizations to exchange ideas, tips and overall knowledge, opening doors to future cooperations.

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