

ERASMUS+ Project

Youth discovering Sustainable Lifestyles

Networking Meeting to create Youth Exchanges

13-17 November, 2017

COMMITMENTS OF PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

The partner organisations commit to choosing the appropriate number of participants according to the criteria set out below. Make sure your participants are really committed to actually showing up, to participating fully and to use what they have learned for their own work after they come back.

If one of your participants steps back, you need to find a replacement. In case a participant gets ill right before the event and cannot travel, he or she is required to get a medical certificate. In that case, we do not lose the grant for this person because the EU accepts it as a case of force majeure.

Participants need to book their own travel and get reimbursed after the event once we have received their participants report, travel receipts and the signatures we need. If this precludes a person from participating, we can find a different arrangement, please contact me.

The partners are requested to help spread information about this project, e.g. by posting articles on your website, facebook page or in your newsletter, informing your members etc. Please make sure you let me know how you disseminated information about the project.

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

We would like to **finalize the selection process until the end of August**, if possible.

These are the **selection criteria** we committed to in the project application:

Participants all have a strong background in working with young people, in the form of informal learning activities or volunteering.

- the relevance of the event for the work of the participant and the work of the organisation
- interest and intention to participate in future youth exchange projects
- reasonably good English speaking skills,
- commitment to share the outcomes of the event in the partner organisation (and its network),
- gender balance,
- high level of motivation,
- representation of experienced and younger youth workers.

Please make sure your chosen participants fit this profile. The National Agency pointed out to us that they expect us to choose people who are close to the partner organisations and actually *will* organise youth exchanges in the future so the project has a good multiplying effect.

Some of our partners informed us that they want to send participants facing economic obstacles. They will send that usually cannot afford to travel internationally to a training or to pay for a professional training, people on low income, unemployed etc. Others have committed to sending participants facing geographic obstacles, coming from remote rural areas.

Here are the numbers of participants per country. The number of disadvantaged participants may be higher than the actual number of places if you requested more places initially and the number was reduced during the application process. What counts is the column number of places:

Partner	No of places	No of disadvant.
Freundeskreis Ökendorf e.V.	5	2 econ
Preplet, Slovenia	3	2 econ
RIE	3	2 econ, 2 geo
New Dawn	1	0
AMA, Serbia	4	3 econ, 1 geo
RIVE	2	3 econ, 1 geo

Partner	No of places	No of disadvant.
SKEY	2	1 econ, 1 geo
GEN NL	2	2 econ, 1 geo
Hameau de Buis/ Colibris	4	2 econ
GEN international	1	0
Greece	2	2

NEXT STEPS

Please send me the email addresses of your participants. I will then let them know how to register (the EU collects some personal data) and I will then send them some practical information about the training and travel information.

If you cannot find enough participants please let me know asap. Maybe in other countries there is more demand and it can be solved.

SUMMARY FOR PARTICIPANTS

This is a networking event for youth workers who would like to create youth exchanges. We will brainstorm ideas for projects and work on the most promising ones in small groups creating a project development plan with concrete steps to follow from when we get home to the actual application.

We will also explain how the program works for those who are new in this field. To read more about youth exchanges, follow this [link](#).

The EU grant covers food and accommodation at the venue as well as the training itself. There is a travel grant that may or may not be quite enough to cover real costs so you might need to top it up.

It takes place November 13-17 in [Sieben Linden](#), Germany, and you are required to be there for the entire duration. Arrival day is November 12 with the training starting after dinner, departure day is November 17.