



CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE
“Social inclusion of Minorities through HRE”

Date: 11th-19th May 2019
Venue: Struga, North Macedonia

Context of the training

In recent years, a phenomenon that Europe has been facing is the rise of intolerance, hate, extremism, even violent attacks based on ethnical base. In contrast the negative political populism is also growing. In such political polarization, young people especially those with minority and migrant backgrounds are the most vulnerable. These appearances make even more complicated the social political inclusion of the migrants and minorities. Many reports, including the latest finding of FRA – Fundamental Rights Report 2018, are reflecting on the widespread socio-economic disadvantages of these groups of young people. Minority are victims of numerous and varied human rights violation.

When issues of discrimination and identity development are coupled with factors such as fewer educational opportunities, limited access to social rights, some migrants and ethnic minority youth face a dual degree of vulnerability that places them at greater risk for negative outcomes. Lack of education leads to denial of civil and political rights, including rights to freedom of movement and freedom of expression, and limits participation in the cultural, social and economic life and in public affairs.

Methodology

The method we will use is Human Rights Education using manuals such as COMPASS(new edition),T-Kit-Social Inclusion etc. Groups work, brainstorming, wall writing, association game, discussion, fish bowl, debate, case studies, drama, role playing, simulation, audiovisual techniques, forum theatre are the methods which will be use. The TC tends to raise the participant's awareness in the field of human rights of minority young people and develop their competencies in advocacy for minority HRE at local and national level and ability to transfer the theoretical knowledge in concrete actions bringing positive social change into the local cocontext.

Aim and Objectives

The aim of the project is combat the human rights violation, prevent radicalization towards migrants and minorities by building capacities of youth workers and multiplier on Human Right Education, Diversity and Tolerance.

Objectives:

- To increase participants knowledge about: HRE, social exclusion, intercultural dialogue and tolerance in youth work with migrants and minority people in order to prevent radicalization and human rights violations
- To be aware of importance of cultural diversity on local, regional and international level and to develop skills and attitudes to motivate and actively involve migrant and minorities in human rights youth projects as preventing radicalization
- To develop practical competencies in Non Formal Education-specifically in HRE methods with migrant and minority people
- To develop a strong network and possibly plan for future cooperation focusing on cultural diversity and active participation of migrant and minorities in order to prevent radicalization.

Profile of the Participants:

- Age 18 +
- Youth workers, youth leaders, activists;
- Able to work in English;
- Willing to share the new knowledge with the members of his/her organization once he/she gets back, act as multipliers;
- Active learners, available for the whole duration of the course and ready to share their experience and knowledge;
- Motivated to take an active part in all the stages of the training course.

Project participation fee is 20 Euro to be paid at the training course.

Costs and Accommodation

The organizers cover the costs for accommodation, board and any program-related costs. Travel costs are reimbursed during the seminar or afterwards by bank transfer based on a fully presented travel reimbursement claim (flight bookings, boarding tickets, invoices, bus/train tickets), based on the cheapest means and up to a certain amount:

Country	Max Amount
Germany	275
Georgia	275
Greece	275
Hungary	275
Moldova	275
Poland	275
Romania	275
Albania	20
Serbia	180
Macedonia	180
Azerbaijan	360
Slovakia	275
Ukraine	275
Kosovo	180

The Training course will be held at the [hotel Ambient](#), Struga, North Macedonia.

Address : Hotel Ambient Plitishta,
30 Struga 6330
Republic of Macedonia

Participants will be accommodated in 2 and 3 bed rooms. No single rooms will be provided. Hotel Ambient is 10 min. by walk away from the both bus station in Struga. Martinovski is a travel company that serves in direction Skopje-Struga-Skopje. They use their office as a bus station. Their office is exactly behind the cross road. When you will get out from the any of the two bus stations, you will see the cross road shown bellow. You should take the direction to CAFASAN. The Hotel AMBIENT is 5 min. walk from the left side. If you can not menage to find it, you can rich it by taxi which would costs 50-60 MKD no more, which is less than 1€ . Ask the taxi driver for the price before to get in the car. The taxi is not eligible for reimbursement.

HOW TO GET TO STRUGA FROM SKOPJE

After you arrive to Skopje bus station, you can take bus to Struga.

Bus schedule line for Skopje-Struga (app. 3 h journey):

Departure time	Travel agency	Return Way ticket	Arrival time
05:30	ВАКЧАРЕ-СТРУГА	730 den.	09:10
07:00	МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА	750 den.	10:00
08:00	ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА	750 den.	11:00
08:30	МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА	750 den.	11:30
11:00	ЕУРО БУС СТРУГА	800 den.	14:00
12:30	ВАКЧАРЕ-2-СТРУГА	730 den.	16:20
12:50	МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА	780 den.	15:30
13:15	ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА	800 den.	16:30
14:00	ДОКО-ТРАНС-СТРУГА	630 den.	16:45
14:30	ВАКЧАРЕ-2-СТРУГА	730 den.	18:15
15:45	ВАКЧАРЕ-СТРУГА	730 den.	19:00
16:00	ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА	730 den.	19:05
16:10	МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА	780 den.	19:00
17:30	ВАКЧАРЕ-2-СТРУГА	730 den.	21:15
19:00	МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА	780 den.	21:45
20:00	КЛАСИК КОМПАНИ	630 den.	22:50
21:00	ЕУРОЛИНИЈА-СТРУГА	750 den.	23:50
22:00	МАРТИНОСКИ-СТРУГА	750 den.	01:25

Application procedure

All interested applicants must to fill out the online [Application form](#) until 12th (Friday) April 2019.

Travel reimbursement

All participants should arrive in the hotel Ambient in Struga during the whole day on Saturday 11th May and depart on Sunday 19th May 2019.

Reimbursement will be done on a spot or via bank transfer after the receipt of all travel documents including boarding passes. The tickets should be sent immediately after the activity.

Further Rules regarding the booking of the tickets and reimbursement:

- The selected participants choose flight connections and send them to us or via the partners for confirmation. *Please don't book any tickets without our confirmation.*
- Only the cheapest tickets will be reimbursed. We will not cover tickets with the deviation from the direct route, extra unnecessary stops and layovers. We don't cover seat reservation fees, leisure plus tickets, flexible tariff tickets, extra travel insurances, priority boarding fees.
- Only tickets purchased online will be reimbursed. We can't cover travel agencies' fees. Travel agencies invoices for the flight tickets won't be accepted for reimbursement;
- We can't reimburse taxi or private cars, only public transport will be covered.
- You can arrive 1-2 days before the activity or depart 1-2 days after if you want to spend more time in the host country on your own, provided that the tickets on these days are not more expensive than on the official travel days

Online Check-in (per email in PDF) and electronic invoice are highly recommended.

Arrival Day is the 11th of May – you can arrive at any time on this day. The dinner will be served at about 7 p.m. Departure Day is the 19 of May - you can depart any time on this day. There will be only breakfast on this day.

Those participants who will come by plane and land in the International airport in Skopje which is 10 km far from the city, to reach the bus station in Skopje you have to take an airport bus that are standing just outside from the airport building. For the airport bus schedule, check this link: [Direction: AIRPORT - SKOPJE](#)

*****KEEP ALL THE TICKETS, INVOICES, BOARDING PASSES, MISSING TICKETS, INVOICES WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED. *****

Working language

The working language of the training course is English.

PUT IN YOUR LUGGAGE DON'T FORGET

- ❖ *PASSPORT;*
- ❖ *KEEP ALL TRAVEL TICKETS, INVOICES, BILLS AND BOARDING PASSES;*
- ❖ *LAP TOP (if you have and think that you need, a Wi-Fi LAN is available in the venue);*
- ❖ *PROMO MATERIALS TO PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION, YOUR PROJECTS;*
- ❖ *“STANDARD TRAINING EQUIPMENT”: an ALARM CLOCK ☺, ANY DICTIONARIES (you might require), COMFORTABLE CLOTHES, etc.*

The weather in Struga (Have a look)

<http://www.worldweatheronline.com/v2/weather.aspx?q=Struga,%20Macedonia>

Currency in Macedonia

The domestic currency is the Macedonian Denars (MKD), 1 Euro = 61, 5 MKD.

Prices in Macedonia

About the prices, for example one “Pivo” (Beer) in bars and clubs cost from 70-100 (denars – MKD), but as everywhere in the shops is much cheaper.

How to communicate in Macedonia

The official language in Macedonia is Macedonian. In Struga you will be also understood in English. German and common Balkan languages are also used rarely. Few useful words in Macedonian for first days:

“Zdravo” means – (Hi)

“Dobro utro” – (Good Morning)

“Dobar den” - (Good Afternoon)

“Dobro vecer” – (Good evening)

“Blagodaram” – (Thank you)

“Da/Ne” – (Yes/No)

“Izvini” – (Sorry)

“Do gledanje: - (Goodbye)

“Edno ‘Skopsko’ molam” -(One ‘Skopsko’ please) -“Skopsko” is popular Macedonian Beer)

Struga & North Macedonia

Struga is a town in the western part of the Republic of Macedonia, lying on the shores of Lake Ohrid. The town is located on the coast of the magnificent Lake Ohrid and along the banks of the river of “Black Drim”, which flows right out of the lake splitting the city into three sections. Struga is also a place of important cultural significance in the Republic of Macedonia, as it is the birthplace of the poet Konstantin Miladinov. The main event of the cultural life in Struga is the world’s largest poetry gathering, Struga Poetry Evenings, attended every year by at least 200,000 people from all over the world. The festival inter alia bestows a Golden Wreath adomed with diamonds, sapphires and rubies, the highest award for one’s overall poetry work. Matching shoes are also awarded to the winner. There are several cultural monuments in Struga and in its vicinity such as the Monastery of Kalishta, a few kilometers away from the town center, laying on the shore of Lake Ohrid. It is believed that it dates from the 16h century, with frescos from 14th and the 15th centuries. The church Sveta Bogorodica (St. Mary) in the village of Vranishta, is believed to be the one where Tsar Samuil was crowned. The church has many doors and far fewer windows and often the people call it “the kings church”. The church of St. George is also located in the town; built on top of Samuil’s Church, it has many icons from the 14th, 15th, and 16th century. Near the village of Ladorishta, a basilica from the 4th century has been discovered, with a Mosaic. Struga’s old architecture, dating from the 18th and 19th century is also a cultural highlight. More info about Macedonia on www.exploringmacedonia.com

Host Organizer: ROMA YOUTH CENTRE

Roma Youth Centre is a non-governmental, non-profit Roma youth voluntary organization. RYC's vision is an integrative and tolerant society, educated Roma, prosperity and benefits, equal approach to rights for all and improving of the quality of life of the target group. RYC's vision is based on universal standards and practices of the civil society. One of RYC's greatest successes is establishing cooperation with a large number of state and international institutions and organizations, citizens' associations, foundations and the Roma community.

RYC operates through the follow objectives:

- 1. Promoting and supporting active citizenship within Roma youth, also including networking with institutions and support to institutions in development of active participation mechanisms;*
- 2. Active work and contribution to intercultural dialogue through capacity building and information services for Roma youth;*
- 3. Enhancing voluntary involvement of Roma young people, with working on promotional actions.*

Links:

<https://www.facebook.com/Roma-Youth-Centre-361543394021372/>

<https://www.romagenocide-partofeuhistory.com/>

<http://romaorganizers.com/>

If you have question related to the training course please feel free to contact us on:

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