



Stand Together In Solidarity

A study trip and CMS organised in the context of the Erasmus+ Programme.

Introduction

On behalf of Richter from The Netherlands, PVN from Albania and TwoplusTwo from Italy we want to invite you to become a partner in a KA1 project called "Stand Together In Solidarity" which consist of two activities:

1) a 5 days travelling study trip in Albania in the third week of October 2019. The study trip aims to present and learn from the best experiences of ECS sending/hosting organizations from Albania and who are working with disadvantages groups. The study visit will be organize by the Albanian partner PVN. During the study trip we visit experience ECS organizations who are located in Tirana and few location outside the capitol. Each partner can send 2 participants to the study visit and send 1 person to the CMS. The visit brings 15 partners together.

The study visit is only open for EU program countries and has a restriction of 11 EU partners who can apply

2) a 5 days contact making seminar (CMS) in the Naples region (Italy) in December 2019. The CMS offers open space to share best practices and new idea and methods in the field of sending/hosting of ECS and youth work. The CMS aims to build strong partnerships and cooperation, to promote developing of different Erasmus+ projects among youth organizations. We aim further to promote and encourage young people to participate as ECS, especially those from EU countries to the Balkan countries and the other way around. The CMS bring a maximum of 36 youth workers/leaders together to explore the concept of European citizenship and ECS as a practise at local and European level, for young people from all types of backgrounds.

"Stand Together In Solidarity" is led by an international team of people who have extensive knowledge of ESC.

Objectives/aims we want to achieve are:

- to learn from the best practices of Albanian organizations who are active in sending and hosting ECS;
- to further develop the partnership between organizations from EU and Balkan;
- to increase the skills of the participants on improving ECS participation;
- to enable friendly environment for future ECS in WB;
- to make a concrete sustainable action plan for sending and hosting ECS after this project among the partners:
- to have a good working knowledge of the ECS;
- to develop new projects together;
- to explore the aims and objectives of the Erasmus plus program, and to place it in the context of ECS.

Working methods

The project is designed as a process of non-formal learning and peer education using participants' own experiences in the fields of ECS, youth work and international cooperation. To be successful, this will require participants to have an active input in sharing knowledge and experience, and to be willing to learn new skills from the trainers and from each other.

The methods employed during the training will include:

- verbal and visual presentations, small group discussions
- plenary debates, game playing and drama exercises
- study visits and cultural presentations

Participants

During the 1st part in Albania, 26 youth workers are invited to participate. In the 2nd part of the project, the selected EU partners will send 1 person to Italy. At the same time the project will invite 12 partners from one of the Western Balkan countries,. They will select 1 youth worker for participation in Italy.

To succeed in the project aims and objectives, we search for participants who are experience in the field of ECS, in youth work and who have a mandate to represent their organisations. Applicants should either participate in and/or organise youth activities and must have some practical experience in cross-border collaboration.

The applicants should fulfil the following conditions. They should have:

- at least 1 years experience in the field of ECS;
- the ability to use English as the working language throughout the project;
- a willingness to fulfil an open and active role in the project;
- an opportunity to share new information, skills and contacts within their own organisation;
- an interest and motivation to explore the topic of ECS and Youth work;
- a desire to set up new ECS projects in the field of the Erasmus+ programme;
- a mandate to make concrete agreements with other organizations.

Venue

The study visit takes place in Durres, October 2019.
The CMS takes place in Italy, December 2019.

Participation fee

The participation fee is for each project part 30€

Financial information

Almost all expenses will be covered by funding from the EU Erasmus+ Programme. This includes food and accommodation. Travel expenses (home-to-home) will be reimbursed, based on the Erasmus+ distance calculator.

Application and selection of participants

To ensure gender balance each partners will select 1 female and 1 male that represent the partner during the entire project. Participants will be selected by the project leaders on the basis of:

- the profile of participants as described above;
- the rules of the Erasmus+ Programme;
- the experience, expectations and training needs of the applicants;
- the desire to create a balance in the range of participating organisations;
- the desire to create a balance in the range of geographical areas represented, as well as a gender balance.

Kind regards

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