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ERASMUS+ DOUBLE STAGED TRAINING COURSE

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IMPACT LAB

S.P.A.C.E. - Spolok pre aktivitu, cestovanie, edukáciu.

Yerevan | Armenia 20-29 June 2019

High Tatras | Slovakia 17-26 August 2019

Summary of the project

“Social Entrepreneurship Impact Lab” is a two-stage international training course project which aims to gather 32 youth workers from 4 countries (Slovakia, Armenia, Georgia and Czech Republic) and empower them with social entrepreneurial attitudes and mindset to implement new social entrepreneurial projects to tackle local problems of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged youth.

WEEK SOCIAL ECONOMY (SE) IN CHOSEN COUNTRIES – need to increase employment in SEs According to “EU resource 1” (all resources are listed in part “Preparation” - “Project management”) while employment in the SE accounts for between 9% and 10% of the working population in EU countries like Belgium, Italy, Luxembourg, in the new EU member states such as SK and the CR, the SE remains a small, emergent sector, employing 2,1% of the working population in SK and 3,3% in the CR (EU average 6,3%). AR and GE has also very weak SE, no law, majority of SEs in blueprint stage (EU resource 4).

BENEFITS OF SE FOR VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED GROUPS – need to increase number of SE projects focused on disadvantaged groups According to the analysis of the SE in the EU (EU resource 2) prepared for the European Economic and Social Committee empirical data show that the SE is effectively contributing to reducing unemployment, reducing job insecurity and social exclusion of vulnerable population groups. SE is beneficial especially for those groups of job seekers who have problems working in the labor market (long-term unemployed, marginalized and disadvantaged groups).

BARRIERS FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES – need to help youth workers overcome them According to “EU resource 3” SEs across Europe face a number of barriers. Although barriers are context driven and country-specific, they typically relate to:

1. Poor understanding of the concept of social enterprise and lack of awareness,
2. Lack of specialist business development services and support such as mentoring and trainings for SEs
3. Lack of supportive legislative frameworks
4. Lack of access to finance from external sources

Organizations involved in this project do not have influence on the third barrier but legal recognition of SE is currently in positive progress in many countries thanks to EU, including all 4 countries participating.

Since the May of 2018 Slovak legislation has introduced changes to the development of SE with the aim of legislating the SE sector and creating the right conditions for the SE. In SPACE we think now is the right moment for Slovak youth leaders to develop new SE projects for unemployed, marginalized and disadvantaged groups to fight their biggest social problems including unemployment and social exclusion.

OVERALL AIMS & OBJECTIVES:

The main aim of this project is to create platform and a process where youth workers will

1. Understand the concept of social enterprise
2. Increase awareness about SE among youth workers and disadvantaged youth.
3. Explore the SE as a tool for fighting the biggest social problems of unemployed, marginalized and disadvantaged youth
4. Gain business development knowledge
5. Gain information about external financial resources
6. Experience mentoring and training in the field of SE

- 7. Develop quality SE projects to be implemented
- 8. Develop concrete projects to be applied under Erasmus+ Programme
- 8. Reduce social exclusion, unemployment and other local social pressing problems of unemployed, marginalized and disadvantaged youth

Participation in both Youth Exchanges is mandatory.

Learn and share!

Participants of this project will be encouraged to facilitate/co-facilitate, share and present topics within the theme of the project. We aim to create a mutual learning environment where everyone can share and learn at the same time. The project is geared towards young people with fewer opportunities and the new comers to this field.

Unforgettable intercultural experience!

The project aims to provide a unforgettable and rich intercultural experience where people from different countries and culture bring their touch and insights to the project creating a synergy of learning and new friendships.

Participants profiles:

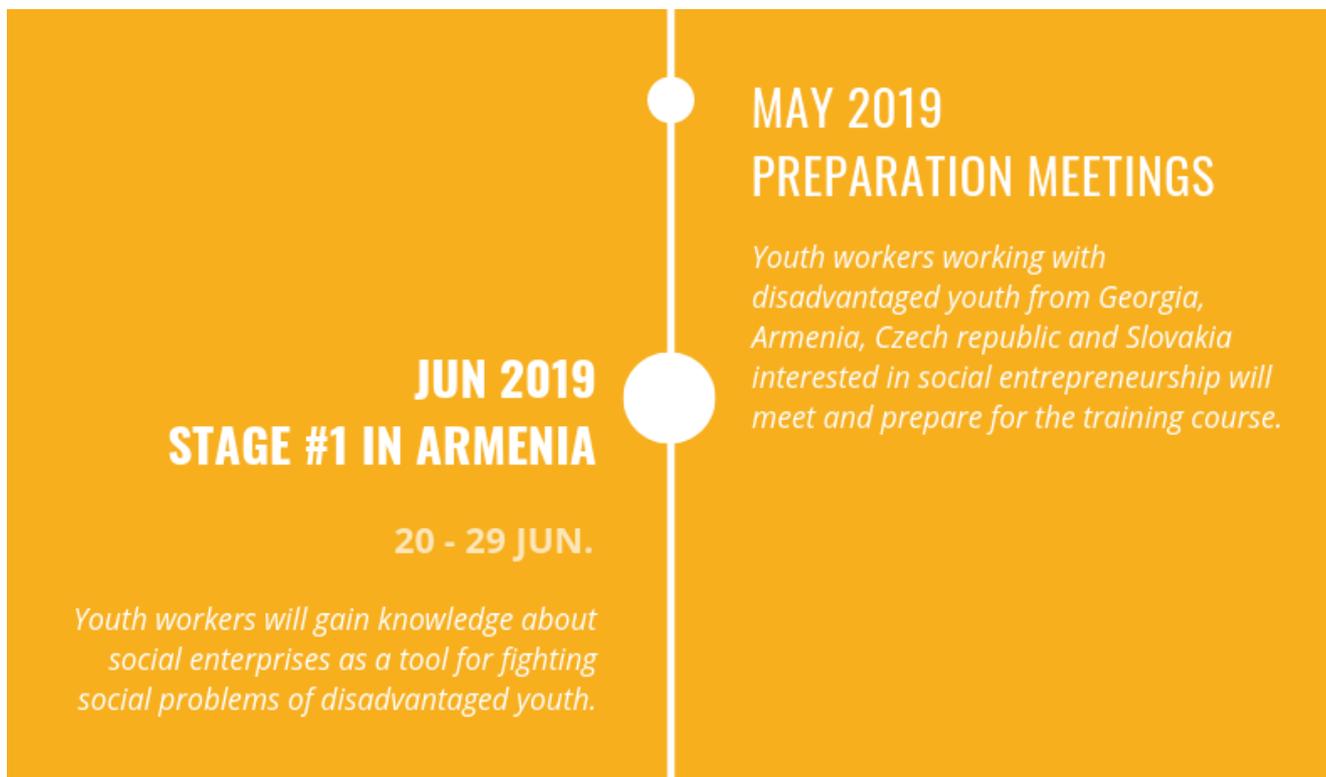
32 Participants

- Youth worker and Youth Leaders residents of Slovakia, Armenia, Georgia and Czech Republic

First stage in Armenia	Second stage in Slovakia
8 Slovakia (6+2)	10 Slovakia (7+3)
7 Czech Republic (6+1)	7 Czech Republic (6+1)
7 Georgia (6+1)	7 Georgia (6+1)
10 Armenia (7+3)	8 Armenia (6+2)

- Age limit: No limit
- Gender balance: Equal number of male and female participants will be invited.
- Priority given to participants with fewer opportunities.
- Be committed to attend the full duration of the course and implement follow up and dissemination activities after the project.
- Preferable: ability and willingness to contribute to lead a session or facilitate a group activity.

Timeline of the project



Stage 1# in Armenia

Location: Yerevan, Armenia

Dates: 20-29 June 2019 (Arrival 19 June. Departure 30 June)

Countries: Slovakia, Armenia, Georgia and Czech Republic

Coordinator Organization: S.P.A.C.E. - Spolok pre aktivitu, cestovanie, edukáciu.

Hosting organization: “Youth Life” Educational NGO (Armenia)

Arrival: 19 June 2019 in Yerevan (Hostel check in after 15:00)

Departure: 30 June 2019 from Yerevan (Hostel check out by 11:00)

Accommodation:

West Yerevan Hostel <https://www.facebook.com/westyerevan/>

Towels are available in the rooms. There is WiFi Internet Connection in the reception hall. Participants will share rooms. 4-8. Participants will be provided with three meals per day & a coffee break.

Discover Armenia!

Participants will have opportunities to discover Yerevan and Armenia. Participants will be given self-structured free time mainly to engage in activities of their choice. Optional excursions and trips will be organized making stay both as relaxing and fun as possible!

The Armenian Currency is called ARMENIAN DRAM. In the shops US dollars and Euros are not taken. There are many places in Yerevan where you may exchange money (from Euros and US dollars). We recommend using cash instead of credit or debit cards as fees usually have to be paid when withdrawing money in Armenia.

The approximate exchange rate is: 1 USD - 477 AMD ; 1 EUR - 580 AMD; You can always check the exchange rate at: www.cba.am

Taxi services in Yerevan

Should you need a taxi ride from Airport to hostel in Yerevan, we can help you arrange a safe and friendly taxi ride with 10 EUR. You can also share this ride with up to 3 people. The company also issues an invoice so that this amount is calculated into your reimbursable amount. If you need one, contact organizers for more information.

Armenian mobile phones

There are three mobile operators in Armenia: Beeline, VivaCell-MTS and Orange. In case you need an **Armenian Mobile/Sim card**, please inform the organizers and we'll help you get one!

**AUGUST 2019
STAGE #2 IN SLOVAKIA**

17 - 26 AUGUST

Youth workers will implement the knowledge from Stage 1# to develop project ideas into real social entrepreneurial projects to be implemented in local communities.

**JUL - AUGUST 2019
RESEARCH IN INTERPHASE
IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Participants will research, observe and gather insights from their local communities and translate them into concrete project ideas.

Stage 2# in Slovakia

Location: High Tatras, Slovakia

Dates: 17-26 August 2019 (Arrival 16 August. Departure 27 August)

Countries: Slovakia, Armenia, Georgia and Czech Republic

Coordinator Organization: S.P.A.C.E. - Spolok pre aktivitu, cestovanie, edukáciu.

Hosting organization: S.P.A.C.E. - Spolok pre aktivitu, cestovanie, edukáciu. (Slovakia)

Arrival: 16 June 2019 in Yerevan (Hostel check in after 15:00)

Departure: 27 June 2019 from Yerevan (Hostel check out by 11:00)

Accommodation:

Hotel Forton <https://hotelforton.sk>

Towels are available in the rooms. There is WiFi Internet Connection in all rooms.

Participants will share rooms. 3 or apartments 2+2.

Participants will be provided with three meals per day & a coffee break.

Discover Slovakia! Participants will have opportunities to discover High Tatras and other places in Slovakia. Participants will be given self-structured free time to discover beauty of Košice, the second biggest city in Slovakia, High Tatras and Spiš region.

The Slovak Currency is called EURO. In the shops US dollars or other currency is not taken. There are places in High Tatras where you may exchange money (from your currency to EURO). You can use credit or debit cards in most of the places and shops in Slovakia. We recommend exchanging some money for EURO at your home country or at the airport to prevent unexpected situation.



Things to bring and do

Mandatory!

- Make sure you have an insurance (travel, health, accident, liability), to inform you this costs cannot be reimbursed, its fully on participants
- Bring Healty food and drinks from your country/region for the intercultural evening (We kindly ask all participants to bring some national drinks, snacks and music from their home countries, as a contribution to the intercultural evening, please bring already prepared snacks/food, you will have possibility to cook.
- Bring sweets from your countries as we are going to have intercultural coffee breaks
- Your Country Flag
- Medicine, if you have allergies/or you periodically need medicine, please bring what you may need!
- Within **30 – 90 days** after the end of the course participants must implement a dissemination activity in their country and send to projects.youth@yahoo.com a small written report with pictures and explanation.

Recommended!

- Music, games, photo camera, cash, Photo camera
- laptop (we will have wifi access in the reception of the hotel)

Arrival and Departure dates

- 1. Erasmus + requires participants to arrive before the activity starts and leave after the activity ends. NO LATE ARRIVALS OR EARLY DEPARTURES.** If you have any travel concerns/questions, always discuss with organizers.
- 2.** Bear in mind that according to the guidelines of Erasmus+ program the travel back must be realized by participants on direct way within maximum of 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travel (holiday travel, etc) there is no chance of reimbursement. **Always get the approval from organizers for your flight before purchasing it.**
- 3. Early arrivals or late departures** are at the responsibility of the participants to pay for stay. If you arrive early or leave later than the dates above you have to cover your own accommodation or food.

Registration fee

All participants have to pay **35 EUR registration fee**

Registration of participants is final only upon purchase of flight tickets and/or payment of the registration fee.

Since **Georgian participants** will not need to purchase travel tickets (transportation will be organized by the host in Armenia) they need to transfer the registration fee in advance to Armenia as a confirmation of participation.

Travel and reimbursement

Travel expenses will be covered 100% according to Erasmus + limits as follow:

Country	Calculated start city	Maximum Reimbursement amount	
		First stage Armenia	Second stage Slovakia
Slovakia	Trnavá Hora	EUR 360	EUR 10
Armenia	Yerevan	EUR 0	EUR 360
Georgia	Mtskheta	Fully covered due to short distance	EUR 360
Czech Republic	Brno	EUR 360	Fully covered due to short distance



Important! Please read carefully!



- **Maximum reimbursement amount** is the maximum amount a participant can be reimbursed. Anything above this amount will have to be covered by the participant.
- **To be reimbursed:** Participants must fill in the reports and provide the following documents latest 2 weeks after the training:
 1. Tickets (Airline, bus, train, etc): Original or electronic
 2. Invoice
 3. Flight boarding passes
- **Travel will be reimbursed via bank transfer within maximum 2 months** after the project and after submission of all travel documentation including return boarding passes (Does not apply to Georgia). 2 months is the limit. Practically though, if possible we plan to reimburse participants sooner than later.
- **Calculated Start city** is the point where travel distance is calculated in the project. While you may start your travel from anywhere in your country, if your start location is not the city mentioned above then you need to provide organizers with some other information. If this is the case, please consult with organizers
- Bear in mind that according to the guidelines of Erasmus+ program the travel back must be realized by participants on direct way within maximum of 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travel (holiday travel, etc) there is no chance of reimbursement. **Always get the approval from organizers for your flight before purchasing it.**
- **Travel might not be reimbursed if participant arrives late (after the start of the activity) or leaves before the activity is over.** In case of travel concerns, always discuss with organizers in advance.

For Participants from Georgia

We will schedule a bus to pick all Georgian Participants from Tbilisi center and bring to Yerevan. Return will also be organized. Further details will be provided.

Visa:

First stage in Armenia

EU and CIS member state citizens do not need a visa to enter Armenia. In case of need, you can apply for e-visa here <http://www.mfa.am/eVisa/>

Please, check the validity of the passports before the departure!



Important

Second Stage in Slovakia

Armenian and Georgian citizens need visa to enter Schengen area (EU). “Youth Life” Educational NGO from Armenia and partner from Georgia will help you apply for visa. Invitation letter will be provided by S.P.A.C.E. – Spolok pre aktivitu, cestovanie, edukáciu.

Watch for your passport! Do not lose it while traveling!

Organizers / Contacts

Armenia:

The TC in Armenia will be implemented by “Youth Life” Educational NGO in cooperation with its partners and is responsible for organization, administration and logistics of the training course in Armenia.

Contacts:

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Slovakia:

The TC in Slovakia will be implemented by S.P.A.C.E. – Spolok pre aktivitu, cestovanie, edukáciu. in cooperation with its partners and is responsible for organization, administration and logistics of the training course in Slovakia.

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To apply

To apply please fill in the attached application form and return to:

Armenian and Georgian participants:

projects.youth@yahoo.com

Slovak and Czech participants:

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More info

You can find more info in Facebook group.



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