

CULTURAL BRIDGES

training course
Ivancice, the Czech Republic
26 February - 4 March 2025



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BASIC DATA



Place: Ivancice, the Czech Republic



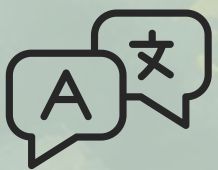
Arrival day: 25.02.2025 (Tuesday)

Departure day: 05.03.2025 (Wednesday)

Activity days: 26.02-04.03.2025



**Hosting organization: Horizont -
středisko volného času Ivančice,
Zemědělská 619/2, 66491 Ivančice**



Working language: English

ORGANISER

Horizont - středisko volného času Ivancice is a center of leisure time activities.

It provides a special – interest education and services in the area of upbringing, education, and edification for the general public. It works with children, youth, adults and seniors. It prepares for them hobby groups, occasional and open events, holidays, and spontaneous activities. It participates in national and international projects.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The "Cultural Bridges" project is designed to enrich the intercultural competencies of youth workers and educators across Europe, particularly those engaging with diverse youth populations. In the current global landscape, marked by political uncertainty, social polarization, and the rise of xenophobia, this project is both timely and vital.

We aim to provide participants with the resources and tools necessary to promote intercultural communication, navigate cultural differences, and contribute to developing inclusive communities.

Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of cultural identities, biases, and communication strategies critical for effective interaction in multicultural environments.

By equipping youth workers and educators with the skills to manage and embrace cultural diversity, the project aims to create inclusive environments that reduce conflict and foster connections between communities.

Participants will design and implement intercultural learning activities tailored to their professional contexts, ensuring the project's impact is sustained over time.

TRAINING COURSE

Dates: 26 February - 04 March 2025

Location: Ivančice, Czech Republic

Main Focus:

Developing intercultural competence and communication skills.

Understanding cultural diversity and overcoming barriers to inclusion.

Learning creative and practical tools for promoting social cohesion in youth work.

Designing and implementing workshops dedicated to intercultural learning.

Outcome:

By the end of the course, participants will gain practical skills to foster inclusion, promote intercultural understanding, and empower young people in their communities. They will also have designed and tested their own intercultural learning workshops. Participants will receive the Youthpass Certificate documenting their learning achievements.

PARTICIPANTS

The training course is open for participants from Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Greece, Türkiye, Bulgaria and Czechia (3 participants from each country) who are educators - trainers, teachers, facilitators, youth workers, youth leaders.

Criteria for selection:

- 18+
- fluent in English
- truthful engagement and motivation to study the theme of the project, willingness to share individual and professional knowledge, and to learn in the international group
- participation in all the stages of the project
- distinct ideas for follow-up at the local/national and international level
- some acquaintance with the theme of youth empowerment and great motivation to look into this theme
- openness for and gratitude for a non-formal learning approach in an excessively diversity structure
- commitment to go through the whole learning process
- excessive commitment to follow-up activities and networking

EVERY PARTNER IS REQUIRED TO SEND AT LEAST ONE PARTICIPANT WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES (BARRIERS LINKED TO DISCRIMINATION, BARRIERS RELATED TO EDUCATION AND TRAINING SYSTEMS, CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, DISABILITIES, ECONOMIC BARRIERS, GEOGRAPHICAL BARRIERS, HEALTH PROBLEMS, SOCIAL BARRIERS)

Expression of interest in participating in the project:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/TSSUDICZRACL5H8D9](https://forms.gle/TSSUDICZRACL5H8D9)

WHAT NEXT YOU HAVE TO KNOW

- selected participants will receive an confirmation email about the acceptation from a project organizer (Markéta Chmelíčková)
- selected participants will receive a participation agreement which will be signed on the spot
- selected participants will send a travel plan for approval
- selected participants or their sending organisation will not buy any travel tickets without approval of project organizer
- invitation letters (in the case of need) will be prepared as soon as we receive an application
- if you need our help or support within inclusion, inform us
- you will receive a Youthpass certificate - recognizing the results of your non-formal and informal learning



TRAVELLING

- **arrival day is 25.02.2025**
- meeting point is **25.02.2025 at 5 pm** in BRNO – BUS STATION Grand Hotel
- later arrivals of participants will be solved by train connections from Brno to Ivančice (last train 10:54 pm)
- **departure day is 05.03.2025**, plan the travel connection from 7 to 10:30 am from BRNO
- respect that it is acceptable to travel within two days before and after TC, i.e. 24.02 and 06.03
- we prioritize green travel, by land transportation (bus, train, carpooling), especially Germany and Hungary

Traveling by plane:

1/ you can come to Prague-Václav Havel Airport, Brno-Tuřany Airport or Vienna-Schwechat Airport

2/ you can take the buses of the Student Agency, www.studentagency.eu, from Prague and Vienna to BRNO BUS STATION Grand Hotel

3/ you can go by public transport from Brno-Tuřany Airport to the centre of Brno



Travelling by bus and train:

1/ you have to reach Brno – BUS STATION Grand Hotel

2/ you can come to the central railway station (3 minutes by walk from the bus station Grand Hotel) or direct to the bus station Grand Hotel or to the bus station Zvonarka (10 minutes by walk from the bus station Grand Hotel)

THE EXPENSIVE TRAVELLING, SUCH AS TAXI, UBER, 1st CLASS ... CANNOT BE COVERED.



REIMBURSEMENT

Travel costs and visa costs will be reimbursed based on actual costs, not a flat rate

Travel costs to the maximum which is determined by the European Commission (based on the actual distance)

Portugal- 395 Euro

Italy - 309 Euro

Greece - 309 Euro

Latvia - 309 Euro

Türkiye - 309 Euro

Germany - 211 Euro/285 Euro (GT)

Hungary - 211 Euro/285 Euro (GT)

Bulgaria- 309 Euro

Czechia - 0 Euro (but it will be covered)

**GT = GREEN TRAVEL, BY LAND TRANSPORTATION
(BUS, TRAIN, CARPOOLING)**



- the costs can be reimbursed to the bank account of the participant within one month after receiving all documents and filling in the PARTICIPANTS REPORT
- the costs can be refunded to the bank account of the sending organization based on the invoice of actual costs
- the costs can be refunded in cash in CZK on the spot if the participant submits all relevant documents
- all costs must be resolved during the training course on the spot
- following the guidelines of the Erasmus+ Program and internal regulations, the travel must be released by the participants directly within a maximum of 2 days (before and after activity days), in case of long pauses or indirect routes (holiday travel), there is no reimbursement of travel costs
- the travel documents are plane tickets, invoices (not only boarding paper), but boarding also passes (for all the parts of air travel), ORIGINAL or electronic bus/train tickets
- the visa documents are ORIGINAL bills, ORIGINAL or electronic bus/train tickets, invoices
- in the case of the postage - it is borne by the participant
- the organization bears the outgoing bank fees, the incoming participant bears bank fees
- participants of other nationality must prove their residence permit

YOU ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL THE ACTIVITIES UNLESS YOU ARE ILL. UNAUTHORIZED ABSENCE FROM ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS IS NOT PERMITTED IF LESS THAN 90% OF THE PROGRAM IS ATTENDED. IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BE REIMBURSED FOR THE TRAVEL COSTS.

ACCOMMODATION

- the participants will be accommodated in Horizont - středisko volného času Ivančice, Zemědělská 619/2, 66491 Ivančice, CZ
- 2, 3, 4 bed-rooms
- toilets and showers are common in the corridor
- towels, bed linen, fridge, microwave oven at the disposal
- WIFI free
- meals will be standard for all the participants
- breakfast, coffee – break, lunch, dinner
- any special requests regarding the meal e.g. vegetarian, vegan, allergies, special diet should be communicated before the start of the activity



WHAT TO BRING

- it is necessary to have insurance coverage
- bring yourself with all your best talents and ideas to share
- comfortable clothes and shoes for workshops depending on the weather, slippers
- traditional food, drink, and souvenirs for intercultural evening activities
- **For intercultural evening, PLEASE, NO PRESENTATIONS, NO KAHOOTTS, NO YOUTUBE VIDEOS.** You are the best resource for your culture.
- initiatives on how to spend the free time together or even complement the agenda
- favourite board/card/physical games
- we will also have an open space during which you can discuss any topics you would like to share with us or any ideas you have
- any medicaments you use and will be needed for you while staying

TRAINERS



Natalia Skorik

Natalia has been an international trainer and facilitator since 2013, specializing in non-formal education, ICL, communication, and creative educational tools.

She has conducted over 60 national and international training sessions and educational events for various groups.

Natalia is a member of Theodor-Heuss-Kolleg pool of facilitators, an alumni of IVLP USA program, and an expert in the EENCE network.

<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/natalia-skorik.5345/>

https://www.instagram.com/natalia_skorik/



Eduard Oganyan

Eduard has been working as a trainer and expert in various educational activities since 2010. He has successfully organized over 100 national and international training sessions and educational events for diverse local and international groups. Eduard engages with youth, young leaders, pedagogues, teachers, trainers, facilitators, educators, and youth workers. His expertise covers a wide range of topics, including non-formal education, facilitation, project management, youth participation, empowerment, graphic facilitation, online tools, gamification, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion, volunteering, leadership, personal development, outdoor education, conflict resolution, human rights, and peacebuilding.

<https://www.salto-youth.net/tools/toy/oganyan-eduard.4894/>

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