

Project: "Young Women Entrepreneurs"



Dear partners and friends,

The project "Young Women Entrepreneurs" consists of two activities. First one is the training course (TC) "Young Women Entrepreneurship Empowerment Centres", and will be held in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina in March 2017. Second one is the evaluation meeting (EM) "Impact of entrepreneurial learning of young women in our empowerment centres" in Zadar, Croatia in September 2017.

We hereby kindly ask you to recruit participants from your organizations that will be able to participate at both activities and contribute to projects and follow-up.

The TC will take place in **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Mostar) from **March 14**th (arrival in the afternoon) to **March 22**nd (departure in the morning after the breakfast) **2017**. The EM will take place in **Croatia** (Zadar) from **September 27**th (arrival in the afternoon) to **October 3**rd (departure in the morning after the breakfast).

About the project

Our project tends to go beyond stereotypes and discriminations in our communities and offer quality support for young women to start their enterprises. It is rather innovative in our communities, although at the level of the EU there are quite a few support mechanisms for female entrepreneurship. In our communities, unfortunately, there are no entrepreneurship empowerment centres for young women.

The core of project are two activities. 1st activity is the 9 days long training course (TC); it will be organised in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina from 14th till 22nd March 2017. 2nd activity is the 7 days long evaluation meeting (EM); it will be organised in Zadar, Croatia from September 27th till October 3rd 2017.

Project will gather 27 participants from 9 organisations / countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Albania, FYR Macedonia, Italy, Slovakia, Slovenia, Montenegro) – 3 participants from each organisation / country.

Focus of the project is to "equip" young women with set of skills needed to work on personal development in fields of learning, creating self-employment opportunities and sharing valuable skills among peers.

Specific objectives of the training course (A1):

- Exchange views about the unemployment and entrepreneurship of young women in different European countries (tendencies and influencing factors, specifications of the target group, focuses, etc.)
- Discuss how non-formal education can positively influence better young women employability and employment and to share examples of good practices combating youth unemployment
- Encourage the development of different education programmes for empowerment of unemployed young women in local communities, with special accent being put on developing their self-directed learning skills, entrepreneurship skills and business plan development
- Explore the possibilities for young women entrepreneurship on European Level (existing strategies and available funding)
- Encourage the creation of systems for empowerment of young women in local communities in the forms of learning centres or similar and to enable our participants to act as multipliers in those empowerment centres back home



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Specific objectives of the evaluation meeting (A2):

- Get to know in details about the process and results of the homework young women entrepreneurship empowerment centres development and running in each of the organisations and countries represented in the project
- Share challenges faced by different partners / participants in coordinating the activities of the empowerment of young women for entrepreneurship and explored how those and similar challenges were dealt with by all partners
- Share information about the impact that the first activity (training course) and the homework has made on our participants and other youth workers, volunteers and coordinators in our partner organisations
- Discuss impact of the empowerment centres on target group young women in communities
- List lessons learned and develop recommendations for further improving the empowerment centres and for additional future activities for entrepreneurship of young women
- Explore additional future European level cooperation among partners in the field of young women entrepreneurship and empowerment

All activities are based on the approach, principles and methods of non-formal education. The language of the project will be English.

The participants should fulfil the following criteria:

- To be active youth workers/leaders and willing to apply & multiply the knowledge received
- Willing to take action in the field of empowering young women for entrepreneurship, setting up the international and local projects and empowerment centre
- Willing to enter into partnerships with participants from different organisations/countries on behalf of their SOs
- Able to attend and be active during the entire duration of the project (the training course, the homework activities of young women entrepreneurship empowerment centres and the evaluation meeting)

Travel and visa costs reimbursement

Travel costs will be reimbursed only for the cheapest way of transport and preferably for the return tickets. Travel expenses are covered by the organizers 100% up to the maximum of unit cost per distance calculator and means of travel, including bank transfer and other appropriate fees (for all the original tickets and ways of travel that are plane, bus, train or ferry, NOT taxi and NOT car). For distances less than 500 km one way, the preferable means of transport are land transportations, such as train and/or bus. If other mean of transport is selected for such travels, e.g. airplane, those will be reimbursed 60% of airfare, in accordance with the principle of environmental awareness and protection.

Participants must keep all travel documents (tickets, travel agency invoices and boarding passes) as organizers are able to make any reimbursement only on the bases of presented documents!

The travel reimbursement will be done by bank transfers **after** you return home and send us the **ORIGINAL** boarding passes and tickets (and after you submit/send us the filled in evaluation forms of the training course). When you are buying a ticket, ask for additional bill as well, if possible!



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<u>Please don't buy your tickets before we approve them!</u> When you will plan your trip and **BEFORE** buying your tickets, especially if your planned travel itineraries are different than (A1) 14–22/03/2017 or (A2) 27/09–03/10/2017, please inform us in advance, so we can approve your tickets and travel costs.

Also, if you travel from elsewhere than the town and country of the sending organisation partner in this project, please, inform us, as we need to approve it as well. Thanks a lot in advance!

When planning your trip to the training course in Mostar, have in mind that there are some cheap flights to Sarajevo airport, but you can also travel to Tuzla/Mostar as well, and from there take a minibus or train to Mostar.

When planning your trip to the evaluation meeting in Zadar, have in mind that there are some cheap flights to Zadar airport, but cheapest option might be sometimes flights to Zagreb and then taking 3-4 hours long bus ride to Zadar.

We expect participants to arrive to Mostar / Zadar no later than 19:30 hrs on arrival days, so please do plan your travel accordingly.

For additional information, please be free to contact organizers. Like that we will avoid some uncomfortable situations in advance.

Participation fee: NONE! All accommodation and food costs in the hostel are covered by the organisers.

Applications

To apply, please fill in the application form on following link: https://goo.gl/dD6NNT

Please note that the deadline for applications is 25th January 2017.

Selected participants will receive the detailed info sheet till 31st January 2017.

In case you fill in the application/registration form earlier than 25th January, we will send you immediately the information sheet and help you start organising your travel with you (in order to get the travel tickets as cheap as possible).

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