



YOUTH SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP - TAKE THE LEAD!

ERASMUS+ KA 1 YOUTH WORKERS MOBILITY PROJECT

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NICOSIA - CYPRUS

PARTICIPANTS HANDBOOK



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Dear friends and partners,

It is with great pleasure that we would like to welcome you to our youth training project titled “Youth Social Entrepreneurship: Take the Lead!” which is organized by the E-Youth informal group. The programme will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus during the 20 -26 of March 2015.

ORGANISER:

E-Youth is an informal youth team based in Cyprus which was formed in 2013. It aims at promoting civic participation, inclusion, multiculturalism, diversity and understanding within the young people in Cyprus and Europe.

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT:

E-Youth is offering a unique opportunity to 26 participants from Cyprus, Greece, Croatia, Poland, Spain, Romania, Czech Republic and Malta to take part in a series of workshops. We will welcome three (3) participants from each participating country (see table below).

According to the EU Youth Strategy for 2010-18 it is imperative that initiatives should be taken in the areas of training, employment, entrepreneurship, social inclusion, civic participation and creativity. In this context, social entrepreneurship is presented as a strategic tool for the promotion of these target-areas and the



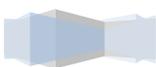
fight against unemployment and its effects on society. Therefore, E-Youth is acting as the organizing team of the youth mobility project “Youth Social Entrepreneurship – Take the Lead!” which will be held in Cyprus.

This project aims to promote youth social entrepreneurship, which as a concept combines the need for innovative and profitable business methods with the desire to bring about radical social change. Participants will realize that anyone can become a social entrepreneur, thus creating an inclusive labour market.

The training course is aimed at 26 people who work at the youth field and are willing to work for the dissemination of the results of this project to the community and the organizations in which they operate.

The project includes activities which will analyse the role of youth in promoting social inclusion and creating new employment opportunities, as well as how social entrepreneurship can be engaged in achieving these. The participants will have the opportunity to be trained about the skills that characterize a social entrepreneur, the existing opportunities for social networking and funding and also to develop their personal action plans in order to evolve as social entrepreneurs themselves.

The professional training of youth in innovative areas of employment is the first step towards changing the existing passive attitudes and promoting the creation of new opportunities. It is expected that through their participation in the project the participants will develop the abilities / skills they need in order to act autonomously as social entrepreneurs and thus as agents of social change. Hereupon, the desired long-term effect of this project is the empowerment of



youth, the development of their autonomy and the expansion of their leadership skills.

The methodological approach of the project is non-formal learning and is based on the idea of "learning by doing". The activities will be implemented with the support of non-formal education methods and tools (games and exercises, group presentations, workshops, debates, role plays, forum theatre, open space, open café, outdoor activities and team building).

OBJECTIVES:

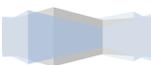
- To explore the current situation in relation to the social effects of economic crisis and unemployment in Europe
- To analyse the role of youth in promoting social inclusion and creating new employment opportunities
- To develop the skills needed for promoting social entrepreneurship
- Each participant will create a strategic personal development plan

WHEN:

The project will take place in Nicosia, Cyprus during 21-25 March 2014 (including arrival and departure days).

WHERE:

The participants will be hosted at the "Youth Hostel" (Zemenides Mansion) which is conveniently situated near the city centre (6 minutes walking distance).



TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

Once you have been accepted as a participant in this training course we will give you the green light to arrange your travels. Below you can find information about travel and participation costs and how to best arrange your travels. We recommend Larnaca Airport as the nearest one to reach the place.

TRAVEL COSTS REINBURSEMENT:

The **70%** of your travel expenses will be covered by the organizers with the support of Erasmus+ Programme.

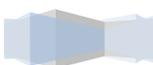
In order to receive the money for the transportation, please keep your invoices, tickets, boarding-passes or any other transport document so you can provide us with proof of your expenses in order to be able to reimburse you.

The reimbursement will be done after getting all original documents at the end of the training course or via bank transfer.

There is a participation fee of **30EURO**.

Below, is a table with the reimbursement of travel costs per person for each country as approved by the Cyprus Youth Board:

Country	Total travel costs reimbursement fee
Greece	€275
Croatia	€275
Poland	€360
Spain	€530
Romania	€275
Czech Republic	€360
Malta	€275



Important!

1. We cannot reimburse any of your travel costs if you use the Ercan airport which located in the occupied side of the island
2. If you decide to come to Cyprus 1 - 2 days earlier or leave 1 - 2 days later after the end of the project you will have to cover this extra cost for accommodation and food yourselves.

PREPARATION:

Intercultural Evenings

We kindly ask you to prepare an interactive presentation of your country (you can present your country's food and drinks, music, traditional dances, history etc.). Creativity is the basic requirement!

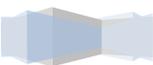
Participants

Target group for our training course: Young people who are interested and/or involved in social entrepreneurship. Priority should be given to unemployed young persons.

Profile of Participants

- Youth leaders very motivated to act in their sending organisation
- Are between 18 - 30 years old
- Have an interest in the topic
- Willing to learn & be motivated to share experiences with others after the event
- Are able to work in English
- Are committed to attend the full duration of the programme
- Are nominated by their youth organisation

(Gender balance, group diversity in terms of different social and cultural backgrounds will be taken into consideration)



It is the participants' responsibility to have a travel health insurance or a European Health Card.

Country	Role	Persons
Cyprus	Trainers	2
Cyprus	Participants	3
Greece	Participants	3
Croatia	Participants	3
Poland	Participants	3
Spain	Participants	3
Romania	Participants	3
Czech Republic	Participants	3
Malta	Participants	3

LANGUAGE:

The working language is English. Participants shall be competent in working in English.

WEATHER:

The average daytime temperature of Cyprus in March is around 19oC - 20oC. At night temperature drops down to 9°C-10°C.

NICOSIA:

Exploring Cyprus may also be a good idea, while visiting the island for the training. Cyprus is well known for its hospitality, its great sights and the beautiful sceneries around the island. A main characteristic of the island is the short distances between places. One can travel from the unspoilt mountains to the golden beaches within the same day. Not to mention the ancient sights which date back



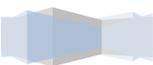
several thousands of years. Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus and is located in the centre of the island.

Nicosia lies roughly at the center of the island, with a rich history that can be traced back to the Bronze Age. It only became capital of the island in the 11th century AD. The Lusignans turned it into a magnificent city with a Royal Palace and over fifty churches. Today it blends its historic past brilliantly with the bustle of a modern city. The heart of the city, enclosed within the 16th century Venetian walls, is dotted with museums, ancient churches and mediaeval buildings, preserving the nostalgic atmosphere of the years past. However, this old heart is split in two, leaving Nicosia the only capital city to remain divided by force. The new Nicosia developed outside the walls, and became a contemporary and cosmopolitan business and cultural center. Just a few miles away are enchanting places of interest such as Byzantine churches and monasteries, archaeological sites and charming villages.

Entry to the Island

- There are two international airports in Cyprus, Larnaca and Pafos.
- The two main ports are Limassol and Larnaca.
- Cyprus Airways is the island's national carrier.
- Around 37 airlines connect Cyprus directly with most European and Middle East countries, which provide on-going services to anywhere in the world.
- Visa: No visa is required for entry into Cyprus by nationals of most European countries. Nationals of other countries should contact the nearest Consulate of the Republic of Cyprus or if there is none, the nearest British Consulate.

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Coming to the venue of the project (Youth Hostel - Zemenides Mansion):

When you arrive at Larnaca or Paphos airport please take the Kapnos shuttle bus and come to Nicosia. When you take the bus please send us a text message in order to pick you up from the bus station in Nicosia. The route from the Larnaca airport to the bus stop in Nicosia is appr. 35 minutes and the route from the Paphos airport to the bus stop in Nicosia is appr. 1:30 hrs.

In another case, from Kapnos bus stop at the police headquarters in Nicosia you will head westbound towards Lemesou Avenue (which becomes Makariou avenue at Hilton hotel) in order to get either the 158 or 160 bus towards Solomou square. From there on you can take a taxi from the bus terminal or walk using our attached map. It's a 20 minute walk.

The address of the hostel is Chrysaliniotisas 30-32, Nicosia (downtown). If you need a more specific map just insert this number in google maps: 35.176167,33.36926

Useful information

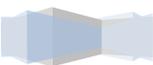
- The currency of the Republic of Cyprus is the Euro.
- The Cyprus Tourism Organization www.cyprustourism.org/
- Kapnos shuttle bus <http://www.kapnosairportshuttle.com>

Please do not hesitate to contact us for anything further!

HOMWORK:

Prior to your arrival in Cyprus we suggest that you conduct a research in relation to the following topics:

- The percentage of youth unemployment in your home country
- The effect of unemployment in young people in your home country



- The means in which the phenomenon of social exclusion is manifested in your home country
- The actions taken in your home country to address the issue of social exclusion and their outcomes
- The views of young people in your home country in relation to volunteerism
- The views of young people in your home country in relation to entrepreneurship

CHECKLIST:

Before you leave home for the airport make sure that you bring:

- All travel documents
- Any medicines, toiletries and other things you might need
- 3-pin electricity adaptors (Cyprus has the 240 V/ 50 Hz system)
- Computer or other digital gadgets (if you have one)
- Your homework
- Positive energy!!

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