



TRAINING COURSE:

UNDERSTANDING FAKE NEWS: DEVELOPING MEDIA LITERACY IN OUR COMMUNITIES

KA153-YOU - Mobility of youth workers

Dear participants, in this document you will find all important information about our training course 'UNDERSTANDING FAKE NEWS: DEVELOPING MEDIA LITERACY IN OUR COMMUNITIES' that will be held in November in Nova Gradiška, Croatia.

Please read the information carefully!

Looking forward to see you soon 😊

Welcome to our training course!

This Information Pack shall provide you with all the necessary information to guarantee a great experience under the guidelines of the EU Erasmus + Programme.

Summary

By implementing the training course "**UNDERSTANDING FAKE NEWS: DEVELOPING MEDIA LITERACY IN OUR COMMUNITIES**", we want to equip youth workers with the necessary knowledge and skills to help young people identify, differentiate, and combat fake news. We want to empower youth workers with the skills to help young people become aware of the potential dangers of fake news and to think critically about the information presented to them. This TC will provide youth workers with access to non-formal methods of work, such as interactive exercises and role-playing, to help them in their work with youth. We want to ensure that youth workers are equipped with the necessary tools and skills to help young people identify, challenge, and resist the spread of fake news and to be able to provide support to young people who may be affected by it.

The training course will be addressed to **27 participants**, including 2 trainers/facilitators and 1 accompanying person.

Croatia will ensure 7 people (2 trainers/facilitators, 1 accompanying person and 4 participants)

Turkey will ensure 4 participants

Spain will ensure 4 participants

Serbia will ensure 3 participants

Bosnia and Hercegovina will ensure 3 participants

Italy will ensure 3 participants

Romania will ensure 3 participants.

TC will be held in **Nova Gradiška, Croatia** from **5th** until **13th of November 2023**. (5th is arrival day and 13th being the departure date). The course of the program follows the general principles of non-formal learning. The objectives set and the program that accompanies them enable us to achieve them, while being aligned participants' needs.

Hosting Organization

Association ZAŽELI is a non-profit organization focused on promoting and improving rights and empowering vulnerable groups for active participation in society. The goals of the organization are, among other things, the inclusion of vulnerable groups in community life, information and consultation, advocacy of rights and monitoring of public policies that affect the lives of members, protection of their rights and dignity and the promotion of human rights. The association was founded by people with many years of experience working in social care and non-profit sector, and in addition, it has a large base of associates from the non-profit sector, so the association is also active in the field development of civil society and local community. The association is currently participating in the implementation of several projects from different sources financing aimed at people with disabilities, of which a large part of the beneficiaries are young people and children with developmental difficulties. The association is currently the holder or partner of several projects that deal with improving the position of all people with disabilities age groups, but the majority of users are young people, primarily through the projects "Strengthening youth and children with disabilities for proactive action and increase in civic participation" and "Find me" whose target group is young people in NEET status. The idea for this project arose as a direct continuation of the ongoing project "Let's be healthy - choose health", which through its activities promotes healthier lifestyles and greener lifestyles, but also the previously mentioned "Strengthening of youth and children for proactive action" which promotes the increase of citizen participation, strengthening of competences and engaged action.

Partner organizations

AKTIF GENCLIK VE SPOR KULUBU DERNEGI- TURKEY

UDRUZENJE SVETLOST-SRBIJA

ASOCIACION PILCROW- SPAIN

UDRUZENJE SVETLOST, SERBIA

OKRET-BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA

ASSOCIAZIONE EUROPALMENTE- ITALY

Participants

We plan to include a heterogeneous group of participants in professional development activities based on prior knowledge, previous involvement in similar activities and age. What will be important to us during the selection of participants is their motivation to acquire knowledge and skills in the field of media literacy, but also their motivation to later transfer and spread this knowledge to end users. Participants will be able to apply via the application form that we provide you with.

Part of the organizations gather people with disabilities through their activities, so their special needs will be respected during the preparatory phase. All Materials will be adapted for blind and partially sighted participants in such a way that we will use large font and/or Braille, while sign language interpreters will attend the training itself.

Information about other special needs such as special diets, allergies, chronic conditions or simply not knowing the language will be requested in the application form so that organizations have enough time to prepare.

There is **no age limit** for participants.

At least **12** of our participants should be with fewer opportunities.

In the selection process the criteria that will be followed is that the participants are youth workers, youth leaders, volunteers or multipliers; that they come from deprived areas in geographical, social or economic term; that they are willing to learn something new and interested to be actively involved in each stage of this project. Beside this, another criteria that will be respected is that the participants are willing to design and implement follow up activities related to topics mentioned above, that they're able to express themselves in English and able to attend full duration of this training course.

Working methods and preparation for project

After the partner organizations gather the required number of participants, these same participants will need to do group research on how much and where fake news is most prevalent in their country. He will briefly present this research at the training. We ask that they send us the presentation that will contain the details of their research no later than 1 day before the training. Presentations should be sent to e-mail: udrugazazeli@gmail.com.

The project is organized from and for youth workers. Our activities during the preparation, implementation, evaluation and follow up phase ensure active participation in each stage of the project. We want the project to make a positive change in the life of participants and thus we value their reaction, opinion and feedback at every step of this project.

Working methods of this project are based on:

- ✚ active participation in workshops, presentations
- ✚ personal and group discussions
- ✚ brainstorming and sessions for enhancing creativity
- ✚ personal development activities and reflection sessions
- ✚ team-building activities, energizers
- ✚ intercultural dialogue and presentation
- ✚ inclusion session
- ✚ inventing and testing new methods
- ✚ project management

Financial conditions (travel, accommodation)

Accommodation and food: 100% covered by Erasmus + Program

Travel costs: are budgeted according Erasmus + conditions (using the EU distance calculator)

<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator>

Partners, travel costs and number of participants are as follows:

Country	Partner organization	Number of participants	Reimbursement per participant
TURKEY	AKTIF GENCLIK VE SPOR KULUBU DERNEGI	4	275 €
SERBIA	UDRUŽENJE SVETLOST	3	180 €
SPAIN	ASOCIACION PILCROW	4	275 €
BOSNIA AND HERCEGOVINA	OKRET	3	180 €
ITALY	ASSOCIAZIONE EUROPALMENTE	3	275 €
ROMANIA	ASOCIATIA TINERII 3D	3	275 €

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Travel (ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE)

The participants should arrive to Nova Gradiška on **5th of November and depart on 13th of November 2023.**

Some info about transportation:

1. Airport to city centre timetable: <https://plesoprijevoz.hr/en/start/>
2. Main bus station: www.akz.hr
3. Main train station: <http://www.hzpp.hr/en>

If you arrive by plane to Zagreb, you should take the Pleso airport public bus that will take you directly to Main Bus Station. Then you should take a bus to Nova Gradiška; there are several busses a day; though we

request that you arrive to Nova Gradiška by 7 p.m. latest, so plan your trip accordingly ☺ The ride is approx. 2 hours. You can buy the ticket online on <https://www.arriva.com.hr/hr-hr/naslovna> as well. Once you arrive to Nova Gradiška you will be picked up by our team. In case you decide to travel by train you should go from the airport to the Main train station In Zagreb and take a train to Nova Gradiška. However, we highly recommend the bus.

In case you're planning your trip via other airports we would like to inform you that Nova Gradiška is very well connected with most of the cities in the surrounding, however please inform us about your plans on time so we can give you the best possible advice ☺

We kindly remind you that early accommodation and extra overstays will be your responsibility.

Travel Tips

- Make sure you have a **valid (not expired) ID card or a valid Passport**.
- Make sure to have your **European Health Card** in your wallet.
- Pack in your hand luggage some "back-up" clothes and underwear in case your suitcase gets lost in the airport.
- **Keep all your boarding passes, travelling tickets, fuel and motorway bills if you are traveling in your own vehicle** otherwise we will not be able to make any reimbursements.
- Public transportation and traveling by your personal vehicle will be reimbursed (e. g.: taxi at your own expense).

Venue and Accommodation

- The training course will take place in Nova Gradiška, a small city in the Slavonia, east region of Croatia. Further info about Nova Gradiška can be found here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nova_Gradi%C5%A1ka
- Participants will be accommodated in "Pansion AS". You can check it out here: <http://www.pansionas.hr/hr/home>
- Internet connection will be available at all venues of the project
- Towels are provided by the accommodation facility but we advise you to bring your own personal hygiene items.
- The venue is only 20 minutes walk from the city center and there are shopping facilities on walking distance

In case you want to arrive in Nova Gradiška before or stay longer after the training course, you have to arrange your accommodation at your own expense.



What to bring, what to prepare

Personal insurance

Insurance cover for personal effects is the responsibility of the individual participant. You are recommended to ensure that you have adequate medical and travel insurance to cover the period of your stay in Croatia. Neither our organization nor any venue used during the event can entertain claims against loss of or damage to personal property.

Proof of all the travel expenses

If you come by plane, please be sure to bring evidence of the sum actually paid (invoice) and boarding pass. Electronic tickets will only be considered as acceptable on proof of payment (invoice) and on presentation of the boarding pass for the outward journey. Please keep in mind the travel rules of the ERASMUS PLUS Program. If you come by train or bus do not forget to buy a return ticket. Please copy your tickets before you leave your home. If you are traveling by your personal vehicle, please bring fuel and motorway bills.

For the reimbursement you need:

- An invoice for the tickets.
- A receipt (showing that you have paid the money) – train and bus tickets and private vehicle
- printed document showing that the money was paid (receipt, bank confirmation etc.) – for the airplane tickets;
- Flight ticket (with the name of the passenger and flight details);
- All boarding passes;
- A printed confirmation of reservation.

Please, make sure that you have all these papers when you come to the exchange (of course, the return boarding passes might be sent after the TC).

P.S. Please send us the prices of the tickets when you have them, so we could plan our budget. Please do not buy any ticket before our approval!

NB! Please note that we cannot reimburse travel costs if you lose your tickets or we do not receive all details and proofs of your expenses!

Other important information

Weather: In November is usually very cold in Croatia, so keep that in mind. Still **do not forget to check the weathercast** before arrival!

Currency: Croatia is a part of the Euro zone and our currency is Euro. In Croatia you can use your credit and debit cards (VISA, Maestro, MasterCard etc.) almost everywhere.

Emergency phone numbers in Croatia:

Emergency number for all purposes: **112** (you can call from any device, regardless the country your phone number comes from)

For any further information or queries you have,

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