

## EVALUATION MEETING

# “WHASSUP WITH YOU (TH EXCHANGES)”

26-30 June 2013

Vila da Marmeleira - Portugal

**THIS EVALUATION MEETING IS ORGANIZED WITHIN THE TCP (TRAINING AND COOPERATION PLAN) AND IN CLOSE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE NATIONAL AGENCIES OF PORTUGAL, FINLAND, DENMARK, IRELAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN AND BELGIUM (FRENCH SPEAKING PART).**

## OBJECTIVES

Reaching the end of the YiA Programme, this evaluation meeting/seminar intends to gather experienced promoters to make together an impact assessment of the use of youth exchanges on the young people involved, as well as the local communities affected by these exchanges.

- Share good and bad practices in relation to youth exchanges (=YE)
- Evaluate the impact of YE strategies on the involved young people
- Evaluate the impact and involvement on local community through implementation of YE
- Evaluate the compatibility of other YiA actions combined with the strategic use of YE
- Evaluate how YE have promoted European citizenship-awareness for young people and local communities involved
- Create an online document with summary of the findings and recommendations

## TARGET GROUP

- Experienced Action 1.1 / 3.1 promoters, having used YE as a strategic tool over the past years
- > 18 years old
- English is the language of the meeting
- Expected: 30 pax
  - There will be 3 participants selected from each of the following countries: Portugal, Finland, Denmark, Ireland, Sweden, Belgium (French speaking part) and Norway.
  - There will be 3 participants selected from each of the following regions: EECA, SEE and MEDA

## TEAM

- 3 facilitators, their profile can be seen on the TOY through SALTO website:  
Buzz Burry (UK) – Jo Claeys (PT) – Evi Koutsospirou (GR)
- Participating NA officers
- Local logistic team & the 460 habitants of the village

Indeed a big team ... and we believe that is good!

## SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

For the Programme countries: experienced and eligible promoters interested in participating, will be selected by their own National Agency who will support your travel.

Selection of the participants from the 3 regions (EECA, SEE and MEDA) will happen by the trainers' team and National Agency responsible.

Travel costs for these participants will be taken care of by the National Agency of Finland.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 20<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY IF YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED OR NOT.**

## APPLICATIONFORM

Fill in the annexed application form to this document and send it back ASAP to:

For participants of programme countries (eligible countries mentioned in below grid)

NA Finland	<a href="mailto:Paavo.Pyykkonen@cimo.fi">Paavo.Pyykkonen@cimo.fi</a> & <a href="mailto:Ossi-Pekka.Ollikainen@cimo.fi">Ossi-Pekka.Ollikainen@cimo.fi</a>
NA Ireland	<a href="mailto:lgilligan@leargas.ie">lgilligan@leargas.ie</a>
NA Denmark	<a href="mailto:MK@ui.dk">MK@ui.dk</a> & <a href="mailto:JERA@ui.dk">JERA@ui.dk</a>
NA Norway	<a href="mailto:gry.nesse@bufdir.no">gry.nesse@bufdir.no</a>
NA Belgium (FR)	<a href="mailto:anne.demeuter@cfwb.be">anne.demeuter@cfwb.be</a>
NA Sweden	<a href="mailto:liene.ledaine@ungdomsstyrelsen.se">liene.ledaine@ungdomsstyrelsen.se</a>
NA Portugal	<a href="mailto:carla.marques@juventude.pt">carla.marques@juventude.pt</a> & <a href="mailto:joaquim.freitas@juventude.pt">joaquim.freitas@juventude.pt</a>

For applicants of the neighbouring countries:

Jo Claeys on [elinfluence@hotmail.com](mailto:elinfluence@hotmail.com) (You will receive a confirmation of receiving)

## WHERE WILL YOU 'LIVE' THAT WEEK?

You will be hosted in smaller houses inside the village, near to the very centre. Each house will have place for approximately 6 to 8 participants, in single and twin rooms. Bed sheets, towels and shampoo are provided.

You'll be living this week as if you were ... full habitants of the village!

When you arrive you will be brought to your 'personal house' of which you will have the key. You will share this house with some of the other participants, but there will be no other people staying. The group will make up almost 10% of the total local population.

## PROGRAMME (FINAL DRAFT VERSION)

Wednesday 26/06	Thursday 27/06	Friday 28/06	Saturday 29/06	Sunday 30/06
	Breakfast in local café	Breakfast in local café	Breakfast in local café	Breakfast in local café
Arrivals	Debate and discussion groups on youth exchanges as a tool/instrument	Impact of youth exchanges on local communities and other stakeholders	Open Agenda	'Unfinished business' Evaluation Follow up & DEOR
Lunch in community centre	Lunch: Barbeque on the central square village	Lunch: buffet at swimmingpool	Lunch: Barbeque on the central square village	Lunch in Assentiz
Last arrivals in the afternoon	What's up with learning & Youthpass	Summary of findings	Defining and developing common document with findings and recommendations	Departures in the afternoon
Getting to know each other Intro in the programme	Development of a European awareness and citizenship	Free time and optional activities with the local community		
Dinner in Restaurant Marmeleira	International dinner in local families	Dinner in Vila da Marmeleira	Dinner on public event (combined with 'Bull-play') Bullfight arena	
Practice fair: overview of youth exchange practice	International evening with families, life music	Free evening	Official 'closures' Life concert open for public	

- This programme might undergo slight changes according to local involvement. Final version will be send shortly before start of the meeting.

## HOSTING IN A RURAL VILLAGE

This **"WHASSUP WITH YOU"** will take place in a rural village in the centre of Portugal, 'Vila da Marmeleira', which has 460 habitants. Over the past 3 years, different international activities (including YiA projects) have been implemented in this community, offering a win-win situation for all involved, local development and a learning for local people through their involvement in the activities, besides the deep and authentic intercultural experience for the participants.

Next to the pedagogical outcomes of the international activities (e.g. training course, seminar, workcamp), the different projects have left their mark on the community. A local impact and international footprint have been left behind and are currently giving concrete results. At this moment in time, a group of young people between the ages of



13 & 16 has applied for the hosting of a youth exchange in August 2013, after a self-organized preparation period of 8 months to complete the application form. There is an increased entrepreneurship and enthusiasm measurable in the community. A local movement PartInRio has been created in the village as outcome of an Action 5.1 organised by the city Rio Maior, gathering local decision makers and young people in a common movement to increase participative democracy.

The village lies in the middle of Ribatejo, a region known for bullfights and wine. Even though it is 'only' 80 km from Lisbon, this rural area has recently suffered a lot under the unemployment wave. Many people depend of unpredictable seasonal labour and public transport is so limited that social isolation is an easy consequence, not only for older people, but mostly for young people living in the village. Many men have left their families behind and work abroad, spending few weeks a year with their families ... back to the times of the sailor men, and the origin of the melancholic music Fado. These projects intend to re-vive the community and to promote values as solidarity, cooperation, partnerships and entrepreneurship.

We believe this village can serve as an example of how international projects (including YiA) can have a broader 'return' for the investment made. It also shows how projects involve complete communities in a long term strategy where non formal learning is not only applied upon participants, but is implemented upon a whole community at the same time. We believe strongly in a common win-win situation ... because it is possible!



*Location of Vila da Marmeleira, between the cities Santarém and Rio Maior. Approximately 80 km north of Lisbon, and about 220km south of Porto.*