

Training and Networking project

"Let's Shape Our Future Ourselves"



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ARMENIA, 25-30 April, 2013



Project summary, objectives & main activities

+ Summary

"Let's Shape Our Future Ourselves" TC aims at providing rural youth workers and youth leader with competences to build the capacities of young people as leaders and encourages civic activism in their communities.

Training course will take part in Hermon village, Vayots Dzor region, Armenia from the 25th until 30th of April, 2014. We invite our partner countries from Europe and neighbor partner countries (4 participants from each country from 18 to 30 years old).

+ Specific objectives are:



Reflect upon the role of young people as community leaders; explore the ways of revealing and developing leadership potential of rural youth;



Encourage active participation of young people, by means of providing them tools for participation, project creation and management, creativity and community changes;



Provide participants with space to exchange best practices;



Equip participants with knowledge and tools for getting involved in international youth work and encourage cooperation while implementing such projects within and beyond Youth Programme;



Promote solidarity and tolerance of project participants by creating a platform to acquire alternative and positive information about youth from different countries

Team of Organizers

Training course is organized by Syunik NGO, Armenia together with project partner organizations: Regional Network of Peace and Reintegration – Georgia, National Youth Council of Switzerland, Center for European Initiatives – Ukraine, Citizens of Europe – Germany, ASOCIACIÓN CAZALLA INTERCULTURAL –Spain.

The training will be delivered by two experienced trainers:



Anna Yeghoyan- Armenia

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.



Ekaterina Sherer- Spain

Life is a great opportunity for learning!

Project team



Anna Hovhannisyanyan & Naira Harutyunyan

If not me than who, if not us than whom?????????

Venue/accommodation/meals

Accommodation: The project will be organized in the Vayots Dzor region of Armenia. The participants will be accommodated in “Lucy-Tour” Hotel Resort. The Hotel Resort is 146 km south from Yerevan and 25 km north of Yeghegnadzor, capital of Vayots Dzor. The modern "LucyTour" Hotel Resort, located in Hermon village, provides all of the amenities needed to

plan a most comfortable stay in Vayots Dzor and held seminars, trainings and conferences. For venue information please visit: <http://036b839.netsoljisp.com/jspApp1/>



- ✚ **Meals:** Armenian traditional food with mixture of European cousin you will serve during the Training Course. If you have some special needs for food (Religious needs, celiac, etc.), please, inform us about it beforehand.

Transportation/travel



Arrival Day – 25 April, 2014.



**Departure Day-30
April, 2014.**

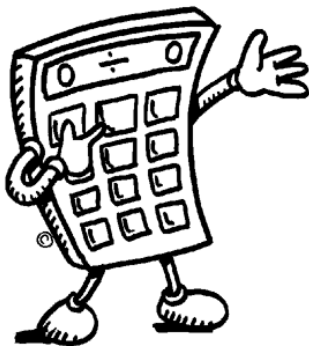
You will arrive to the Zvartnots International Airoport of Armenia. Our advice: After ticket arrangements please let us know what time you will arrive to Zvartnots International Airport. At the entrance of gate you will see the poster with name of Training Course. Please follow up to the poster and you will meet with project's organizer team. We will pick you up from airport, which will make it much easier for you. In some cases you will wait for other participants from project partner countries in some hours at the airport.

NOTE: Early arrivals or late departures will be the own responsibility of the participants. Please bear in mind that according to the guidelines of YIA program the travel back must be realized by participants on direct way within maximum of 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travel (holiday travel, etc) there is no chance of reimbursement.

Reimbursement

The organisers will reimburse **70% of** your travel costs from your home city to the pick-up point in Armenia.

Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance in the TC activity and presentation of the original tickets with boarding passes and receipts/invoices.



Reimbursement will be done in Armenian Dram (AMD). We will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission web-site for the month of ticket purchase

<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>.

*Please consult the maximum amount of travel reimbursement (the 70%) per country per person. If your travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project, we will be able to reimburse you 70% of the travel costs indicated in the travel budget table!

Country Travel	Maximum reimbursed per person (70% in euros)
Georgia	52.5
Germany	350
Spain	490
Ukraine	420
Switzerland	490

What to bring

Materials about your organization and its activity.

- ✚ Information about youth in your country.
- Civic activism situation;
- Rural and urban youth differences;
- Facts and figures about youth education, employment (basic ones)

Prepare for our intercultural evenings: Participants should bring some typical food and drinks from their country. Country participants will also have a chance to present Your Home country – presentation should take not more than 10 minutes. Be creative! Share with other participants things that are interesting (which cannot be found on Wikipedia or YouTube!).

- ✚ For the activities you can bring:
- ✓ Presentations about the traditional habits and symbols of your culture (but NOT power point which you can find on YouTube!);
- ✓ music from your country (on CD's, DVD's, USB stick);
- ✓ traditional costumes;

- ✓ traditional food, local drinks;
- ✓ traditional dances;
- ✓ a flag and info about your culture and country

Communication



You will have internet access (wi-fi) at the hotel where you are staying. A Mobile/Sim card (only Viva cell and Beeline functioning at the venue) can be purchased at Zvartnots International Airport, at the offices of these operators or at the big stores, having the passport copy.

Info+: Information about venue region and country

✚ Local time

Armenia Standard Time is 4 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+4). Starting from 2012 Armenia has abolished daylight saving time.

✚ National currency and currency exchange

Armenian national currency is Armenian Dram (AMD). 1 Euro is about 536 AMD. Euros can be changed at banks and special exchange shops.

✚ Climate

The climate of Vayots Dzor is known for its dryness and continental characteristics. The Marz enjoys an exceptional amount of good weather, with only 30 to 40 sunless days each year. Vayots Dzor enjoys more sunny days than any other province in Armenia. The amount of average annual precipitation varies from 390 to 780 millimeters. The summer temperatures are typically around 26°C (depending on altitude), and winter temperatures average about -8°C. The annual snow fall in lowland areas from 10 to 76 centimeters and in mountainous areas can reach up to 2 meters.

✚ Some information about Armenia and Vayots Dzor region.

Armenia is located in the South Caucasus, bordered by Georgia from the north, Iran from the south, Azerbaijan from the north-east and the south-west and Turkey from the west. The Republic of Armenia occupies a territory of 29 800 square km, lying at an average altitude of 1800 meters above sea level. The highest point is Mount Aragats (4090m), while the lowest point is the valley of the Debed River (400m). The capital is Yerevan. According to the general census of 2003 the population of Armenia is 3,2 million, 1,1 million of which lives in Yerevan.

The official language is Armenian, a separate branch of the Indo-European language family. The Armenian letters are radically different from the letters of other languages. Generally the state buildings and public places are also marked with Latin-letter signboards. Besides Armenian, Russian is also widely used, and many can communicate in English, too.

The state religion in Armenia is Christianity which was adopted in 301 AD. The religion is deeply and strongly rooted here.

The majority of the Armenians living in Armenia belong to the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox church. The head of the church is the Catholicos of All Armenians, who resides in Holy Echmiadzin.

Vayots Dzor is located in south-eastern Armenia. It's the smallest Marz (Province) in Armenia, covering 2.308 square kilometers, with a population of about 55 thousand people.

Vayots Dzor borders by marzes (provinces) are southeast Syunik Marz, northeast Ararat Marz and north Gegharkunik.

With vast mountainous expanses, lush river valleys, breathtaking gorges, and mysterious caves, Vayots Dzor has a wide variety of exceptional natural beauty. The pristine natural environment is home to a dazzling array of animal and plant species.

The central town of Vayots Dzor is Yeghegnadzor. The other two main towns are Vayk and Jermuk.

Some info about Hermon village, Vayots Dzor region, Armenia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vayots_Dzor_Province

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgL2IKV8UB0&feature=youtube_gdata_player

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Looking forward to see you!

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Yeghegnadzor, Armenia

