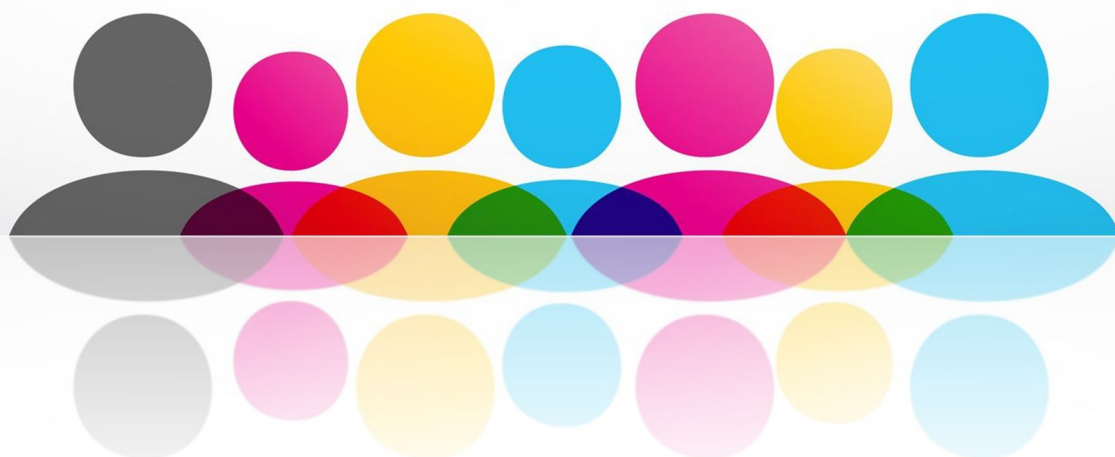


Partnership Building Seminar

Connecting Bridges



INFORPACK

16-21 September 2014, Slavsko, Ukraine



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What? When? Where? With whom?

Title: "Connecting Bridges"

Type of event: Partnership Building Seminar

Dates and Location of the Seminar: 16-21 September 2014, Slavsko, Ukraine

Who: Youth Peace Ambassadors and NGO workers from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine

What is seminar about?

Partnership building seminar "Connecting bridges" will take place on 16-21 September 2014 in Slavsko, Ukraine. The theme of the project is intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation in the countries of project participants.

The objectives:

- to develop joined actions on projects related to intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation;
- to increase amount of quality projects in the field of intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation;
- to strengthen the network of organizations working on the field of intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation and make the working plan for the Network for 2014-2015;
- to promote democracy, solidarity and human rights; to provide tools in intercultural dialogue and conflict transformation and campaigning for youth workers from countries with economic, geographical disadvantages.

Participants profile:

The participants of the PBA are:

Youth Peace Ambassadors and representatives of NGO with which they cooperate in the local level.

Age of participants 18 +.

Efficient level of English.

Possibility to and dedication for implementation of developed initiatives.

Methodology:

Within the event, the following activities will be used: getting-to-know each other, building common ground, presentation of youth programme, ICD and CT concepts and aspects in the international youth work, project development, networking, organizational expo, evaluation. The methods used for the PBA are based on intercultural and non-formal learning, have participatory and experiential approaches.

There will be used the following methods: team-buildings, ice-breakers, presentations, work in small groups, plenary discussions, brainstorming, mind maps, case studies, simulations, project cycle of Walt Disney, project auction, graphic and sociometric evaluation methods.

Working language: English.

Hosting organization:



Center for European Initiatives will have role of Hosting organization within the project.

Center for European Initiatives — is public nonprofit organization, created on the principles of voluntarily participation, human rights, freedom of speech, common interests, self-government and equality of rights for its members, as well as for the protection of our legal interests, rights, and freedoms.

Goal: to assist in the reformation of Ukraine in accordance with European standards, to introduce democratic values, and to develop civil society in Ukraine using educational and informational methodologies.

To check information about the hosting organization, please, visit the web-site: www.eu.sumy.ua and on [CEI Facebook page](#)

About the Youth Peace Ambassadors Network



The Youth Peace Ambassadors (YPA) network is an informal network of young peace builders across Europe who work with and in conflict-affected communities through youth work, including educational activities such as training sessions, seminars, peer education, as well as advocacy and activism projects.

The mission of the Youth Peace Ambassadors Network is to develop a culture of peace by empowering young people, promoting human rights, dignity, equality and respect of diversity through education, advocacy and other actions. *You can follow [the Youth Peace Ambassadors Network on Facebook](#)*

The creation of the Youth Peace Ambassadors Network is a result of a long-term project (entitled Youth Peace Ambassadors) that was proposed by the Advisory Council on Youth and endorsed by the Joint Council on Youth of the Council of Europe in 2010. During various phases of the project, its members participated in several training sessions on competences in peace-building. The Youth Peace Ambassadors project was initially divided into three groups, but, after following a similar path of learning, one big group was created: the Youth Peace Ambassadors Network. In November 2012, a networking conference took place where the participants of all groups had a chance to meet and the first steps of the Youth Peace Ambassadors Network were taken. You can read more about the Council of Europe project at: <http://www.youthpeace.coe.int>

Accommodation and Food:

Accommodation: the participants will be lodged in the hotel “Perlyna Karpat” in rooms for 2 people. Contact information:

Address: 43 b Franka St., Slavske, Ukraine
Hotel website: <http://perlyna.com/?lang=en>



Food: you will have three meals and two coffee-breaks a day. Please, inform about your food habits and needs (fast, vegetarian, vegan).



Internet Access: there is an Internet access in every room.

Travel Arrangements:

The day of arrival to Ukraine: 16 September 2014

The day of departure: 21 September 2014

How to get to Ukraine:

1. You can check the flights to Ukraine. There are several international airports:
 - International Airports in Kiev: Boryspil (<http://kbp.aero/en/>), Zhulyany (<http://airport.kiev.ua/en/>)
 - International airport "Lviv" (the closest): <http://lwo.aero/>

The best way is if you arrive to Lviv by plane. In case if you come o Kiev, please, keep in mund that Ukraine is very big country and the train from Kiev to Lviv will take about 10 hours.

2. You can check the trains.

<http://www.uz.gov.ua/>

The way from Lviv to Slavske is 135 km.

There are several trains from Lviv to Slavske, you can check them here: http://www.uz.gov.ua/en/passengers/timetables/?from_station=47548%2C23092%2C23081%2C23215%2C36921%2C23200&to_station=23091&select_time=2&time_from=00&time_to=24&by_route=Search

Crossing the border and identification in Ukraine:

For travelling to Ukraine you need to have international passport. Please, keep it in mind and do not forget to take it, your ID card will not be enough. Good news - for participants from all participating countries is visa-free.

Location



Ukraine is the world's 44th-largest country and the biggest country in Europe. It is located in the very heart of Europe (with Europe's geographical center near the town of Rakhiv, Trans-Carpathian oblast). It is a state in Eastern Europe bordered by Russia to the north and east, Belarus to the north-west, Poland and Slovakia to the west, Hungary, Romania and Moldova to the southwest. The state border extends for a total of 7,590 km. The length of the Ukraine's Sea Coast is 1,959 km. Ukraine is divided into twenty four regions (oblasts) and one autonomous republic Krym (Crimea).

The country has many different geographic area types. In the South Ukraine is washed by the Black Sea and Azov Sea. There are Carpathian Mountains in the West (the highest point is Mt. Hoverla (2,061 meters) and the Crimean Mountains (the highest point is Roman Kosh (1,545 meters) in the South of the country on the territory of Crimean peninsula. With all of this variation Ukraine is rich with natural beauty. Although the capital of the country is Kyiv, there are many other large cities spread throughout the country such as Odessa, Lviv, Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Lugansk, Kryvyi Rih and others.



Ukraine is very rich in old world culture. With many forms of art and architecture visible throughout the country, it is easy to find something of interest no matter where you are. Ukrainian customs are heavily influenced by Christianity, which is the dominant religion in the country. The culture of Ukraine has been also influenced by its eastern and western neighbors, which is reflected in its architecture, music and art. The Communist era had quite a strong effect on the art and

writing of Ukraine. <http://bestofukraine.com>

Slavsko (Slavske)

Slavsko is currently the most popular Carpathian ski resort. It attracts tourists so much because of its low prices and closeness to the big Ukrainian cities. It is situated about 130 km from Lviv and it is easy to get there by train. Slavsko is very conveniently located on the Kiev-Uzhorod rail road.



Travel costs

The organisers will reimburse **70% of participants' travel costs from your home city to Slavske, Ukraine.**

Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of **all (including return) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes and later sending of the return documents and boarding passes. Please, be aware that in case you will miss any invoices or tickets during the PBA, we will not be able to reimburse them.**

Please, keep the boarding passes from your airport check in as well. Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice according to the official currency exchange rate of European Commission.

!!! Note: Please check the travel budget limits below. 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.

!!!! Note: **Please make the copies (better scan or take photographs) of your tickets and invoices before you will come to the seminar. Email those together with TRAVEL FORM to Yuliya Ielfimova at yuliya.ielfimova.cei@gmail.com by 5 September 2014. If you have tickets and invoices, make sure that you e-mailed copies of both. This information is very as currency in Ukraine is Ukrainian Hryvnia, we will need to prepare amount of money needed for your travel costs reimbursement in EUR beforehand. We will not have possibility to exchange a big amount of money in Slavske.**

Promoter	Country	Amount of participants per promoter	Total cost in EUR (100%)*	Grant requested in EUR (70%)*
"Bridge to the Future" Youth Public Union	Azerbaijan	1	650	455
New Faces	Belarus	2	400	280
Youth Space	Georgia	2	800	560

Hay Arajadem Eritasardutyun	Armenia	2	1300	910
Útilapu Nemzetközi Építőtábor Hálózat	Hungary	2	800	560
Birleşmiş Milletler Türk Derneği Gençlik Kolu	Turkey	2	700	490
Athina SOS	Greece	2	1700	1190
CISV Lietuva Asociacija	Lithuania	2	700	490
SALTA	Spain	2	1500	1050
GenderInLaw	Poland	2	800	560
World Independent Youth Union	Armenia	2	1300	910
Together Czech Republic	Czech Republic	2	800	560
Center for European Initiatives	Ukraine	2	80	112

Practicalities

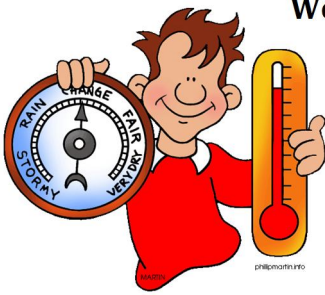
Health insurance:

The health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organizers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as the costs of private health care in Ukraine are high.

Currency in Ukraine:

The national currency in Ukraine is Ukrainian Hryvnia. Euros and US dollars can easily be exchanged across Ukraine.

The type of the plugs in Ukraine is European. Make sure that you have adaptors for your electrical devises.



Weather:

In September in Slavske the weather will be quite changeable in the mountains. It can be warm and nice and at the same time, it can rain. So, it is necessary to take umbrella with you and some warm cloths. You can check detailed weather forecast: <http://www.meteoprog.ua/en/weather/Slavskoe/>

Some Ukrainian words:

It can be rather difficult for you to orientate in Ukraine as the Cyrillic alphabet may be a confusion as it is absolutely different from Latin. Here are some Ukrainian words which can be useful for you:

English	Ukrainian	How to read
Hello!	Привіт!	Pryvit!
Good morning!	Доброго ранку!	Dobrogo ranku!
Good afternoon!	Добрий день!	Dobryj den'!
Good evening!	Доброго вечора!	Dobrogo vechora!
Bon appetit!	Смачного!	Smachnogo!
Thank you!	Дякую!	Diakuju!
How much? (price)	Скільки коштує?	Skilky koshtuje?

Get prepared for the seminar

- 1.) Join Facebook group of the seminar:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/755983144420044/>
- 2.) To get to know each other better, we would like to see how is your life and how it is seen by others. Please go to this website (<http://uthinkido.com/>) and feel it with pictures. Post your pictures in Facebook Group of the project, please, print it and bring with you.
- 3.) Take "Bingo" challenge in Facebook group. Learn more about people involved in the project. Be ready to present the results of your Bingo on the seminar.
- 4.) This seminar will give you a unique chance to build partnerships with other organization involved in the project and within Youth Peace Ambassadors Network. Use this chance and prepare information for presentation of your organization.
- 5.) Prepare for the "Intercultural evening": You will organize this activity. Feel free to bring drinks/food/snacks that you want to present! Keep in mind that you will make it interactive and show some cultural aspect of your culture such as dance, music, arts so that you can print pictures to bring with you.
- 6.) We will provide you with some reading material later.

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What to bring with you:

- ✓ Proof of all the travel expenses. If you come by plane, please be sure to bring evidence of the sum actually paid (invoice, copy of credit card slip 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 Youth in Action programme. If you come by train, please do not forget to buy a return ticket.
- ✓ Results of the “Bingo” challenge
- ✓ Your printed out “U think I do”
- ✓ “Standard training equipment”: An alarm clock, any dictionaries you might require, music CDs and MP3, musical instruments, comfortable clothes, etc.
- ✓ Music, snacks and drinks for intercultural night
- ✓ Information about your organisation (if you have materials you want to share, present, introduced, for promoting it or making new partnerships)
- ✓ Video from the international projects which you would like to share with the group
- ✓ Optional: Swimming suit for in-house sauna

Preparatory team



Nino Tsulia – Georgia



Lutza Elek – Hungary



Jeyhun Ashirov – Azerbaijan



Yuliay Ielfimova – Ukraine

Check list

Be sure you have all this done before you leave!

- ✓ read this guide all the way through at least once
- ✓ packed your travel bag – including traditional food & drinks and info
- ✓ materials about your organisation and any other materials
- ✓ changed the batteries in your alarm clock and taken the charging
- ✓ cable for your mobile
- ✓ prepared lots of good mood for the whole week.