



ATOQ TRAINING COURSE IN BRIEF
GERMANY - FEBRUARY 2015

WHAT IS 'ATOQ'	<p>ATOQ training course which has been successfully running since 2004 and has been developed to increase the quality of international youth exchanges.</p> <p>During 5 days, an international group of youth workers will look back to their past experience(s), focus on quality aspects and improve their management competences in order to improve quality of their future youth exchanges.</p> <p>The quality aspects, which will form the pillars of this course, are made in line with the standards promoted by Erasmus+ programme.</p>
AIM	<p>To support youth workers/leaders with youth exchange experience in increasing the quality of future European youth exchanges to be set up within the ERASMUS+ Youth Programme.</p>
OBJECTIVES	<p>The ATOQ training course will provide the participants with opportunities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critically reflect upon their previous international youth exchange experience(s) and the impact on young people, organisations and wider community 2. Increase the understanding of different quality aspects of youth exchanges such as: active participation of young people, cooperation with partners, intercultural learning, impact and dissemination of results; programme design 3. Experience a non-formal learning process and understand how to support young people's learning in the project; 4. Improve their project management competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) in order to better organise the different phases of a youth exchange project.
METHODS USED	<p>Group work, discussions, statement exercise, inputs, simulation exercise, individual and group reflections, self-assessment model, interactive workshops and participative presentations, consultations, exercises, etc.</p>
WORKING LANGUAGE	<p>The training course will be conducted in English. Participants should be able to understand and to communicate in this language on the sufficient level.</p>

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE	<p>This training course is open for voluntary and professional youth workers, working directly with young people, that organised and/or participated as a team-member in at least one international youth exchange (which is completed) and plan to organise another within the frame of Erasmus+ Youth programme</p> <p>Attention: Participants' experience as team-members in Youth exchange projects will be used during the training course, therefore only those who actually have this experience should apply.</p> <p>Participants should be at least 18 years old.</p>
GOOD TO KNOW	<p>During the training, several methods are used which involve participants in an active way. Participants will be challenged to critically reflect on their past organised Youth exchange(s) and how to improve future exchanges. An open attitude of the participants is expected.</p>
TEAM	<p>ATOQ Germany 2015 will be hosted by the German National Agency of Erasmus+ and co-financed by the Dutch National Agency; NA staff will be on the spot.</p> <p>The course will be facilitated by three international trainers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marta Piszczek • Nerijus Kriauciunas • Wim Vogelaere <p>Profiles of trainers can be found on TOY (www.salto-youth.net)</p>
WHEN AND WHERE	<p>The training course starts on 21st of February 2015 in the afternoon and ends on 28th of February 2015 after the breakfast.</p> <p>The ATOQ Germany training course will take place in Bonn.</p>
COSTS	<p>Board, lodging and programme costs will be provided and paid for by the German National Agency. The travel costs will be paid by the sending National Agency (in case you will be selected). Your National Agencies may ask for a participant contribution therefore check this with your National Agency.</p>
HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS TRAINING	<p>Application on line through www.salto-youth.net. Deadline for application is the 31/12/2014. National agencies final selection will be done by 10/01/2015. Selection notification will be sent to participants by 14/01/2015 at the latest.</p>
FOR MORE INFORMATION	<p>Contact your National Agency or contact the German National Agency, M. Guido Kaesbach (kaesbach@jfemail.de) / Mireille Gras (gras@jfemail.de)</p>