

Participant's Infopack



We are looking forward to welcome you at this training course and work together with you sharing ideas and competences, experiencing and discovering new things, getting to know new people and learning from each other!

Here follows a short info-pack for you to get ready for this new adventure. Stay tuned and see you soon in Czech Republic!

1. What is "War Games"?

"Peace Games" is the second edition of a 8-days residential training course on Game-Based Learning promoted by the Czech organisation Dobroti. The course aims to explore games and gaming methodologies of different types and on different platforms (social games, role playing games, boardgames, video and digital games, creativity expression exercises) and their application in educational activities.

The training course aims to support the participants to get a deep understanding of games and gamified systems, to apply them effectively in their work, and to design new ones, according to different settings and contexts. The project will specifically address topics such as:

- violent communication, "fake news" and propaganda;
- aggressive and autocratic leadership on the rise;
- decline in civic and political participation of youth;

through a programme that will be able to provide youth workers and trainers with tools, theoretical background, motivation and empowerment to tackle these problems more effectively in their local work. The course will have a very experiential character, will produce a toolkit of games that will be published and shared on open source platforms, and will focus on the immediate applicability and replicability of all the learning outcomes.

The project will take place in the Czech Republic, close to the city of Olomouc, in the beautiful ecological centre Sluňákov (www.slunakov.cz/en), from the 26th of August to the 3rd of September 2018 (travel days included). It will involve 24 participants from 12 different European countries (Czech Republic, Italy, Spain, Romania, Turkey, Germany, Greece, UK, Portugal, Ireland, Hungary and Slovenia). The language of the training course will be English.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the training course are:

- to define a positive approach to leadership and develop related skills;
- to explore games as learning tools to develop political participation, inclusion and non-violent communication;
- to introduce tips and principles of "gamification" in education and training, and to discuss potential negative side effects;
- to empower trainers, youth workers and leaders to increase young people's participation to political life, reduce radicalization and xenophobia, promote a less violent society - and endow them with applicable tools.

3. Accommodation, Map and Area Informations

The training course will take place in the Czech Republic, close to the city of Olomouc, in **beautiful ecological centre Sluňákov** (www.slunakov.cz/en).



The accommodation will be in shared rooms – there are mostly double rooms and 2 dormitory-type rooms. Shower and toilets are shared, towels will be provided. There is Wi-Fi Internet in the center, but since we are in the countryside, we cannot ensure it will be working 100% all the time, so please try not to plan important things through email or conference call for that week. Since the venue is in countryside it is best if you bring all the things you might need with you.

4. How and when to reach us

As it takes some time to get to the venue from the closest airport, we would like to kindly ask you to arrange your arrival in the morning hours. The arrival and registration will be carried out until **4:30 PM on the 26th of August**. The programme will start at **5 PM sharp**.

To be able to attend the course from beginning till the end is one of the basic conditions for participation, so please arrange your travel to be there on time. In case of any complications, please let us know as soon as possible.

The end of the course is scheduled on the **2nd of September** with a farewell party, so that all of us will leave on **September 3rd, after breakfast**.

If you land/ arrive to Prague:

From Prague airport you need to get to the main train station (Hlavní nádraží) and take a train to the city of Olomouc, from there take local transport. There is a direct bus from the airport to train station called the Airport Express (signed as AE). It goes every 20min or so, and takes about 35min to arrive to train station. Please read more here: <http://www.dpp.cz/en/bus-ae-airport-express/> or here: <http://www.pragueairport.co.uk/airport-express-bus>. The price is 60 CZK.

Trains from Prague

There are 3 different train companies that provide trains from Prague to Olomouc (Czech Railways

– ČD: www.cd.cz/eshop/ , Leo Express: www.le.cz and Regiojet: www.regiojet.cz). All 3 webpages are also in English, German and other languages. It takes about 2 hours to get from Prague to Olomouc. The advantage is that the trains go very often, the disadvantage is you need to buy the tickets for the specific company you are using. All the 3 companies have their sales points in the main train station in Prague, so they will provide you with all the information. To check in advance your schedule, have a look at <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/> (there is a version in English).

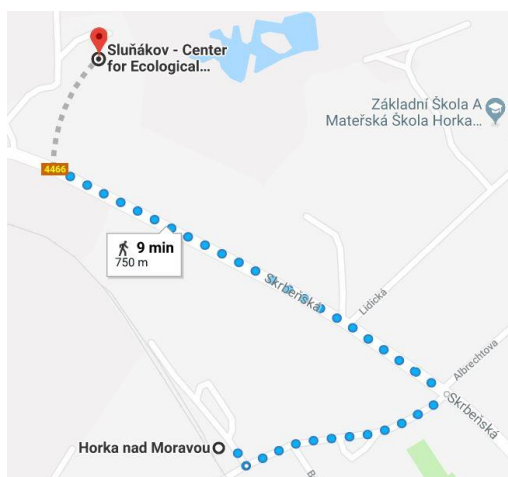
From Olomouc to Slunakov

You have again 3 options:

1) local train (tickets either in Olomouc train station or at www.cd.cz/eshop/)

From Olomouc train station go to “**Horka nad Moravou**” station.

The train goes at: 10.31, 11.31, 12.31, 13.31, 14.31, 15.31, 16.31, 17.31, 18.31, 19.31, 20.31 and the very last one at 22.35. The train takes 19 minutes, and from the train station it is 9 min by foot -see map below.



2) bus: From Olomouc city center you can also take local bus nr.18 and 20 direction Horka from the stops Tržnice and Náměstí Hrdinů. In Horka your stops are “Horka”(BUS 20) or “Horka,škola” (BUS 18). Bus takes 13min and costs 20 CZK. Centrum Sluňákov is at the end of the village at the right side. There is also a map at the website of Sluňákov. The centre is an important place in the village, so you can as well ask anybody for directions.

3) taxi: You can also take a taxi from Olomouc train station. To Slunakov the ride should cost about 300 CZK (12 Euros). The precise address for taxi driver is this: Skrbeňská 669/70, 783 35 Horka nad Moravou. If you want to call a taxi, try e.g.: City Taxi Olomouc: 800 223 030 or Student Taxi Olomouc: 800 262 626.

If you have any questions write to wargames.training@gmail.com, we would be happy to help you to look for the best connections!

5. Travel reimbursement

The course is co-funded through the **Erasmus+** European programme. We can reimburse only the cheapest transportation possible and only public transport, 2nd class fares. Taxi or Uber can be refunded only if it can be demonstrated that no alternative public transport exist for the same

itinerary. For the **reimbursement**, we will need:

1. An **invoice** with the **itinerary** of your trip, the **names** of the passengers and, very important, the **price** of the ticket. Usually all this information is available on the e-tickets for flights.

IMPORTANT: we can reimburse your flights, **only if you present us your boarding passes!** In case of using mobile app for check-in, please remember to save the boarding pass, or take a screenshot of the boarding pass - they are automatically deleted from the mobile app after some time.

2. All your original **travel tickets and receipts** (train and bus tickets) which you wish to have reimbursed. We cannot provide reimbursement without the original of these documents, so it will be your responsibility to take good care of them.

The following list shows how much is the maximum allowed **per person** for a full return (two ways) journey:

Czech Republic – **20€**

Hungary, Slovenia, Germany – **180€**

Italy, Romania, Turkey, Greece, UK, Ireland – **275€**

Spain, Portugal – **530€**

In order to be eligible for the reimbursement the travel expenses should cover exclusively the travel between the venue and the country you are applying from. This means that we can support the participation of somebody living in Poland (or Georgia, Slovenia, etc), **AS LONG AS YOU TRAVEL TO AND FROM THE COUNTRY**. Please don't ask for exceptions ("I'm coming from Italy but after the course I would like to travel to Spain"), **these are the rules and we cannot change them**.

The reimbursement will be done **after** the end of the project, after we successfully get all the tickets and boarding passes also from your trip back home. Consider 4-6 weeks while we process all the documents and organise the transfers. More information about when and where to send the tickets, and the relevant reimbursement form will be given during the training course.

Food and accommodation will be provided free of charge for the full duration of the course.

6. Training fee

The course foresees a participation fee as a contribution to the programme. The amount of the fee will be calculated on a sliding scale from **30€ to 100€**, so that every participant will be free to choose how much his/her contribution will be according to their own personal possibilities. The fee will be paid in cash on the spot during the course, either in Euros or in Czech Crowns. We can issue an invoice if your workplace or your organisation wants to contribute to your participation fee.

7. Other useful information

- Pack your own **phone and laptop chargers**, and **travel adaptors** if you need one;

- **Pack clothes which also suitable for outdoor activities;**
- **Internet** is available on the venue place, but the signal can be subject to drops. **Do not plan important online meetings or deadlines** to be met during the course, which will be quite packed anyway;
- Our programme includes half a day free and we will offer some options for sightseeing, limited to the surroundings. **No trip will be organised to visit Prague or the nearby main cities** you might be interested in visiting. If you want, organise yourself and take a few days extra for your own leisure time. **You can take up to extra 2 days (before OR after the course) and still be eligible for a travel reimbursement (not more);**
- Obtaining a **full insurance (travel risks, medical, injuries)** is the participant's responsibility;
- **The participants commit themselves to actively participate in the whole process**, including: to read all the information carefully, communicate timely with the organisers, prepare adequately for the training course; to take actively part in the full duration of the activities; to participate in the evaluation process after the course;
- **Pictures, videos, images** taken at the course, as well as **the materials produced** during the activities, can be used to document the activity in reports or websites or social networks, or for promotional material;
- Providing **information on special needs**, does not remove the participant's personal responsibility for ensuring their own health and safety.