

Info Pack

Welcome

Congratulations on being invited to take part in this *unique* online training course!

We hope that you are motivated and looking forward to meeting with other participants who will join this training course.

We would like to provide you with some information that will guide you in your preparation for the training course. In this document, you will find:

- some background information about the **Appetiser** course
- Information about the training platforms (HOP and Zoom)

All this information will help you understand what **Appetiser** is all about! Still, in case you have any questions regarding the content of this course, please contact trainers by sending us an email provided at the end of this infopack.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT APPETISER

Why Appetiser?

At first, you might have thought that it is a culinary training we are inviting you to! No, it is not! But you might feel hungry after our **Appetiser**! Hungry for new activities, new possibilities; hungry for more!

The name of this training course represents the entire idea – to motivate (“appetite”) people to expand their activities internationally! The idea for ‘Appetiser’ was born in 2004, where the need for new beneficiaries in the EU “Youth” Programme (now Erasmus+: Youth in Action) was expressed.

We think that there are many youth leaders and youth workers around Europe, who organise great activities for young people in their town or in their country. Still, they do not spread their ideas at the European level.

Thus **Appetiser** is a space for these people to meet, share their experiences, gain knowledge and confidence to organise international projects. We will create a safe space to explore the advantage of going international. By the end of **Appetiser**, you will have the chance to know what it means to work with young people in an international setting!



Appetiser online - why not?

Appetiser has been organised in the form of residential training over the years in several European countries, bringing hundreds of youth leaders and youth workers together. Due to COVID-19 pandemic that hit our world, the residential **Appetiser** training courses had to be cancelled. The team of trainers came up with the idea of bringing **Appetiser** online so that youth workers from all over Europe can still get 'hungry' through an online opportunity.

The online edition of the **Appetiser** course will be delivered through:

1- Asynchronous online training activities:

We will use the HOP platform for this part for you to access organised content at your own pace during the next weeks. You will find more information about HOP and how to start using it down below!

2- Synchronous online training activities:

We will be using 'Zoom' to get together as the whole group online during the next few weeks. Those moments will be our shared time together to discuss, interact and learn from each other. Again, you will find more information about 'Zoom' down below as well as once you enter the HOP platform.

What can you expect from the Appetiser course?

Before we dig more in-depth about the details, here you can find the specific *aims* and *objectives* of the online edition of **Appetiser**:

- To get familiar with **non-formal** and **intercultural learning** and have a concrete example of how this can be done online.
- To **enjoy** the first intercultural youth project experience online.
- To **share local youth activities** and related experience, within an international youth work context, with the use of digital tools and media.
- To explore possibilities of support available for international youth activities offered by **Erasmus+ Youth** and the **European Solidarity Corps Programmes**.
- To analyse examples of **good quality youth projects** supported by the Erasmus+ Youth and the European Solidarity Corps Programmes.

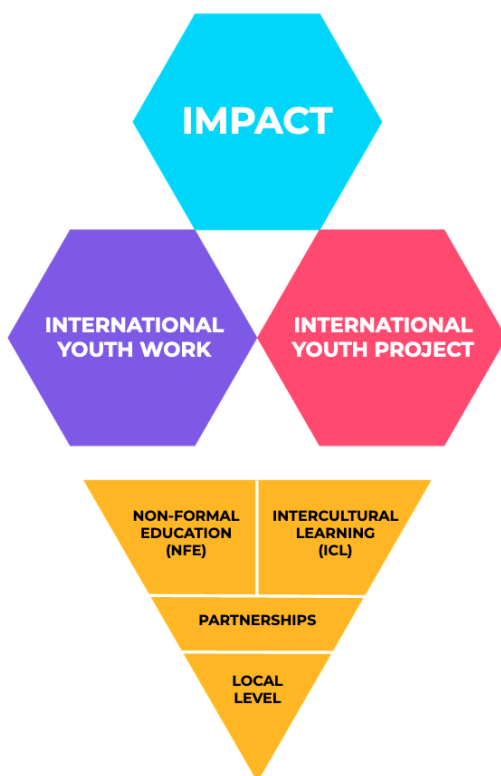
- To better understand how to **benefit** from the international youth work context in your local practice.

What is the concept of Appetiser?

As you might have understood already, **Appetiser** is a training course, where we will create opportunities for you to learn what to consider when organising an international youth project.

Throughout the years, the **Appetiser** course has been developed further based on the feedback received by the participants, but also for the online edition, the main concept remains the same. Below you can see an ice cream-type scheme, which, actually, is the model we will be following during the training.

Probably you will not find a restaurant where ice cream is included in the menu of appetisers, but we think that this dish is very motivating!



Shortly, topics included in the 'ice cream' are the ones we are going to work on during our training course. As you can see, we will very much focus on non - formal education/learning and intercultural learning. They are two big pillars of international youth work. You might be asking yourself, what concretely do they mean, but this is precisely what we will be exploring during the **Appetiser** course! There are more exciting things to say about this 'ice cream', but we will reveal the whole secret in our training!



What is the activity programme for Appetiser?

You can find the activity programme of the online edition of **Appetiser** sent to you by email. As you will see, it will be quite intensive via asynchronous and synchronous sessions in the upcoming weeks.

During the programme, we will not just provide you with information. We will also invite you to get substantially involved through interactive exercises, visual presentations, discussion boards, etc.

Make sure that you can actively participate during the upcoming weeks.

All Appetiser participants are entitled to receive a Youthpass certificate (for more, visit [Youthpass](#)). During **Appetiser**, the Training team will support you through the process of self-assessment on your learning outcomes according to the [framework of 8 Key Competences](#).

ONLINE TRAINING PLATFORMS

During **Appetiser**, we will be using 2 online platforms for our activities:

1- HOP Learning Platform for asynchronous training activities

Some parts of the training course are going to be offered on the HOP online learning platform that is managed by SALTO. To be able to take part in the online training course, you first need to register your account on the HOP platform. This is how you can do it:

- Please join the course on HOP platform:
<https://hop.salto-youth.net/courses/Appetiser>
- You can use **MySALTO account** (which you use for SALTO Training Calendar) to register on HOP platform
- You will be asked to enter an enrollment key. Use the key which you can find in our welcome email. Please do not share this with anyone else.



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SALTO HOP

Username / email

Password

Forgotten your username or password?

Log in

Cookies must be enabled in your browser ⓘ

Log in using your account on:

MySALTO

Is this your first time here?
For full access to this site, you first need to create an account.

your gateway to online learning for youth work

Once you enter the platform, you will be able to start exploring the welcome activities of our course. Make sure you dedicate time to complete available activities before the first Zoom meeting.

You will find that some of the course activities are locked. We will be **unlocking sessions** with the progress of the course.

Should you **encounter difficulties joining the HOP platform**, please immediately contact Nerijus via email provided at the end of this infopack.

2- Zoom communication platform for synchronous training activities

We will be meeting on 'Zoom' sessions during the next few weeks. We advise you to install 'Zoom' on your computer and create a free account for you. The training team will provide you with specific information to join Zoom meetings on the HOP platform and in a reminder email. **Please mark the exact meeting times on your agenda!**

You can join 'Zoom' meetings through your computer or smartphone as long as you have internet available. In case of no access to the internet, you will be able to dial a local phone number to join 'Zoom' meetings by making a free phone call.



The team of **Appetiser** prefers and suggests that you participate in using your computer to get the best out of the interaction experience. **Make sure to set up and try 'Zoom' at least 1 day for the first Zoom meeting.**

Time to time, you will be invited to join the meeting using your camera and microphone. It would be good to get ready a headphone/headset to easily follow and participate in the conversations.

Some points to pay attention while you participate in Zoom meetings:

- Join from your computer if possible
- Make sure you have a reliable internet connection
- Make sure your computer's audio and camera are working well
- Check if everything works on your computer 10 minutes before the online 'Zoom' meeting starts
- Make sure you have your own space that you can participate without anybody/anything interfering
- Make sure your computer's battery is charged, and you have your charger somewhere nearby
- Mute your microphone when you are not talking
- Keep your camera open during the whole meeting and be in a good-lighted space to make sure people can see you
- Use the 'gallery view' mode to be able to see everybody at the same time or change to 'speaker view' to keep fewer distractions and more focus
- To feel comfortable during the meeting, make sure you have your water/coffee/tea, pen and paper nearby
- Make sure your mobile is on silent mode during the entire session, and other applications and programmes are closed on your computer.

Please make sure to contact trainers making us aware of your particular needs regarding online participation if you have any.

Do not hesitate contacting us for other important questions related to your participation in the **Appetiser** training course.

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