

DEEP: Digitize, Engage, Empower Participation

Erasmus+ Training Course

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Cabris, France



Context and objectives

The organizations' strategies and the youth work policies may quickly go out of date due to society's increasing digitization. To fulfill the increased demands for high-quality digital education, youth workers must constantly examine existing strategies and adapt to the innovation shifts within their daily practices. New technology significantly affects how education is conducted, and non-formal learning plays a part in preparing young people for a tech-driven environment, especially when this environment is prone to develop their participation in local, democratic, and civic processes.

'DEEP: Digitize, Engage, Empower Participation' aims to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of youth organizations by developing modules that address digital participation and use digital tools to reach a broader target group. This will level up the digital facilitation skills of youth workers by adapting and exploring innovative digital tools to raise young people's participation in civic and democratic processes.

We will reach the project aim by addressing the following specific objectives:

- ♦ **O1.** Link the **importance of digital participation** to its impact on citizenship and social activism.
- ♦ **O2.** Review the **current digital youth work practices**, and assess their multiplication potential within the involved organizations.
- ♦ **O3.** Support the participants in **analyzing their organization's internal processes** to encompass digital participation solutions.
- ♦ **O4.** **Design digital guidelines for youth workers** and the digital participation ecosystem.

DEEP REFERS TO THE FOLLOWING NEEDS:

DIGITIZE: The outdated processes in some organizations need to be updated, and handling data should be efficient and respectful of the GDPR norms. The interactions between young people and decision-making organs/people must be facilitated digitally.

ENGAGE: Youth, the target group, is the reason for our work. We need to have them

regain their interest in political and civic processes on national and EU levels.

EMPOWER: Engagement will not last without empowerment. The latter is the action of re-iteration, in which youth workers need to have the capacity to facilitate dialogue and learning opportunities with a digitally updated skill-set.

PARTICIPATION: We believe that a young person's life should not be centered around school, work, or being a NEET. Youth need to be reminded that being part of liberal democracy is a chance, and simultaneously, they need to have doors opened to craft the future of our societies.

The project will offer an experiential laboratory for youth workers to test and adapt the existing innovative digital tools to youth work practice, where youth workers can plan and lead digital activities offering new learning formats for their youth. This will also allow the evolvement of the participation practices in an appealing format for young people to prevent their disengagement. Besides, the project will allow the participating organizations to improve their online presence and communication while increasing their online activism and advocacy practice.

Profile of participants

“DEEP” consists of one training course planned in Cabris, France, from 2 to 10 December 2023.

It will gather **29 participants** representatives of 10 partner organizations from France, Romania, Sweden, Spain, Poland, Bulgaria, Italy, Turkey, Latvia and Germany.

The profile of the participants is as follows:

- ♦ **Youth workers:** who are empowering young people, and regularly conducting local activities (preferably non-formal) that involve young people or have them as main target group.
- ♦ **Non-formal education trainers/facilitators:** with experience in using/planning to use digital participation for facilitating non-formal education activities aiming to drive up youth participation in their society
- ♦ **Project managers:** Even though, they are by essence youth workers and occasionally trainers, we will focus on selecting project managers that have different levels of experience in implementing youth projects focusing on the use of digital education with young people as primary target groups.

Partner organizations

Name

Country

Coconutwork

France

Foreningen Framtidstaget

Sweden

Asociatia GEYC

Romania

Euromuevete

Spain

Euro-mediterranean association of exchanges volunteering events Polska

Poland

ANKA gençlik derneği

Türkiye

Sdruzhenie Alternativi International

Bulgaria

Freeminds in action

Italy

Latvian association for youth activists

Latvia

Coconut Germany

Germany

Accommodation and transportation

The training course will take place in **Cabris**, 45 minutes from Nice, France.

The accommodation is **Le domaine du Bois d'amont**. The participants will share rooms with twin beds. We'll have two dedicated cooks to prepare the meals for everyone.

Shuttles will be organized to bring the participants from the airport to the venue and back.



Travel, finances

health insurance

- ♦ The project is funded by Erasmus+, allowing us to cover travel, accommodation, and meals for the selected participants.
- ♦ There's a **contribution fee of 60€** for participation to be deducted from the final reimbursement amount.
- ♦ The participants will be suggested relevant itineraries and invited to use the cheapest means of transportation. Checked-in luggage and any other extra flight options are not reimbursed. When traveling with Ryanair or Wizzair, it is allowed to add the priority-boarding option to have a cabin bag on board. The flight tickets will be reimbursed up to two months after the training course. It is only allowed to book the airline tickets on the airline's own website, not through travel agencies or third-party websites
- ♦ A valid European health card is mandatory and will be checked. Otherwise, private insurance needs to be subscribed, which cost is non-refundable.

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