



'Youth in Action' Programme

ACTION 3.1 TRAINING COURSE

"Cross-border cooperation on youth entrepreneurship development and promotion"

**Novi Sad, Serbia
15-21 February 2010**

Deadline for applications: January 25th, 2010

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Purpose of this training:

International training **"Cross-border cooperation on youth entrepreneurship development and promotion"** is going to gather youth workers active in the field of youth self-employment.

This 5-day training (excluding travel days) is going to be organized in **Novi Sad, Serbia**.

We are going to organize this training because we feel that one of positive solutions to youth unemployment problem is entrepreneurship education of youngsters and that self-employment needs to be more seriously considered by youngsters, as well as those providing youth with services in area of self-employment support, as viable income-generation option and as an alternative to job seeking.

This training aims to strengthen cross-border cooperation capacities of organizations/institutions from 6 countries to even more efficiently work in area of youth self-employment, cooperate among themselves and to promote European cooperation in field of youth entrepreneurship development and promotion by using this project as a partnership-building chance that will bring networking among participating organizations/institutions and other interested actors in area of youth entrepreneurship development and promotion. All of these efforts will later help creation of a mutually supportive and efficient infrastructure in the region, consisting of organizations/institutions providing youngsters with information and assistance to achieve their self-employment and possibly employment (job seeking and finding) intentions.

Profile of the participants:



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The training course will bring together 36 youth workers from **Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania**. In total, up to 30 different organizations/institutions from these 6 countries are expected to take participation in this training.

Participants of this training course should be projects managers actively and directly involved in youth self-employment projects at local, national, regional and/or international level.

However, it is expected that up to 30% of participants will be persons without previous experience with youth self-employment projects or persons with experience in general youth employment area. It is our intention to help those who wish to start providing services in the area of youth self-employment to start do so as soon as possible. Therefore, they also will be invited to participate in this training.

Working language of the training will be English.

Venue:

Training will be hosted in a recently opened **Hotel Aurora** in Novi Sad.

Novi Sad is easily accessible and is on the route of largest railroad and highway routes in Serbia.

All participants will have to come to Novi Sad in their own arrangement, by bus, train and/or (in rare cases and with prior agreement by us) by airplane.

Only 70% of bus, train and/or airplane travel costs incurred (including return travel costs) can be reimbursed. Travel costs reimbursement will only be possible if bus/train/airplane tickets are presented!

More specific info pack concerning logistics issues will be given to participants after the selection process is complete.

Application deadline:

Please send the application form to yia@ngoserbia.com e-mail address no later than **January 25th, 2010**. Late applications will be refused!

If you need to download the application form go to: www.ngoserbia.com.

Below you can find **draft** work program of the training:



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Timing	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	
08.30.	Arrival of participants	Breakfast						Departure of participants
10.00.		<p>Presentation of the training - expectations and inputs from participants</p> <p>Exploration of own youth entrepreneurship projects -presentations from participants</p>	<p>Exploration of tools for youth entrepreneurship development and promotion - organization of effective consultative services programs</p>	<p>Best practices of non-profit sector on youth entrepreneurship development and promotion – presentation by a young entrepreneur</p>	<p>Best practices of non-profit sector on youth entrepreneurship development and promotion – presentation by the main promoter organization</p>	<p>Study visit to Vojvodina Secretariat for youth and sports – youth self-employment support programs in Vojvodina region</p>		
11.30.		Coffee break						
12.00.		<p>Exploration of own youth entrepreneurship projects -presentations from participants</p>	<p>Lecture from the Agency for SME's development representative - youth self-employment support through education and consultative support</p>	<p>Lecture from the Fund for development representative – support to youth self-employment through start-up crediting</p>	<p>Lecture from the Ministry of youth and sports representative - youth self-employment in National Youth Strategy and Action Plan in Serbia</p>	<p>Study visit to Vojvodina Secretariat for youth and sports – youth self-employment support programs in Vojvodina region</p>		
13.30.		Lunch						
15.30.		<p>Youth in Action Program and youth self-employment - presentation</p>	<p>Exploration of tools for youth entrepreneurship development and promotion – organization of effective educational programs</p>	<p>Free afternoon</p>	<p>Youth self-employment and national & local policies in countries represented at the training</p>	<p>Presentation of the future activity – Action 3.1 Networking project as follow-up and a tool for regional networking</p>		
17.00.		Coffee break						
17.30.		<p>European Youth Pact & the new EU youth strategy "Youth - Investing and Empowering" and youth self-employment - presentation</p>	<p>Exploration of tools for youth entrepreneurship development and promotion – organization of effective educational programs</p>	<p>Free afternoon</p>	<p>Youth self-employment and entrepreneurial & economic climates in countries represented at the training</p>	<p>Networking session</p>		
		Reflection groups sessions			<p>Reflection groups session</p>	<p>Evaluation of the training</p>		
19.00.		Dinner						
20.30.	<p>Getting to know each other</p>	<p>NGO's fair</p>	<p>Cultural evening</p>	<p>Free evening</p>	<p>Movie</p>	<p>Farewell party</p>		



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