

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Title: Peace Action Week – Making Change Happen

Type: Training Course

Applicant and Host: ELIX - Conservation Volunteers Greece, www.elix.org.gr

About the Project:

Massive migration flows triggered a severe and multifaceted crisis in Europe. Indeed, different European countries are showing opposite reactions and approaches to the issue which has not really found a convincing solution after the recent agreement with Turkey on 20th March 2016.

On the one hand the dramatic situation of the asylum seekers and migrants moved the heart of many Europeans - among them, normal citizens, associations and volunteers showed greater sensitivity than their own governments.

On the other hand, a parallel flow of diffidence, hatred, and hate speech grew and displayed how easily racism and xenophobia can grow at every level of society.

As a matter of fact, this is the evidence that, even in Europe, human rights' awareness and defense, together with intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding, are crucial and urgent priorities.

Within this framework, Greece is in the front line, with more than half million people transiting the country in 2015.

Therefore, as a Greek NGO and IVS organization, we are committed to the Raising Peace Campaign launched by CCIVS in 2014. This Peace Action Week represents for us an extraordinary opportunity and a little, but important step to concretely start the change we want to see in nowadays' society.

We believe that migration is a challenge which could be transformed into an opportunity for our societies to grow and become more inclusive, multicultural, and peaceful.

Our project aims not only at building peace and fostering migrants' integration by increasing intercultural sensitivity, but also at improving active participation and commitment among youth.

The project will be held in Athens, 23-30 of March 2017 with the participation of 28 youngsters from 6 different countries and 7 different partners from all over Europe.

Objectives:

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More specifically,

- To promote a constructive debate where participants will have the opportunity to share their views freely thanks to a peer to peer approach;
- To bring the participants to an active reflection on the topic through non formal education activities and experiential learning;
- To promote mutual understanding among the participants by encouraging them to approach intercultural dialogue with tolerance and open-minded attitude;
- To expand participants' knowledge about human rights;
- To put the participants in contact not only with actors who are working with refugees and migrants, but also with refugees and migrants themselves;
- To empower the participants - and through them other actors in their communities of origin - by strengthening their skills, in particular the ones needed to organize effective raising awareness actions, projects and events at local, national and international level;
- To encourage participants to take action in their own countries.

Main steps we will follow for the Peace Action Week: Preparation, Training, Awareness raising actions, Communication/Visibility.

When: Arrival: 23rd of March 2017 (before 6pm)
Departure: 30th of March 2017

Where: Athens, Greece

Target group: youth workers and leaders involved in IVS organizations, activists committed to human rights and peace. Ideally, we would like to include some young people with a migration background.

Financial Conditions & Participants:

Board, lodging, local transports, all materials and the content of the training course are fully covered.

More information for the venue will come with the infosheet after the final selection of the participants.

Participants will be in charge of arranging their own insurance for their travel and stay in Greece.

Travel costs from home to and from the venue (Athens, Greece) are covered up to the limit of the Erasmus+ lump sums, once we have received the original proof documents:

Organisation	Country	Number of participants	Max. Travel Grant per participant
ELIX - Conservation Volunteers Greece	Greece	8	0€
THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE	France	2	360€
INTERNATIONALE BEGEGNUNG IN GEMEINSCHAFTSDIENSTEN	Germany	3	275€
YAP (Youth Action for Peace)	Italy	3	275€
SOLIDARITES JEUNESSES MCP	France	3	360€
Egyesek Youth Association	Hungary	3	275€
INEX SLOVAKIA	Slovakia	3	275€
Volunteer Action for Peace	UK	3	360€

NOTE: Reimbursement can be done either to the partner organisations or to participants directly. Bank transfer fee is not covered (1euro per transaction for EU countries).

Participation fee: There is no participation fee.

Deadline for applications: 20th of January 2017

Please forward the call to all the people who are fitting with the profile required and might be interested to join the training course.

Applicants are kindly asked to fill in this form: <https://goo.gl/forms/YUw9Nsw5kDUQXzid2>

Applicants will be informed for the admission results until the 20th of February.

Please DO NOT buy your tickets before you receive official confirmation that you have been selected for the project.

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The project "Peace Action Week – Making Change Happen" is part of the Raising Peace Campaign organized by the Coordinating Committee of International Voluntary Service (CCIVS)