



ERASMUS+ Mobility project of the Youth field

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**Converging of disability organizations
into the network of social inclusion projects**

Contact Making Seminar

18/04/2016 – 21/04/2016, Dolo (VE)

Erasmus+ is the EU program that supports international education and training projects. Only some know that this program permits to implement international learning experiences also for youngsters with disabilities, guaranteeing all necessary support for the special needs of this particular target group.

Projects gathers 16 organizations from 13 European countries that are working with the issues of disabilities in order to learn more about these opportunities, to create collaborations and links among various actors and to develop first project ideas that include European mobilities for youngsters with disabilities.

Project partnership

Under the coordination of the training organization Irecoop Veneto, project gathers organizations working with disability issues in 13 European countries. Among these there are National level entities as well as the organizations working locally and directly with the young persons with disabilities through educational, sport and cultural activities:

Fundaciòn Juan XXIII (ES), den achtkanter vzw (BE), Knowledge Association Lovech (BL), INS HEA (FR), Algeseem Centre d'Education (FR), Social cooperative Humana Nova (HR), Foundation Maria Kokkori (GR), Studieforbundet Vuxenskolan Vast – Kulturcentrum (SE), European Family Justice Centre Alliance (NL), Fundacja im.Doktora Piotra Janaszka Podaj Dalej (PL), Associacao Portuguesa de Deficientes (PT), Association Apeirons (LV), Social cooperatives from Italy – Aclicoop, Soliedatietà Coop., Piano Infinito.

Aim of the project

To increase the opportunities of intercultural learning experiences for youngsters with disabilities by creating partnership among organizations working with young disabled persons and by developing the competences of non-formal education and mobility project designing under the youth field of the ERASMUS+ program.

Activities of the project:

1. **Preparation phase** that includes practical organization of the central event, as well as preparation of participants introducing them to the content of the project through online communication.
2. **Contact making seminar** that is the main, central event of the projects.
3. **Follow-up phase**, foreseeing support for the finalization of the created new project ideas and dissemination of the seminar results in all project countries.

Seminar program:

Day 1 – 18/04/2016

Welcoming & presentations (participants, trainers, program etc)

Presentations of the Participating organizations

Getting to know and Group building activities

Lifelong learning and youngsters with disabilities: learning needs, possibilities and challenges

The role of non-formal & Intercultural learning

Intercultural evening

Day 2 – 19/04/2016

Youth mobility projects under the Erasmus+ program: regulations, examples and potentiality for the target

Projects and partnerships, requirements and added value

Project market: Clarifying ideas and forming partnerships

Youth project presentation procedures

Day 3 – 20/04/2016

Youth project development: quality and success factors

Principles of non-formal educational program and tools for Youth mobility projects and their adaptation for the youngsters with disabilities

Networking of disability organizations: projects, European networks and other.

Free evening in Venice

Day 4 – 21/04/2016

Project laboratory: finalization of the follow-up project ideas

Learning in Youth mobility projects and its recognition

Evaluation and closure

Approach and training methodology:

The seminar and the whole project basis on the non-formal learning principles, like the self-directed learning, valorisation of resources in the group and learning from the group. The program combines variety of training methods, theoretical inputs, good experience stories, interactive group activities and elements of individual work, with the focus to favour the creation of qualitative project ideas. In many cases the seminar as such will serve as an example, as a possibility to experiment and to learn by doing in order to organize better their future project for youngsters.

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