



ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, HEURISTIC
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Training Course

STORM 4.0

STRUCTURING NON-FORMAL EDUCATION APPROACHES

FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION

**Planned time: 13 – 21 February 2019, travel days included
Bulgaria**

SHORTLY ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project “Structured non-formal education approaches for social inclusion” is 7 days non-formal educational training programme in Bulgaria. It includes 27 participants and aims to involve 9 countries. The main target groups are youth-workers, social workers, teachers, etc. who already work or expect to work in social inclusion area with non-formal educational approaches. The training project will be realized in the frame of Erasmus+ KA1-Mobility of Youth Workers. This is the fourth edition of the training and we decided to implement it again because of the successful feedback of the participants and the needs observed. The project will be promoted by ASSOCIATION FOR CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, HEURISTIC AND LINGUISTIC COOPERATION (AKSELS). AKSELS is a Bulgarian NGO, working mainly for and with young people to provide more opportunities for their development and realization in life and to strengthen the links with the older generation to keep good relationships and traditions alive. In our work we apply various tools of the formal and non-formal education through training courses, international projects, festivals, exhibitions and other cultural events. We seek cooperation and together we join efforts with other social and communal organizations and institutions, including schools, to provide stronger and longer impact on our target group. We have experience with hosting volunteers with different backgrounds, including with special needs and disabilities. The trainers are: Karlis Visa (C-Modulis) and Giulia Mastropirro (Work in Progress – Italy)

WHY IS IT NEEDED?

Too often non-formal education is confused with spontaneous learning through experiences.

This concept leads to educational programmes where the potential learning outcomes are not well planned and facilitated or where different experiences are proposed without supporting the reflection. Facilitators in NFE have the role to



support learners in watching from different angles, think and reflect about the experience, figure out how to integrate the new learning in their lives.

In order to reach this goal, **NFE has to be structured and needs a clear educational approach**: it requires a need analyses, SMART objectives, a defined flow of a programme, a safe environment, a step by step activities coherent with the main aims and the specific objectives, a variety of methodologies and methods and a space for creativity!

This is even more important while working in the social inclusion field, since the youngsters have often less chance to be involved in supported learning process.

AIMS OF PROJECT

- to promote an open and creative training environment for non-formal learning;
- to improve participants' competences in designing, facilitating and assessing structured activities in social inclusion area;
- to support participants in exploring their educational approach;
- to support the development of learning to learn as one of the pillar of any non-formal programme
- to make participants experience the designing of a learning plan based on non-formal education
- to promote the exchange of good practices and the network in the social area.

TARGET GROUP: youth-workers, social workers, teachers, etc. Priority to people who are in daily life professionally working in the area of youth work and social inclusion area. Participants needs to be able to communicate in ENGLISH!!!

COSTS:

Financial agreement: travel costs will be covered until the maximum sum related to the distance band (Erasmus+ rules). 100% of accommodation and food are covered by the project.

There is a participation fee of € 50,00

HOW TO BECOME A PARTNER

We want to involve 9 countries and each organisation should send 3 participants who are actively connected to the organisation and involved in the work with youngsters belonging to disadvantaged situations

If you have these characteristics, please contact office@aksels.bg and ask for the mandate.