

KA1 MOBILITY OF YOUTH WORKERS



When? From 10 to 16 January 2022.

Where? In Vilanova i la Geltrú (Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain).



Why? Advocating is probably the most cost-effective type of action NGOs can carry on, since their effects are lasting for years (generations, even). Advocacy is also a valid way to improve society and support those in need, including youth.

The reason behind this proposal, postponed for one year due to the pandemic, is still relevant when the global health crisis is decreasing and other crises continue arising, being more critical than never that young people are empowered to achieve impact in society through successful advocating - if they believe in a cause, in themselves and have a specific set of competences, that we plan to explore and learn about in this one-week seminar.

Through advocating, young people can create social awareness about some of the most urgent local, regional and global challenges, including global health, climate crisis, predominance of the culture of war culture, refugee crisis, rise of xenophobia and attacks to human rights, and others in a context which is much worse for now than only two years ago, when promoter NGOs we start to prepare this activity.

The seminar promotes the idea that every not for profit and non-governmental youth organization can influence policymakers to the extent they are capable to encourage and support young people to act as advocates and lead the changes which are necessary on the public arena, on each community and at European and global level.

The 4 general objectives of the seminar are:

- To understand advocacy as part of our role as youth NGOs.
- To learn how to encourage and support young people to take leadership as advocates.
- To focus on the knowledge, skills and attitudes which are necessary to advocate successfully and collect valid tools and activities to develop and recognize advocating as a competence.
- To promote exchange and networking among youth workers and NGOs active in the field of non-formal and intercultural learning, volunteering, active social inclusion and youth empowerment at European level.

The 4 specific objectives are:

- To share inspiring stories, practices and experience, successful or not about advocacy actions done by promoter organizations at local, regional, national, European and international level.
- To define together a competence framework 'for young people to take leadership as advocates' we can use on each promoter organizations.
- To encourage participants to develop 4 key competences as advocates during the activity.
- To learn how to design, implement and evaluate a campaign, both online and offline.

The 4 specific key competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) we suggest focusing on during the activity are: 1) leadership; 2) effective communication; 3) networking and 4) campaigning. Participants will learn new tools and activities about these 4 skills-based competences.



Seminar focuses on existing practice and experience, in defining together a competence framework, and also in collecting and sharing tools and activities, which can serve promoter organizations to build resilience and, as part of it, to develop an advocacy strategy.

During the activity, we will use non-formal and intercultural learning methods, such as workshops, games, role-plays, debates, group exercises, etc.

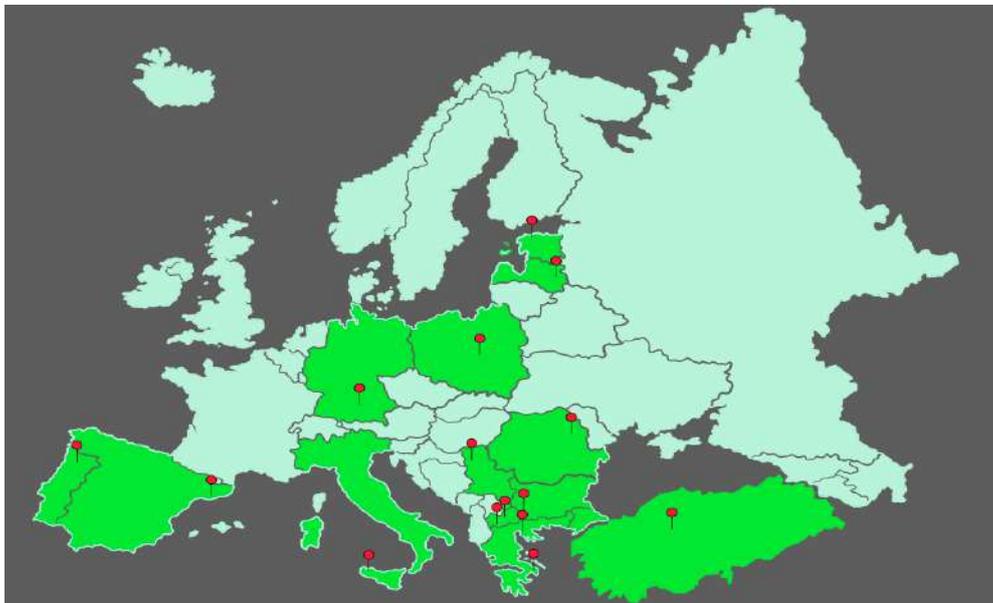
The final program will depend on the contributions of each promoter organization and on the background and expertise of each participant, which will be collected in the preparatory phase and will be the ground for the group to gain new knowledge and inspiration.



The 3 specific foreseen seminar results are:

- To create competence framework for young people to take leadership as advocates.
- To create an online handbook or guide 'Tool for Young People Acting as Advocates', with a collection of tools and practices we will use during the seminar.
- To create new project ideas related with the project topics, at local, regional and international level.

Who? We foresee bringing together to Vilanova I la Geltrú (Barcelona) 24 youth workers who are NGO leaders, project managers, youth workers, involved in each of the 15 promoter organizations, from 13 countries in total, who will have the opportunity to run presentations, facilitate workshops and share diverse tools and experience. The list of promoter non-governmental youth organizations, volunteer centers and informal groups (and participating countries) is the following: Active Bulgarian Society (Bulgaria); Seiklejate Vennaskond (Estonia); Freiwilligen-Zentrum Augsburg (Germany); European Movement 'World Our Home' (Latvia); Inter Alia and United Societies of Balkans (Greece); CEIPES (Italy); Kreativ and Sfera International Bitola (North Macedonia); Kobiety Lodz (Poland); Aventura Marão Clube (Portugal); Romanian Youth Movement for Democracy (Romania); Balkan IDEA Novi Sad (Serbia), and Loesje Turkey (Turkey).



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