

# **YOUTH WORKERS FOR YOUTH-LED SOCIAL INNOVATION**

**ERASMUS+ STAFF MOBILITY: TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH WORKERS** 





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# DEAR PARTICIPANT,

We are excited to announce an upcoming opportunity for youth workers to engage in a transformative educational program centered around the theme of "Youth workers for youth-led social innovation." This training aims to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively support and foster youth-led social innovation within their communities.

We invite youth workers from diverse backgrounds and experiences who are committed to empowering young individuals to drive positive social change. Join us in this collaborative journey to inspire, empower, and foster a new generation of socially conscious and innovative leaders.





# **ABOUT THE TRAINING:**

The program is designed to offer an immersive learning experience, combining theoretical insights, examples of good practice and practical strategies to empower youth workers in their efforts to promote innovative, sustainable and impactful change.

### THE KEY OBJECTIVES:

- Understanding what "social innovation" is and how it can impact the community
- Understanding the dynamics of youth-led initiatives and their potential for social change
- Exploring effective methodologies to support youth-led social innovation projects
- Enhancing communication and leadership skills to mentor young change-makers
- Creating sustainable networks to amplify the impact of youth-driven social initiatives.
- Developing strategies for overcoming challenges in the face of adversity.

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Osijek is the largest city in the east of Croatia and is economic and cultural centre of Slavonia, a region of Eastern Croatia. Osijek is river port too; located on the right bank of the Drava River about 25km upstream from its join with Danube River. The lowland of East Croatia, surrounded by rivers, is a true oasis for tourists who want to replace the city hustle and bustle with the quiet of greenery and a relaxed stay in intact nature at least for a while. It's the fourth biggest city in Croatia with a population of about 100,000.

#### THE INTERESTING PLACES IN OSIJEK:

- Tvrđa (the Fort), old town
- main square Trg Ante Starčevića
- Liberty square
- parks all over the city
- large promenade along the river
- pedestrian bridge that connects Osijek with Baranja
- Art Nouveau row of buildings on European Avenue











Social Atelier is the first deinstitutionalized community center in Osijek and its wider area, and whose program was (co)created with citizens. It aims to strengthen cooperation and dialogue between representatives of institutions, experts from CSOs and citizens - especially those who belong to vulnerable and marginalized groups, but have the desire and need to work on social change and change their position.

With a large selection of activities, but also an informal and friendly atmosphere, we tried to create a safe place for all citizens who dare to reflect, exchange perspectives, learn and act for the betterment of the whole community.

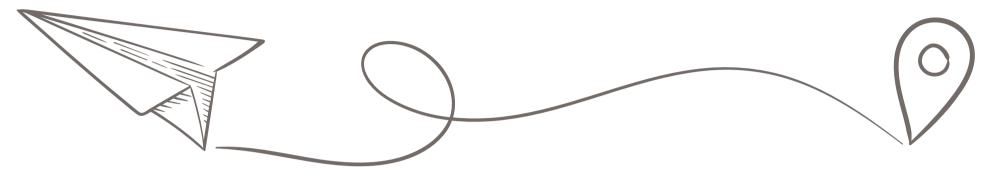


# VENUE

### COMMUNITY CENTER "SOCIAL ATELIER"

## WHAT DO WE COVER?

Travel expences



# Norway - 275/ 320 eur per person Portugal - 360/410 eur per person Slovenia -180/ 210 eur per person Bulgaria - 180/ 210 eur per person

\*we will refund all travel expenses up to these amounts after the activity \*\*green numbers refer to green travel (bus, train, shared car, etc.)

## WHAT DO WE COVER?

### ACCOMODATION IN THE CITY CENTER HOTE

### **MEALS AND** REFRESHMENTS



All meals during your stay in Osijek will be provided, as well as refreshments (coffee, tea, water) for the duration of the sessions.

# Day of arrival - 12.2.2023. Day of departure - 17.2.2023.

## HOW TO GET HERE?

### **BY PLANE**

# AIRPORT BUDAPEST AIRPORT BELGRADE

**BY BUS** 

FROM ZAGREB TO OSIJEK: ARRIVA BUS STATION ZAGREB





## WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

#### **DAY 1 - ARRIVALS**

#### DAY 2 (13.2.) **UNDERSTANDING SOCIAL** INNOVATION

- Introduction of participants
- Introduction to Social Innovation
- Local and international examples of good practice

#### DAY 3 (14.2.) **EMPOWERING YOUTH WORKERS FOR EFFECTIVE** SUPPORT

- Social innovation fair
- Identifying Social Challenges in Youth Work
- Models of youth participation
- Building a Supportive Ecosystem

#### DAY 4 (15.2.) **DEVELOPING YOUTH-LED SOCIAL INNOVATION**

- Presenting a problem and youth ideas
- Mentoring process developing youth led ideas
- Presentation and feedback



#### DAY 5 (16.2.) **STUDY VISIT AND EVALUATION**

- Study visit to a notable example of social innovation in Osijek
- Evaluation of the four-day training and gathering feedback from participants

#### **DAY 6 - DEPARTURES**



### **DEADLINE: 25.1.2024.**

We are at your disposal for all questions and concerns,

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