

INCLUSION IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES AND RUSSIA NEEDS ANALYSIS

CALL FOR COUNTRY-BASED EXPERTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Long Term cooperation project aims at designing of support measures and non-formal learning activities in the framework of Erasmus+: Youth in Action. These Activities will be based on expertise of relevant stakeholders and a needs analysis of practitioners in the field of youth. It will contribute to an impact to youth workers' capacity development and more active inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) Countries and in Russia within the Erasmus+ YiA Programme.

Aims:

- Design of support measures and non-formal learning activities for Youth workers in the EaP Region and in Russia dealing with Inclusion based on a needs analysis in the framework of Erasmus+ Youth in Action.
- Foster the Capacity Building and Competence Development of Youth Workers in the EaP Region and in Russia in regards to Inclusion
- Raise awareness about Inclusion in the context of learning opportunities within the Erasmus+ Youth in Action Programme

Objectives:

- Reach organisations in the EaP Region and in Russia working with disadvantaged young people and empower them to use Erasmus+: Youth in Action Programme
- Foster the development of high quality inclusion projects of experienced Organisations with Erasmus+: Youth in Action in the EaP Region and in Russia.
- Raise the amount of good quality Inclusion projects in the EaP Region and in Russia.

Target Group:

- Organisations from the EaP Region and Russia working with young people with fewer opportunities

- Young people with fewer opportunities in the EaP Region and in Russia

Project partners:

- Interkulturelles Zentrum, Austrian National Agency of Erasmus+ Programme: Youth
- CIMO Centre for International Mobility, Finnish National Agency of Erasmus+ Programme: Youth
- Foundation for the Development of the Educational System, Polish National Agency of Erasmus+ Programme: Youth
- SALTO Inclusion Resource Centre
- SALTO Eastern Europe and Caucasus Resource Centre

PHASES OF THE PROJECT

Phase one (2014/2015) - Experts Meeting, Needs Analysis and Pilot Research

Phase one brought together experts from the field of Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities in the EaP Region and Russia to discuss the current situation, needs and obstacles of Youth work in the Region in regards to Inclusion. An expert meeting took place in Georgia in October 2014 and brought together researchers and trainers from the region and programme countries familiar with the topic, the region and the programme Erasmus+, youth workers from the region, representatives from SALTO Inclusion, SALTO EECA and the involved National Agencies.

Phase two - Research (2015/2016)

Phase two included the finalisation of the research design and the implementation of the research, aiming to involve a broad number of youth workers from the EaP Region and Russia to gather evidence in regards to the Inclusion in Youth work. In addition desk research of policy developments of the countries in the Region is envisioned to get a comprehensive overview. Analysis of the research should be done by early 2016 at the latest and should help to create a long term strategy on Inclusion for the EaP Region and Russia and follow-up activities.

NATIONAL EXPERTS TASKS

We are looking for one resource person based in each of the following countries: Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine to fulfill the following tasks:

- Attend a training in research methods in Fall 2015 (preliminary plan is to have it in Tbilisi on 3-4 but place and date will be confirmed at the time of recruitment). NB participation in this training is mandatory for recruited researchers

- Contribute to the preparation of a questionnaire on social inclusion in the Eastern Partnership Region + Russia
- Translate the questionnaire into their national language
- Identify and approach a sufficient number of organisations working in the country on social inclusion. The number depends on the size of the country and will be agreed at the training session but we anticipate that the geographical scope of the research will include urban and rural based organisations in several parts of the country.
- Conduct interviews with representatives of the identified organization
- Prepare a country report based on the results of the interviews (under the supervision of the research coordinator)
- Any other tasks aimed at completing the points above.
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QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

- Experience with youth organisations (NGO) in the country where the person is based
- Evidence of a fairly large network of organizations and understanding of structures and dynamics of the youth sector in the target country
- Experience with previous research tasks is desirable. Where this is lacking, we expect the person to be keen to learn new tasks, be a self-learner and willing to engage with research-related tasks after having received a research-related induction training
- Fluency in English and national language

WORK CONDITIONS

The timeframe of the assignment is Fall 2015 – Summer 2016. There is some flexibility on working time but few milestones that are common to all countries and tasks need to be met at the same time.

Travel is required to visit organisations based in various areas of the country but can be arranged according to the person's schedule. Travel costs will be reimbursed on the basis of priorly agreed conditions.

Honorarium for the tasks consists of two parts:

- a flat rate of 300 EUR for translation of a questionnaire, preparation of a list of NGOs working on topic of inclusion in their country and preparation of a country report (5-7 pages) after collection of questionnaires
- a rate of 20 EUR per a questionnaire conducted (the minimum number of questionnaires will be discussed during the introductory meeting).

APPLICATIONS

Applicants should send a **CV** and a **Motivation Letter** (not longer than 2 pages) in which they describe their experience (relevant to the topic of the research) and motivation to participate in the project.

Applications should be sent to the main researcher **Abel Polese** at ap@tlu.ee by the **15 of September 2015**. **NB Early applications are encouraged and welcomed.**