

“Digibox: Enriching Youth Workers Digital Toolboxes for Involvement”

Practical Info

Training Course



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Practical Information:

Project Description:

Over the past decades online media and digital tools revolutionized the world, becoming an inseparable part of most of people's activities. The 'e-world' is fast becoming a new dimension of 'living' and doing business, with millions of companies, institutions, organizations and other entities turning 'e' (e-services, e-sales, e-healthcare, e-governance, etc.). European Commission is also going to the digital world with the Digital Agenda for Europe in the 2020 strategy.

Youth work is in a similar way turning to the digital world, where so many young people are spending 30+ hours per week. Digital youth work, work with social media, development of online work of organizations, e-promotion are becoming areas that require youth workers and youth leaders to become competent in. Digitalization already affected teaching, training and delivery of educational activities in the all of the fields (MOOCs, webinars, peer-2-peer online learning, learning worlds). The change also affected the way youth organization operate, attract young people with their services or even promote themselves. In order to stay visible and up-to-date, it is necessary to ensure that media and digital tools are skillfully used in day-to-day management of youth organizations.

Using the abovementioned information as base for our need-assessment with youth organizations Europe wide we contacted the network of partners to discuss the topic and understand whether their needs are similar to ours. We were curious to learn how and if they tend to use media in their everyday work, what aspects of digital technologies they find most useful or, in turn, most tricky to apply, how skilled and prepared do they feel to 'compete for youth' with other organizations demonstrating significant presence online, etc. The answers varied, with many partners remaining rather old school with utilizing only a few possible tools and not applying a strategic approach. As such, this simple research made us realize that smarter growth, as the one promoted in Europe2020 agenda, requires not only smarter, but also faster development of digital skills among youth organizations and practitioners.

There were next objectives established to logically reach the aim of the project:

- to discuss the current use of digital tools by organizations and analyze their potential to grow;
- to develop competences of participants to become effective and versatile users of available digital tools;
- raising awareness of how digital tools and new media can aid youth work and help to create greater impact of present-day youth activities;
- to create space for effective transfer of know-how in regard to media literacy and digitalization across Europe;
- to exchange tools, methods, idea, etc. in the use of modern technologies across youth work in Europe;
- to foster European cooperation in the youth field and support the development of new innovative solutions for new generations of digitalized youth organizations;
- to promote most relevant digital tools amongst various youth organizations in order to contribute to development of sustainable and effective partnerships across borders.

Participant Profile:

Participants of this training course will be **18+ youth leaders or youth workers**. Ideally chosen participants should be involved in youth work or education of young people in their daily work. **Minimum they should be active members of their NGOs, who have the potential (according to partner expertise) to support young people with the topic of online media and digital tools.** No specific previous experience with online media and digital tools as a topic is required. However, they should have the interest and needs to be given tools, experience and support so that they can further disseminate the results and support young people in educating them on the topic of online media and digital tools.

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Participants should have minimum good command of English and be willing and committed to work through the whole project program.

Participants are also expected to contribute to dissemination activities (local workshops, blog posts) promoting the results of this training course and following-up with own activities with young people.

Preparation:

Closer to the training course you will receive a preparation package and homework tasks for you to prepare.

Bringing a laptop is obligatory for this training course.

Financial Conditions:

The Training Course is scheduled for 28 April – 5 May 2019 and will be **hosted in Trabzon, Turkey.**

Financial support is from the Turkish National Agency, under the European Commission's "Erasmus+"-programme granting scheme. All costs will be covered, except for **excessive budget of the international travel** and **30 Euro participation fee** for the training course.

You can already book the tickets **only after** approval of the coordinator.

Arrival/Departure Timing:

Arrival Time: ***By 19:00 on 28th April, 2019 (Sunday)**

**We would like to see you for dinner. We will have a welcome evening activity after dinner to break the initial ice.*

Departure Time: ***Before 12:00 am 5th May, 2019 (Saturday)**

**This departure time is the time to leave from accommodation. Flight time can be anytime during the day.*

Additional Stay:

You are very welcome to come earlier or leave later to see **Istanbul, Cappadocia, Pamukkale or Antalya** and have some more Turkey experiences own your own expense. You can come **earlier or leave later within 1 week.** For more information, contact the coordinator.

Visa:

No Visa is required for **Estonia, Bulgaria, Norway and Latvia.** For **Austria, Spain and Croatia,** we will have ***17 Euro** budget, per person for visa.

**Online visa is 20\$. Airport visa is 30\$. In any case, you will have maximum 17 Euro.*

*Online visa takes only 3 minutes. Here you go with **Web Site:** <https://www.evisa.gov.tr>*

Participants from **Estonia, Bulgaria, Norway, Latvia, Austria and Croatia** will need to have **international passport to enter Turkey.** Participants from **Spain** can enter Turkey with their **ID cards or passports.** If you enter with your ID card, you must keep the card that is given and stamped by Turkish police on border.

!Please, check the VALIDITY of the passports and ID cards before the departure – Passport and ID cards must be valid at least for 6 (six) months.

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Local Transportation and Transportation:

Firstly, you should buy your tickets **from your country to Trabzon airport**. In Trabzon Airport, you will see a bus, named **HAVAŞ**. It costs 16 TL(3 Euro) , Euro is **NOT** valid. The bus collects you from the airport and takes you to Beşikdüzü. Then, we will collect you when you arrive in Beşikdüzü.

***PS:** To exchange EURO or withdraw Turkish Lira by using your account, you can use ATMs.

Or else sometimes it is a good idea to visit Istanbul, and book tickets separately, **from your country to Istanbul airport, return**. Then **from Istanbul to Trabzon airport, or Beşikdüzü bus station, return**.

***PS:** We will talk about Airport-Project place or Bus Station-Project Place transportation before the project starts. There will be some private bus options as well.

Venue:

Shokkin' Home is in Denizli Village, 5 minutes by public mini-bus to the center of Beşikdüzü district.

Google Maps Link: <https://goo.gl/maps/HLMra6h6Rtn>

For more info, you can check our FB page: www.facebook.com/FuturEurope

Accommodation and Food:

Shokkin' Home. It is a youth center with 4 floors. 1st floor is used as kitchen and dining room, 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors have the rooms with private bathrooms for 2,4,5 and 6 people. Training room is separated from the accommodation and just next to it. In principle 2,4,5 or 6 participants of the same sex and different nationalities will share one room. Shokkin' Home will **NOT** provide towels.

Organizers will provide participants with three meals per day and 2 coffee breaks.

During trips, we will have picnic lunch packages including a sandwich, drink, fruit and chocolate.

We strongly recommend each participant to inform the ORGANIZERS about any special needs such as dietary, vegetarian or any other kind of special need!!!

Venue Rules:

You are expected to participate fully in all activities, unless you are ill. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops won't be permitted. We would appreciate energetic and active participation.

Smoking and drinking alcohol is **STRICTLY** prohibited inside of the buildings.

Internet Access:

There will be Wi-Fi Internet available in the Venue. However, do not rely on high speed, many devices connected slowdown the Internet.

Security Advice:

! The organizers will not provide you with **Insurance!**

It is ***mandatory** for **each participant to obtain travel health insurance – at own expense** - for whole duration of **Training Course, 28 April, 5 May 2019**.

***PS:** We as Turkish team, strongly recommend you have health insurance for any health issues according to our experiences. It is only few Euros and sometimes saves Thousands.

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📍 Contacts:

If you need any other additional information, please contact project coordinators:

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Additional Information about Turkey:

📍 Weather & Clothes:

We recommend you bring with you, clothes which you consider as the most comfortable for you, for the temperature from **(15° to 29°)**. Take also Sport Shoes and Sportswear that can be used for (dance, theatre and outdoor activities).

📍 Money:

The Currency in Turkey is Turkish Lira. 1 Euro = 6,00 Turkish Lira

1 Coca Cola = 50 Cents

50 ml Water =20 Cents

Public Transportation=1 Euro (Shokkin' Home to Beşikdüzü)

📍 Some Basic Words:

-Hi/Hello=Merhaba,

-Good Morning=Günaydın,

-How re you?=Nasılsın?, I am good, you?=İyiyim, sen?

-How much?=Ne kadar?

-Very beautiful=Çok güzel.

-Thanks=Teşekkürler, Thank you=Teşekkür ederim.

📍 Social Media Accounts:

If you would like to see what we did before, you can visit our social media accounts and website.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/FuturEurope

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/FuturEurope>

WebSite: www.FuturEurope.org

If You Need Help: fatih@futureurope.org; gizem@futureurope.org

FB Group of This Project: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/digibox>

**If you are selected, please join our FB group for this project.*

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Partner Organizations:

Country - NGO	Number of Participants
(Turkey) Avrupa'nın Geleceği Gençlik Derneği (FuturEurope NGO)	6
(Bulgaria) ASSOCIATION PROFESSIONAL FORUM FOR EDUCATION	4
(Latvia) Peace of Mind	3
(Estonia) MTÜ Shokkin Group	3
(Spain) Ticket2Europe	4
(Croatia) VoVo	4
(Norway) Shokkin Group Norge	3
(Austria) Coobra - Cooperativa Braccianti	3

Travel Budget:

Country	Max Travel Cost Per Person (100%)	Cash Reimbursement*
Bulgaria, Latvia, Croatia, Austria	275 Euro	193 Euro*
Estonia, Norway	360 Euro	234 Euro*
Spain	530 Euro	318 Euro*

*-If your ticket prices are up to **this amount***, you will have all your reimbursement done in **cash** during the project according to real costs. If it is more, you will be reimbursed through bank transfer after the final report results which can take at least between 3-6 months.*

-Before you book the tickets, it is obligatory to inform the project coordinator. Tickets only can be booked after approval of the responsible person. You can also ask for recommendations to staff.

PS: More info will be shared after all the teams are ready via project FB group or personal e-mails.

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