



INFOPACK

Training course: The Making a difference through social entrepreneurship

Where: Črnomelj, SLOVENIA

When: 01. 12. 2018 (date of arrival) – 08. 12. 2018 (date of departure)



Summary of the project

Training of youth workers The Making a Difference through Social Entrepreneurship will take place between 1st and 8th of December 2018 in Črnomelj (Slovenia) and will be attended by 24 participants from 17 partner organizations from 14 European countries. The training will be led by two trainers with the additional support of the person in charge of technical and logistic matters.

Taking into account all the challenges that EU faces in teaching, technology, economy or health care, the society needs a greater percentage of social entrepreneurs and change makers. Considering that the progress against these challenges will be intolerably slow if only 3% to 5% of EU's population considers they can solve them, our opinion is that this fact creates an urgent need to teach people about social entrepreneurship in order to help them to make lasting and important changes in their communities and across the EU. As one could realize during his engagement with European programs, only recently, it has been given a great

emphasis by EU, on the education and training concerning social entrepreneurship. EU has continuously been searching for the appropriate ways to inspire the potential entrepreneurs, in order to encourage them to set up their new social enterprises.

At the present time, the education of people on the applicability of entrepreneurial fields is highly necessary especially for the creation of new venture with a social orientation. The development of new small businesses which, most of the times, are accompanied by a social spirit, does not only empower the economic situation through the creation of new jobs, but it also provides solutions that enhance positive social change.

Social entrepreneurship represents an innovative and effective mechanism for addressing many problems around the world, despite this fact it has only recently started to gain momentum.

By increasing the scope of social entrepreneurship in a natural way, and primarily through the education of social entrepreneurship, we aim to familiarize youth workers with the new trend called 'social entrepreneurship', in order to be capable to assimilate the appropriate skills and tools which could potentially lead to the concrete education of the young people, on the fields associated with a construction of sustainable social enterprise.

Making a difference through social entrepreneurship project primarily aims at the education of the next generation of entrepreneurs, who are concerned with the sociological ramifications of entrepreneurship.



This target will be successfully accomplished through the production of capable influential multipliers, such as civil society organizations and youth workers, who will eventually be fully-educated to educate, and therefore to exploit, the material derived from the project.

More analytically, by the integration of a range of well-designed non-formal methods, ICT tools and educational material in the normal activities of the above-mentioned organizations, the potential social entrepreneurs will be trained to maximize their skills, thus identifying those challenges of our times which might enable them to develop solutions and models for sustainable social organizations.

Whilst MC BIT members and partners have recognized the need and therefore the importance of social entrepreneurship in EU, they have altogether taken the initiative to develop a special training in Slovenia The Making a difference through social entrepreneurship.

Project refers to the ensemble of youth workers deriving from all the organizations which will be involved in the project and who will consequently accelerate the further development of social entrepreneurship culture across the EU.

The scope of training is to provide youth workers with an insight on social entrepreneurship, which could possibly operate as the main catalyst in inspiring young people to apply social entrepreneurship.

The main objectives of the project are:

- to acquaint with the principles of 'social entrepreneurship',
- to acquire the appropriate skills which would enable the youth workers in order to support young people to build social enterprises that address the challenges of our time,
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- to promote, within specific well-designed practices, the development of innovative ideas concerning sociological fields,
- to share national resources and inform about European ones (social entrepreneurship education and learning, access to different types of funding, partnerships, networks etc.) useful for social enterprise creation and sustainability,
- to share practical non-formal educational methods that motivate, and therefore engage young people with activities related to social entrepreneurship,
- create strong partnerships, capable to develop future projects concerning social Entrepreneurship.



Touristic-educational center



Slovenia is located in southern-central Europe, at the crossroads of main European cultural and trade routes, between Alps and Adriatic Sea, with the capital and biggest city, Ljubljana. Population of Slovenia is little bit more than 2 million people. Since 1 of May 2004, Slovenia is also part of European Union, and the official currency is € (euro).



Črnomelj is a small town, that was first mentioned 790 years ago, with about 5.000 inhabitants and it is the largest city in **Bela krajina**, the south-eastern part of Slovenia. It is located 92 kilometers away from Slovenian capital Ljubljana, and is about 100 kilometers away from Croatian capital Zagreb. The city itself lies on both sides of the confluence of the rivers Lahinja and Dobljučica. It is a cultural, administrative, shopping and employment center of the main part of Bela krajina. Each corner of the city tells a story about its vivid past - medieval castle, the Teutonic Order's command, bank building, St. Peter's church, Primožič's house - a house of craftsmen of Bela krajina, a monument on the Griček ...



Who are we?

Youth Center BIT, that was established in 2004, was in 2016 additionally registered as a social enterprise in order to solve some social problems in an entrepreneurial manner.

To this end, YC BIT team has, with the help of their volunteers, transformed former student dormitory, which was neglected in past years, into Touristic-educational center, in which the participants of the training course will also stay.

The team also uses their knowledge to cooperate in the development of projects at the local level, involves foreign workers into the local environment and carries out supportive and educational projects in the field of development of non-governmental organizations and social companies.



Where will you stay

In the Touristic-educational center, that is under YC BIT management, there are 14 rooms and 2 apartments available for guests, all together 48 beds. All guests at the hostel can use shared facilities: kitchen, living room, conference room and terrace. The facility is intended primarily for participants of summer schools, youth exchanges, training courses, working weekends, musical groups ... We also have big shared bathroom, one for men and one for women. Together with MC BIT's volunteers we prepare breakfasts and in cooperation with local caterer we also provide for lunch and dinner, if that our guests desire.



Role of the partner organizations is:

- to select the participants by 20. 10. 2018. The desired profile of the participant (minimum age is 18) is a youth worker or a person who works professionally with young people or a person who is volunteering in the organization for at least one year and is also in charge of at least smaller projects. Basic knowledge of English is required.
- the participants will receive a questionnaire, which will be used to prepare participants for training.



Important:

Do not buy tickets without the consent of the carrier partner Yout center BIT, social enterprise!

Amount of money per participant:

Croatia (2 participants)

180€ per participant

Portugal (2 participants)

360€ per participant

Spain – Medina del Campo

(1 participant)

275€ per participant

Spain – Aviles (1 participant)

275€ per participant

Bulgaria (2 participants)

275€ per participant

Turkey (2 participants)

275€ per participant

Poland (2 participants)

275€ per participant

Romania – Iasi (1 participant)

275€ per participant

Romania – Oradea (1 participant)

275€ per participant

FYROM – Kavadarci (1 participant)

275€ per participant

FYROM – Strumica (1 participant)

275€ per participant

Cyprus (1 participant)

275€ per participant

Slovakia (1 participant)

275€ per participant

Italy (2 participants)

180€ per participant

Greece (1 participant)

275€ per participant

Estonia (1 participant)

275€ per participant

Slovenia (1 participant)

0€ per participant

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