



Erasmus +

Youth in Action – Key action 1 – mobility of youth workers

Discovering EVS world in Eastern Europe and Caucasus Region

Seminar for EVS coordinators implementing projects in/with EECA region

19-25 February 2016



What is it about?

Youth Development and Integration Association STRIM (Poland) and Youth Association DRONI (Georgia) would like to invite you for the seminar for EVS coordinators of projects in/with EECA countries in order to sum up and reflect on EVS projects and prepare new strategies to work in frame of Erasmus +.

Coordinators hosting, sending and coordinating organizations, that work on EVS projects will meet in Georgia to foster co-operation between organizations from Eastern Europe and Caucasus region and Programme countries.

Through evaluation the cooperation, developing and sharing initiatives and ideas they will create a new strategy for the future projects in the frame of Erasmus +. After the second year of Erasmus + existing, we feel a deep need to meet with other coordinators and discuss and discuss relevant issues.

Through dialogue, sharing experience, workshops, visits in hosting organizations, participants will gain skills and competences to develop qualitative EVS projects (sending and hosting with EECA countries) with a good impact on volunteers, organizations (hosting and sending) and local communities.

During the project we are planning to conduct qualitative sociological research using focus groups method in order to create future recommendations and scientific publication;

The seminar will focus on following objectives:

- Face to face meeting of coordinators who's been cooperating with each other for years and have never had an opportunity to meet;
- To show EVS coordinators from Programme Countries the reality of EVS projects in Georgia, to demonstrate them hosting organizations and projects implemented in Georgia;
- To compare ways of implementation of EVS projects;
- To discuss about challenges' and difficulties connected with EVS in EECA region;
- To reflect on proper preparation of EVS volunteers from EECA that will work in Programme Countries and opposite – volunteers from Programme Countries who will be working in EECA region;
- To share the experience about implemented projects, to share good practices but also difficulties and challenges and to discuss what can be improved in EVS projects;
- To plan the effective strategy of implementation EVS projects in Erasmus +;
- To reflect on how to promote EVS projects;
- To build new cooperation between the organizations;



- To evaluate the current cooperation: communication between organizations, ways of selection the volunteers, ways of dissemination and exploitation of the results of the projects, importance of YouthPass, impact on local communities;
- To improve the quality of EVS projects;

When will it happen . . .

The project will take place from 19th till 25th of February;
The arrival day will be 19th and departure 25h;

The participant profile:

The seminar is dedicated to European Voluntary Service project coordinators, who are implementing projects in/with EECA region;
It is very important for us to invite people with the experience of coordinating EVS projects so if you have coordinated at least one EVS project, you are more than welcome to apply.

Experience working with/in EECA region is not necessary, however the ability to implement projects with/in this region in the nearest future is crucial.

The research:

During the seminar we are planning to collect quantitative and qualitative data for sociological research on EVS. The research will be a base for the future recommendations and publications.

The programme:

The detailed programme will be provided at the beginning of January once we collect all expectations and contribution from participants ;)

Venue of the Training Course:

Training course will take place in Georgia, Misaktsieli. The town is very small and very near to the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi.

The training course will take place in hotel "Kapiloni"



Accommodation includes shared double room, full board, coffee breaks and the use of conference facilities. You will be sharing a double room with one person of the same sex. Each room has one bathroom; towels and bed linen are provided.

! Note: Organizers will not provide any accommodation for additional staying in Georgia. If you plan to arrive a few days earlier or depart a few days later you are kindly requested to inform us and we will be glad to assist you with booking a hotel or hostel;

How to get there:

The closest airport to the training venue is Tbilisi Airport, but participants can also arrive in Kutaisi or Kutaisi International Airports. As soon as participants will have their tickets, they will receive the detailed info about pick up and getting to the training venue from the airports.

! Note: Participants will be asked to choose the cheapest way to travel, business class air tickets and Taxis are not covered.

For traveling to **Tbilisi** airport you can visit following web-sites: www.airbaltic.com, www.flypgs.com, www.turkishairlines.com, <http://www.flyuia.com/eng/us.html>, www.aeroflot.com; www.lot.com;

For traveling to **Kutaisi** Airport please check: www.wizzair.com and www.flypgs.com/en/; From Kutaisi Airport you can very easily reach the Capital by mini-buses, for booking the tickets, please visit the web-site: www.georgianbus.com

Travel reimbursement will be done according to Erasmus + program rules. Each partner country has its travel limit expenses calculated by distance calculator published on the programs official web site:

Country	Organization	Number of participants	Travel cost limits in EUR
Armenia	Gyumri "Youth Initiative Centre" NGO	3	180
Azerbaijan	Bridge to the Future	2	180
Bulgaria	OPEN SPACE FOUNDATION	2	275
Czech Republic	Be International	2	360
Estonia	NGO Youth Club Active & MTÜ NOORTEVAHETUSE ARENGU ÜHING ESTYES	4	360
Georgia	Youth Association DRONI & Georgian Youth for Europe	4	0
Greece	KEKPA-DIEK	2	275
Italy	Vicolocorto	1	360
Moldova	ADVIT Moldova & Millenium	3	275
The Netherlands	Stichting P60	1	530
Norway	Narviksenteret	1	530
Poland	Stowarzyszenie Aktywne Kobiety & STRIM Association	3	360
Portugal	Associação Mais Cidadania	1	820
Russian Federation	"Lastochki" & SFERA Movement	3	275
Spain	KAEBNAI	2	530
Ukraine	Center for European Initiatives & AUAYC Alternative-V	3	275

Important Information:

1. Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes. Please remember to bring the original invoice and tickets with you – there will be no reimbursement without the original invoice. Participants travelling with airplanes will be asked to make **Online Check In** before departure, it will make easier to have your boarding passes on time.
Pay attention, we can't cover taxi expenses, this is your own expenses.
2. Reimbursement will be done in EUROS, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice. More information is available here:
http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm
3. Please **DO NOT BUY** any tickets before consulting with us!



Do I need Visa?

For short stay in Georgia you do not need visa! But as Georgia is not in European Union we ask you to bring your Passport! If you have any doubts about your legal stay in Georgia, you can always check it here: <https://www.evisa.gov.ge/GeoVisa/>

! Health insurance is not provided or reimbursed by the organizers, but we strongly recommend getting one before traveling to Georgia, as the healthcare can be very expensive here.

What to bring with you:

- We kindly request you to bring some national drink, snacks and music, postcards or interesting photos from your home country, as a contribution to the inter-cultural evening.
- We ask you to bring comfortable shoes and clothes which will be also useful in cold weather or snow, as winter can be very cold in Georgia;
- Any specific medicine if you need one;
- Ideas for new projects which you would like to share, together with some materials about your organisation
- Good humor and a lot of motivation ☺

How to apply:

All coordinators interested in the participation are kindly asked to fulfill online application form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dmHIKaYCeXEvBVqvkl_UyMiIN3KDHWyr7RLKmpytcdY/viwwform?usp=send_form

before 19th of December.

All participants will be informed about the final selection by 23rd of December.

For the further questions or information you can always contact us to our project email: eecaevs@gmail.com:

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