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Proposal for the February 2018 deadline of the Erasmus+ Program, Key Action 1 – Mobility of youth

Context:

According to the Eurostat data, young people aged 18 to 24 are the most likely to be at risk of poverty or social exclusion (31.90% were at risk in 2014). Moreover, this situation has not improved compared since 2010. As the 2015 EU Youth report shows, nearly all Member States took measures in previous years to counteract the growing social exclusion of young people in Europe. In this regard, most states aimed to improve young people's access to quality services by enabling organizations and schools working with young people to continuously professionalize their youth workers in different areas related to inclusion. In this regard, the 2014 EC study "Working with young people: the value of youth work in the European Union", showed the important value of youth work for young people in different aspects of their lives, including the capacity of organisations working with young people and schools to act as forces of inclusion by assisting young people to engage, volunteer and drive positive social change in communities. Nevertheless, as the 2015 EU Youth Report also shows, there has been a decrease in the participation of young people in activities related to human rights issues (from 5.2% to 4.7 %). Hence, there is a gap in the problem identified at European level related to inclusion aspects and the practice of implementing human rights activities with and for young people. In this regard, the main purpose of this project is to cover the gap mentioned above and to enhance the quality and sustainability of human rights related activities of youth organizations and schools throughout Europe.

Partners: 6 youth NGOs or schools from the Program Countries (Iceland, Spain, Rumania, Czech Republic, Croatia, Italy)

Participants: 24 youth workers (people that work with and for youth, using non-formal and informal education) and 36 youngsters, with ages between 18-30 years old

Activities:

1. 1. Advance planning visit (Tenerife)

Participants: 12 pax - 2 from each country (one youth worker that will attend the training course and one youngster that will attend the youth exchange)

Location: Tenerife, Spain

Period: 7th of June (arrival) – 10th of June 2018 (departure)

Purpose: To reinforce the partnership, to discuss and plan the project's activities, divide tasks

1. 2. Youth exchange (Tenerife)

Participants: 42 pax – 36 youngsters with ages between 18 and 30 (6 from each country) and 6 group leaders

Location: Tenerife, Spain

Period: 3rd of November 2018 (arrival) – 11th of November 2018 (departure)

Purpose: To make the youngsters ambassadors of human rights in their community - to enhance their knowledge about human rights, to increase their civic, social and cultural competences

1. 3. Training course (Tenerife)

Participants: 24 pax – 4 youth workers from each country that do extracurricular activities with youngsters, no age limit, and gender balanced groups

Location: Tenerife, Spain

Period: 9th of February 2019 (arrival) – 17th of February 2019 (departure)

Purpose: To enhance individual skills and competencies of 24 youth workers from 6 different European countries within a 7 days training course in relation to human rights issues and non-formal education.