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TRAINING COURSE ON ECO-BUILDINGS FOR YOUTH WORKERS AND YOUTH LEADERS FROM
PROGRAMME AND PARTNER COUNTRIES.

ECO-Building a Better World

1-10 September 2015, TRAMONTI (AMALFI COAST), ITALY



INFO ABOUT THE PROJECT

"Eco-building a better world" is a training course that will bring together 32 young leaders and youth workers active in 16 organizations from different countries (Europe, Eastern Europe and Caucasus, Mediterranean) for 9 days in Tramonti (Amalfi Coast), to exchange ideas and experiences, to develop their skills and working methods and to launch a lasting partnership that will enable them to plan and implement programs to raise awareness about "green homes" and sustainable development programs targeted to youth and citizens of their countries.

The main aim of the project is to improve the quality of youth work by exploring non-formal learning approaches connected to eco-buildings, as well as learning by doing approaches, developing their competences and strengthen the connection with the environment and the local community.

This training course will be divided in 3 blocks of activities, one of which will be based on a Learning by Doing approach. In fact participants will be also engaged in transformation of an already existent but neglected barn, into an eco-building with efficient energy consumption and thermal insulation, using healthy and natural materials such as straw, clay and wood. In the future this building is set to become a place for educational activities and workshops about local sustainability for young people as it will be a standing demonstration, open to everyone, of what is an eco-building and why it is important to follow this good practice.

The objectives of the project are:

- to exchange ideas, experiences, knowledge and good practices among the participants coming from different countries about the topic of eco-building and on the education of youth on sustainable development;
- to raise awareness on youth workers on the necessity to educate young people about the value of eco-building and its impact on the environment;
- to enable young leaders and youth workers to acquire new skills and techniques through practical and real experience, raising the awareness about the impact of our lifestyles on the natural resources and our planet as a whole, to promote greener life styles by applying innovative methods and to let them transfer their experience in their communities.
- to equip participants with knowledge on how to design and implement good quality NFL activities for youth through eco-building activities and giving them the chance to develop skills on implementing such activities (by designing and facilitating such activities for other participants and local youngsters during the training).
- To develop concrete ideas on how the experience from this training course could be applied in the local youth work realities – planning of the follow-up steps and activities.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The training course will take place in the Amalfi Coast, south of Italy from 1 to 10 September. This place is very famous around the world for its beautiful landscape and because it is listed among the UNESCO World Heritage sites (recognized as such since 1997). The Amalfi Coast has an ancient history for its main town, Amalfi, was an independent Maritime Republic from the 7th century until 1075, extracting itself from Byzantine vassalage in 839. It rivaled Pisa and Genoa in its domestic prosperity and maritime importance before the rise of Venice. The famous Amalfi Tables, a maritime code which was recognized in the Mediterranean until 1570, is a symbol of the prosperity and power once the Republic had. In medieval culture Amalfi was famous for its flourishing schools of law and mathematics. Flavio Gioia, traditionally considered the first to introduce the mariner's compass to Europe, was a native of Amalfi. During the history of the Republic rapidly declined of importance after it was attacked and conquered by the Normans in 1073 and then by the Pisans in 1131. A tsunami in 1343 destroyed the port and lower town and Amalfi never recovered more than local importance.

You will be located in the town of **Tramonti** that was a strategically important part of the Maritime Republic of Amalfi, as it guarded the coast from any possible attack from the mountains. In fact there once were several towers and military castles that could easily communicate any danger directly to the coast.

You will be hosted in an old monastery of the 1487 which is also used to accommodate people in a very mystic atmosphere. Rooms will be shared by 2 or 3 participants of the same sex. Some people might be also asked to share a double-bed. Anyway we are sure you will enjoy the location as there is plenty of room and also a very nice colonnade. Some of the indoor activities will be held in the same building or at the ACARBIO office, next to the workshop place.



We will take note of all the special needs you will communicate to us, so you don't have to worry.

Some important recommendations for the training course:

- During the eco-home workshop you will probably get dirty, so take some suitable clothes.
- Bring your trekking shoes or something comfortable enough to go out in an excursion;
- Do not forget to save your boarding passes and to take with you all the travel costs tickets/reservation/invoices. Without any of these documents we can't reimburse you for the travel expenses.
- There are no exchange offices in the town where we are staying, so it is better to exchange your money at the airports.
- Bring your best mood!

TRAVEL COSTS AND TRANSFER

Organizer will reimburse the travel expenses according to the travel budget approved by the NA and based on the distance calculator. The table above shows the limit we can reimburse for each organization. Keep in mind that in the travel costs you will have to include also a small fee for the transfer that we will arrange from/to the airport/station as there are no direct buses to Tramonti.

Organization	Number of participants	From	Travel budget per 1 person
Solidarity Tracks	2	Lefkas, Greece	275€
ATA	2	Cristuru, Romania	275€
Center for European Initiatives	2	Sumy, Ukraine	275€
Lumen	2	Ludbreg, Croatia	275€
Galicia Connection	2	Santiago de Compostela, Spain	275€
I-Dare	2	Amman, Jordan	360€
ATINATI	2	Zugdidi, Georgia	360€
Comrat	2	Miras, Moldova	275€
Zditovo secondary school	2	Minsk, Belarus	275€

Training Without Borders	2	Cairo, Egypt	275€
Zala peda	2	Valmiera, Latvia	360€
Youth Senate Tallinn	2	Tallin, Estonia	360€
Mladinski Senat Strumica	2	Strumica, Republic of Macedonia	275€
YIC	2	Gyumri, Armenia	360€
Amel	2	Beirut, Lebanon	275€

For all those who will arrive in Naples we will arrange a transfer with minibus from the Airport and/or the train station (in case we manage to group a good number of you at the same time on September 1st).

As we have people arriving in different time and dates, we will arrange the best solution for each of you well in advance via email so that you won't have to worry about how to get here.

Those who arrives in Rome will have to get to Naples first, or alternatively to the town of Angry via bus. It is better to consult with us in order to tell you what's the best option.

Costs for VISA will be fully reimbursed upon documentation (travel costs to go to the embassy, receipts, etc.)