



Erasmus+

Training Course
Youth Builds Peace in Europe
20 June – 28 June 2015
Kobuleti, Georgia

Info-Pack

General Information

Peace-building and conflict transformation are increasingly popular concepts in local and international youth work, particularly in post-violent settings in Eastern and South Eastern Europe, but adapted concepts also gain ground addressing community conflicts in Western Europe. Most of the approaches in use focus on people-to-people approaches bringing young people from conflicting communities together. However, they often do not address directly the violent past and the resulting deeply rooted negative imagines towards the other conflict party.

In this context, the training course aims to make youth and community workers familiar with people-to-people concepts of reconciliation and dealing with the past in order to enhance community building processes and peace-building initiatives.

By introducing the concept of reconciliation and dealing with the past to youth based organisations who by now are not familiar with both aspects of peace-building processes, the project aims to contribute to sharing practises in the sphere of youth work and to raise awareness for the diverse nature youth work can take particularly in the challenging field of conflict transformation.

The training course will use the approach of non-formal learning and apply modern interactive, trainee orientated methods prioritising the learning needs of the participants while paying attention to group cohesion, trust and safe space and work atmosphere.

As a result, the training course aims to contribute to competence development of the participants in the field of reconciliation work and dealing with the past, to create of follow-up projects in partnership with the other project partners on the project theme, and to create links between the project partners for sustainable and long-term cooperation in the field of peace-building and youth work mainly by sharing expertise and experiences in a process of mutual learning.

Objectives of the training course:

- Introduce approaches to peace-building and place reconciliation in this theoretical framework
- Develop an understanding for the power of reconciliation work in post-violent conflict areas and community conflicts
- Review practises and approaches to
- Create community and cross-national projects aimed at community cohesion and reconciling conflicting groups

Participant Profile

Participants should have the following profile:

- At least basic knowledge of approaches to conflict transformation and youth participation
- Experience in youth work either as volunteer, educator, youth leader or personnel of an organisation working on youth participation and/ or peace building
- Readiness to participate in a mutual learning process in an intercultural environment
- Good level of English to follow the training course in all its aspects
- Readiness to fully participate in the course
- European volunteers under the EVS programme are **NOT** allowed to participate.

Participants are expected to participate fully in all activities. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops will not be permitted and will result in cancellation of the travel reimbursements. We would really appreciate energetic and active participation!

Partner organisations and number of participants

Country	Organisation	Number of Participants
Slovakia	Slovak-Georgian Society	2
Germany	European Intercultural Forum	2
France	Association Migration Solidarité et Echanges pour le Développement (AMSED)	2
Italy	SCAMBIEUROPEI	2
Estonia	MTÜ Centro Picasso	2
Hungary	"Legjobb vagyok" Tehetsegmentoralo Kiemelten Kozhasznu	2
Greece	System and G	1
Latvia	Sistema un G Latvija	1
Georgia	Academy for Peace and Development	2
Ukraine	Bila Tserkva regional civic organization 'Association 'People'	2
Moldova	CREATORII	2
Georgia	International Scout Centre Rustavi	2
Armenia	"Youth Initiative Centre" NGO	2
Azerbaijan	"For Youth" informal group of young people	2
Armenia	Armenian Progressive Youth	2

Time schedule

Arrival day: 20 June 2015

Departure day: 28 June 2015

The travel dates are: 20 June 2015 for arrival at the venue and 28 June 2015 for departure from the venue.

Participants are allowed to extend their stay (for the country visit, upon individual personal responsibility and costs covered by the individual, not from the project) up to 4 days extra outside these dates. Outside this time frame, participant's travel costs will **NOT** be reimbursed.



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Accommodation and Food

The participants will be accommodated in double, 3-beds and 4-beds rooms in:

Hotel Irise, Agmashenebeli Street 118 A, Kobuleti 6200, Georgia

Each room has private bathroom and toilets and is fully equipped. Bed lines and towels are provided. Breakfasts, lunches and dinners, as well as two coffee breaks per day will be provided by the organisers.

Travelling to Georgia

Participants should travel by plane to Batumi, Tbilisi or Kutaisi, expect if coming from the neighbouring countries Armenia and Azerbaijan. The cheapest flight connections to Tbilisi are via Riga (Air Baltic), Istanbul (Turkish Airlines and Pegasus Airlines), Kiev (Ukrainian airlines). Travelling to Kutaisi is possible with Ukrainian Airlines (from Kiev) and with Wizzair (from various locations in Poland, Lithuania, Ukraine) Connections through Munich or Frankfurt (Lufthansa) also exist, but are usually more expensive. Flights to Batumi – the best airport to reach Kobuleti – are possible via Istanbul (Turkish Airlines, Pegasus), Minsk (Belavia), Kiev (Ukrainian Airlines) and Moscow (Georgian Airways).

Participants from Armenia and Azerbaijan are requested to travel by land (train, bus, mini-bus).

The participants will be transferred from Tbilisi airport/ Batumi airport and from Tbilisi city to the venue by mini-bus. The pick-up schedule and/or travel description to Kobuleti will be communicated to all participants once all tickets are booked. The transfer will be organised on 20 June 2015. No arrivals in the hotel before this date is foreseen.

Please note that participants are in charge of covering 30% of their travel costs to the venue/and return, thus if the organisers organise pre-paid mini-bus from the point of arrival in Georgia to Kobuleti, we will deduct the 30% of this cost from your travel reimbursements.

Please note that the organisers do not organise any airport transfers outside the dates of the project. As well the organisers will not cover any accommodation and food costs outside the project dates.

Financial Conditions/ Reimbursements

The course is implemented in the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme. Accommodation, food and activities are fully covered by the organisers.

70% of the travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed from the project grant from the Erasmus+ Programme up to the maximum of the amount indicated below. Please consult the travel budget list below!

As the travel costs disbursements limit amounts set by the Erasmus+ Programme grant rules depend on the travel distance between the place of departure and the project venue the following additional regulation applies: if the departure place of the participants differ from the seat of the organisation on which the travel budget below is based, and if this causes that the travel distance falls into a lower distance band, then the travel budget for the lower distance band applies.

Cheapest means of transportation (economy class, no taxi) shall be used.

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Participants travel costs reimbursements in EURO will be done in cash on spot in Georgia upon presentation of original travel documents - tickets, invoices and boarding tags, booked return travel documents.

Please book your return tickets before departure, so that we can reimburse you. No reimbursement can be calculated based on non-booked tickets or estimations.

Bring the original invoices and tickets, print out e-tickets and keep your boarding passes. On all documents the price, currency, name of passenger, date of purchase and travel should be clearly visible, otherwise we will not be able to reimburse the travel costs. Please make an extra copy of all your documents to hand out to the organisers.

Please have in mind that the transport from Tbilisi/ Batumi - Kobuleti – Tbilisi/ Batumi will be organised by the organisers and that you have to cover 30% of these costs. The corresponding amount will be deducted from your final reimbursement. The costs will be around 30-35 EUR one way, that is around 10 EUR for the 30% per person.

Travel costs reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/ invoice. Travel costs in a currency other than EUR will be converted and calculated using the exchange rate of the official European Central Bank of the date when the respective project grant was signed, i.e. as of 9 January 2015.

Exchange rate web-sites: <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/stats/exchange/eurofxref/html/index.en.html>

converter: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>

Travel Budget per Participant

Country	Organisation	Maximum reimbursement sum per participant under the conditions stated above
Slovakia	Slovak-Georgian Society	360 EUR
Germany	European Intercultural Forum	360 EUR
France	Association Migration Solidarité et Echanges pour le Développement (AMSED)	530 EUR
Italy	SCAMBIEUROPEI	530 EUR
Estonia	MTÜ Centro Picasso	360 EUR
Hungary	"Legjobb vagyok" Tehetsegmentoralo Kiemelten Kozhasznu	360 EUR
Greece	System and G	360 EUR
Latvia	Sistema un G Latvija	360 EUR
Georgia	Academy for Peace and Development	180 EUR
Ukraine	Bila Tserkva regional civic organization 'Association 'People'	275 EUR
Moldova	CREATORII	275 EUR
Georgia	International Scout Centre Rustavi	180 EUR
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Additional Information

Passport and Visa

Participants coming from European Union, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova do not need visa to enter the territory of Georgia. Participants will need to have only valid international passports, valid for at least 3 months after departure from Georgia. Please, check the validity of the passports before your departure.

Currency and Exchange Rate

National Currency: Georgian Lari (GEL)

Approximately: 1 USD = 2,18 GEL 1 EUR = 2,30 GEL

Weather

The weather in Kobuleti in June is usually warm. Normally temperature is around 20-25 °C, but sometimes it can be colder or rainy, so please be prepared.

Checklist/ What to bring

- **Course registration and travel details:** Every participant is required to register for the course by filling in the participant form online on the project webpage latest by 20 April 2015. The participants also requested to inform us about their travel details using an online form latest until 30 April 2015. The webpage and the online travel form will be available from 10 April 2015 onwards.
- **Proof of all the travel expenses you wish to reclaim:** No reimbursement will be made without a proof of your expenses. If you come by plane, please be sure to bring evidence of the sum actually paid (invoice, copy of credit card slip, etc.), a copy of the ticket and your boarding passes. Bring an extra copy of all documents and originals to hand out to the organisers.
- **Budget for private expenses:** board, lodging and activities during the project will be covered from the project grant by the organisers. However, all participants' personal costs (like telephone calls, gifts and souvenirs, etc.) have to be covered by the participants and will be settled directly by them. Bring personal money for these private costs. You can exchange Euro, Dollars, and Rubbles at the airports in Georgia upon arrival or directly in Kobuleti. You can also withdraw money at various ATMs, check it out with your bank before departure.
- **Materials for the NGO Fair:** Flyers, brochures, promotional materials, etc, to present your organisation to the other participants. (No PowerPoint presentations will be allowed.)
- **Materials for Night of Cultures:** please bring delicatessen, music, items or anything you find relevant to present your culture and/or country. (No PowerPoint presentations will be allowed.)
- **Health insurance documents:** the health/ travel insurance is in the responsibility of the participants, make sure you are covered during your stay in Georgia. Please note that if you purchase insurance when buying your flight tickets, this will be deducted from the travel reimbursements.

Contact - Organisers

- **Slovak-Georgian Society (Slovakia) - the grant coordinator (finances, reimbursements, reporting)**

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