



YEE TRAINING COURSE "YOUTH EXPLORING PARTICIPATION"

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Dates: 17-23 March 2018

Place: Kapraluv Mlyn, Ochoz u Brna, Czech Republic

Activity type: Training course

Deadline to apply: 22 January 2018, 23:59 CET

How to apply: Fill in the online application: <https://goo.gl/forms/r92ihMDew3c4OuBr1>

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Participation fee: 20 EUR

Important:

This training course is the first activity within the long-term project “**Active youth-better environment!**”. We invite all participants to take part in 2 training courses and a campaign – check below for more details.

Description of the project:

The training course will bring together 32 young people - youth workers and active volunteers from various environmental youth organisations (mainly YEE member organisations). During the training course we will dive deep into the topic of youth participation, empowerment and public participation as a tool to promote citizens’ engagement in environmental governance and policy-making processes. The participants will explore and learn more about the following topics:

- Public participation
- Youth participation: why it is important to involve young people and how it might affect their lives
- Theory of participation: Hart’s participation ladder, different aspects of participation (political, civic, action research)
- Examples of successful youth participation from various countries
- How NGOs can influence and promote youth participation
- Tools for engaging young people and concrete knowledge and skills for future projects.

The **aim** of the training course is to explore and establish the role of environmental youth organisations in fostering youth participation.

Apply for this project if you want to:

- Learn more about active citizenship and youth participation.
- Share your experience of involving young people in environmental projects.
- Get concrete tools for encouraging youth participation.
- Have understanding of the role of environmental youth organisations in encouraging youth participation.
- Meet other passionate young environmentalists and youth workers.



- Take part in the long-term project and second training course in July about environmental decision-making.

Profile of the participants:

- 18-30 years old
- Fluent English
- Actively involved in environmental youth organisations (as youth workers or volunteers).
- Familiar with the work of your organisation and have previous experience of organising local projects (and taking part in or organising international activities).
- Familiar with the profile of young people from your local communities.
- Interested in the topic of youth participation and encouraging active citizenship.
- Will be able to share the knowledge from the training course with your sending organisation.

Practical information:

- Participation fee: **20 EUR** (this will be deducted from the travel reimbursement).
- Travel costs will be reimbursed according to the travel band allocated per country. The participants will be required to follow YEE [Sustainability Policy](#). Flying will be allowed only if travelling by bus or train takes more than 24 hours.
- Visa costs – 35 EUR per person.
- Free accommodation and vegetarian food are provided to all participants for the whole duration of the training course.

Czech Republic	180 EUR
Italy, Spain, Ireland, Germany, Latvia, Macedonia, Romania, Moldova, Albania, Russia, Serbia	275 EUR
Georgia, Armenia	360 EUR

How to apply:

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List of participants per partner:

Young Researchers of Serbia	1
AYA	2
SYC	1
FYCA	1
Young Biologists Association NGO	1
Yeghvard	1
EDEN Center	2
SAEM	1
Gutta-club	2
EnviroTeam Association	1



Eufemia	2
FOJ-Aktiv	2
Balta Daba	2
Eco-Logic	2
Biodiversa	2
Eco-Unesco	2

ABOUT THE LONG-TERM PROJECT "ACTIVE YOUTH- BETTER ENVIRONMENT!"

About the project:

With this project we want to focus on youth participation in environmental decision-making on different levels: international, national and regional. Documents and international agreements about environment seem to be very distant from everyday life - which can demotivate and discourage young people to even read such documents. Many young people think that they cannot influence their politicians or do not know how to do it. With this project we want to provide youth organisations with competences on how to educate young people about active citizenship as well as their environmental rights and responsibilities.

The **aim** of this project is to equip young people with the knowledge and the capacity to participate in environmental decision-making processes.

Description of the activities:

- The first training course "Youth exploring participation", 17-23 March 2018, Kapraluv Mlyn, Czech Republic. During the training course we will explore what participation means, which levels of participation there are, good examples of participation, how organisations can influence the involvement of young people. During the project we will find out what is the stake of young people in decision-making and the competences of organisations and youth workers on engaging and inspiring young people to become active citizens.
- The second training course "Youth for environmental future", 8-15 July 2018, ecological center Slunakov, Czech Republic. It will focus on environmental decision-making and the role of youth in it: international frameworks, role of countries, involvement of citizens in accepting and following international agreements, decision-making on different levels: international and local. Another focus will be developing competences of youth workers and organisations to promote young people's engagement in environmental decision-making.

This project will be connected with YEE Annual Meeting 2018 – 15-17 July 2018.

All Member organisations participants will be required to attend the Annual meeting.

The participants of the TC and Annual Meeting should not be older than 30 years old.



- The international campaign “Take a green stand”, April-December 2018. It will focus on using the knowledge and skills from both training courses on promoting youth participation in climate change-related decision-making: selected partners will organise local workshops (with financial support) on various international frameworks, their development and implementation: for example, the Paris Agreement and UN Sustainable Development Goals. We will also support the process with a webpage on YEE website which will include articles, videos, materials with examples of young people getting engaged in their communities.