

## **CONTACT MAKING SEMINAR**

### ***“INCREASING OUR YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES”***

**Where ?** In Harsin (South Belgium), in a pretty cozy venue (<http://www.lagattedor.be>)

**When ?** From the 08<sup>th</sup> of December to the 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2014 (in residential)

**Who ?** 21 youth leaders and leader trainers from 19 organisations and 14 countries. All of them come from member organisations of the ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service Organisations or of South Easter European Youth Network (SEEYN).

#### **To do what ?**

To work together and develop our skills in organising European Youth Exchanges (ERAMUS+-Ka1).

Most of our organisations prepare and send groups of young people to youth exchanges. Lot of us are also used to coordinate that kind of group projects. But, compared to a core-activity as international workcamps, we are still missing some common references.

Our contact seminar must gather organisations interested to make one step beyond in the organisation of youth exchanges. It should enhance our collaboration and partnerships on these projects, encouraging the development of common methods of information, preparation and follow-up of our participants and projects.

#### **Profile of the participants to the seminar:**

Youth workers with previous experience in coordinating youth exchanges or sending groups to that kind of activity (under Youth in Action or Erasmus+ programmes) and who wish to improve and develop his/her practices.

The participants must be able to use the results of the seminar and to participate to the development of youth exchanges in their own organisation.

#### **Financial conditions:**

Full board and accommodation will be provided from 08/12 evening to 12/12 morning.

Travel costs are partially or entirely reimbursed according to your actual costs and the flat rate of the ERASMUS + programme; those ones are calculated on basis of the travel distance between your organisation address and the venue (Harsin).

### About the hosting organisation:

The Association des Compagnons Bâisseurs, aka CBB, is a non-profit, non-political organisation recognized and financially supported as **Youth Organisation** by the Brussels-Wallonia Federation since 1978. It is member of the **ALLIANCE of European Voluntary Service Organisations** since 1997. In Belgium, CBB is member of the federation of the pluralist and independent youth organizations.

As Youth Organisation, CBB is managed by young volunteers. 7 Board members out of 9 and 81% of the members of the general assembly are below 35 years old.

All the action of the organization is based on the principles of non-formal education (in the French meaning of **Popular Education**). **Our projects** aim to support the development of active citizens, able of sense of responsibility, criticism and solidarity. They offer a **space for interaction and expression** of people from diverse origins and abilities, with the objectives to encourage their awareness on societal challenges (from local to global level), to raise new links of solidarity between them and between their communities, and to support their full participation in the society.

### About the global project:

This seminar is the 3<sup>rd</sup> component of the "Increasing Our Youth Opportunities" project (IOYO). IOYO gathers 64 participants from 24 partner organisations and 18 countries. It is composed of one youth exchange, one training course and one contact seminar. All these activities should lead to the development and multiplication of new international youth projects between the partners and their networks.

IOYO is financially supported by the European Commission, in the frame of the ERASMUS+ programme and by the Belgian national agency, le BIJ.

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