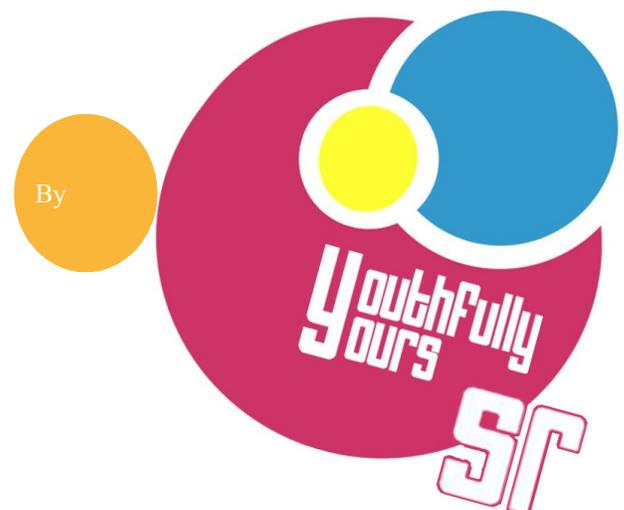




Social City

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SOCIAL CITY

The project will be an opportunity for the **exchange of ideas** and **best practices** among **social workers** and **youth** in order to raise awareness on urban social issues and to stimulate active participation of youth in the civic society.

TC is aiming to **strengthen civic competences** of youth through **Non Formal Education methods**.

Due to the social media invasion, the **urban centers are losing their characteristics**. The city center doesn't seem to be anymore the beating heart of the city, and this causes serious consequences at economic and social level.

This fact is related to other urban problems that are spreading more and more:

- **city fragmentation**: the new meeting points are the big shopping centers (malls), which appears as social melting pot and meeting point of youngsters;
- **social exclusion** of people who live at the peripheral areas or slums provoking a sense of frustration and isolation;
- **young deviance**: city center sites and parks as a meeting point for fights among gangs from neighboring areas, vandals or pick pocketing;
- state of abandonment and **decay of the historical city center** and closure of traditional shops which are losing their attractiveness;
- **abuse of the car** as a means of transportation, **lack of cycling lanes**, pedestrian zones, and, as a result, lack of respect for pedestrians, for the environment and for people with disabilities.



PARTICIPANTS

26 youth/social workers aged 18+ from **8 countries**, working with people with fewer opportunities.

We would like to involve **8 persons, facing difficulties** to participate in international projects. Each partner will select one person with financial/geographical obstacles.

IMPORTANT: EACH NATIONAL GROUP SHOULD BRING **AT LEAST ONE LAPTOP!**

THE **IDEAL CANDIDATE** SHOULD:

- Be **motivated to develop their competences** in social inclusion;
- Already have **experience in working with young people**, organizing initiatives and projects;
- Be able to act as a multiplier in their local community;
- Be committed to attend for the **full duration of the course**;
- Be aged between **18 and 35** (older participants will be accepted);
- Be able to work in **English language**;
- Be resident in one of the eligible countries.

OBJECTIVES

TC "SOCIAL CITY" AIMS TO:

- Enhance the **feeling for European Citizenship** among the participants,

- Enhance **tolerance, social inclusion and non-discrimination** attitudes,
- Develop participant's **soft skills**,
- Develop participant's **leadership skills**
- Develop **mutual understanding** and sense for fair play among the participants,
- Develop participant's **ability to work in a team.**

- Teach participants:

- + How to develop soft skills among youngsters in order to promote tolerance and intercultural dialogue
- + How to develop leadership skills among youth in their local areas
- + How to use social media for successful dissemination of ideas, profiles, etc.
- + Project management
- + How to create a partner consortium of international partners

THE HOST ORGANIZATION WOULD LIKE:

- To discuss how non-formal education can positively influence social inclusion among EU countries and neighbor countries,
- To share examples of good practices in field of non-discrimination and social inclusion
- To familiarize youth workers with NFE tools that focus on improving certain skills and attitudes



FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

- The following project is financially supported by the ERASMUS+. Hence, **100%** of **food and accommodation** expenses will be covered.
- Travel cost will be reimbursed up to:

Greece	275 €
Italy	275 €
Latvia	275 €
Denmark	275 €
Cyprus	275 €
Austria	180 €
Lithuania	275 €
Slovakia	According to personal agreement with YY SR

- We would like to involve **three professional** Non-formal education Trainers to lead the sessions during the TC, in relation with this all **participants** will be charged with small **fee of 25 €**.



PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

VENUE



TC will be held near **Košice**, the **second biggest city** in Slovakia. In 2013 Košice was the **European Capital of Culture**. City is situated at the eastern reaches of the Slovak Ore Mountains, **near the border with Hungary**.

The city has a **well-preserved historical centre**, which is the largest among Slovak towns. There are many heritage protected buildings in Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, and Art Nouveau styles with Slovakia's largest church: the **St. Elisabeth Cathedral**. Being the economic and cultural centre of eastern Slovakia, Košice is the seat of three **universities**, various **dioceses**, and many **museums, galleries, and theatres**.

The town has extensive railway connections and an international airport.



ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be accommodated in **Hotel:** <http://www.jahodnaresort.sk/> situated cca. 15 km from city center.

The hotel is located in very quiet environment, surrounded by local forests. This place was chosen on purpose, because it will create a natural space for deeper reflection. Ski resort is situated right next to our rooms, there will be no possibility to dedicate all day to skiing, however night skiing or skiing after sessions will be allowed.

Participants will be provided by **double rooms** or **apartments** for 5 persons. All rooms are equipped with air condition and TV. There is also **small swimming pool** in the resort.

For more information about **the hotel**, please follow the link:

<http://www.jahodnaresort.sk/>

