

## **Youth Exchange: "YouthEm: Empowering Youth Employability"**

Young people have been seriously affected by the economic crisis since 2008, particularly in career matters. One in four youngsters in EU are unemployed, therefore EU should tackle the unemployment issues and offset the negative impact of the crisis. The steadily high level of youth unemployment in the EU is an alarming issue. Young people lacking skills and newcomers in the working force are the ones mostly affected.

Young people are sometimes lacking in certain soft skills, even though most of them have completed cycles of formal education. These essential skills, career-wise, can be obtained through non formal education programmes. Desirable characteristics employees that are sought after by employers are related to the personal and social image, such as adjustment skills, flexibility, active search, teamwork, efficient time management, initiatives, personal assertion, innovation, familiarization with new technologies and strong decision-making skills.

### **The project's aim is:**

To enhance competences and improve transversal, soft skills of young people through art workshops and activities, in order to empower them for the labour market. They will build their own ideas, develop skills, the sense of initiative in entrepreneurship through non formal activities, disseminate them to others and share views with the local community.

### **The project's objectives are to:**

- motivate youngsters in street art and culture workshops and activities - related to unemployment- increasing their art, social skills and enhancing culture awareness and expression.
- raise participants' awareness of the problem of unemployment in international workplace, promoting their social, communication skills and team spirit.
- improve the participants' with fewer opportunities level of competences and the soft and transversal skills through art workshops, empowering them to be active European citizens.
- train the youngsters for the labor market in EURESS (tool for searching jobs), in writing out CVs and in carry out a successful interview.

The youth exchange is based on the approach and principles of non-formal education.

The language of the training course will be English.

The Youth Exchange will take place at Selianitika, Achaia, Greece, on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, and will include 39 participants from 7 countries from EU and EECA region (Greece, Lithuania, Italy, Turkey, Cyprus, Austria, Serbia).

An APV will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017 – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Patras, Achaia, Greece, in which the leaders from each partner will participate together with the 2 Greek trainers.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

### **Target group:**

**Youngsters, Youth leaders.**

**4 participants per organisation age 20-30 and 1 leader with no age limit!**

**Austria: 4 participants age 20-30 and 1 leader with no age limit plus Wolfgang Rohm, theatre pedagogue!**

**Greece: 5 participants 20-30 and 1 leader with no age limit plus 2 trainers!**

- It is necessary that participants have good level of English, so they can actively participate in all workshops and communicate with other youngsters.
- Participants should be motivated and open minded, ready to participate in a non-formal learning experience, positive and proactive.
- Participants have to be ready to take part in project's local actions and later implement future actions in their own countries/communities.
- Young people seemed to be disadvantaged (i.e. young migrants, young people who have dropped out from school, other young people lacking of soft skills, unemployed youngsters).

