

COUNTERING FAKE NEWS BY YOUTH WORKERS

17.04 - 26.04 2023, Bratislava, Slovakia

Themes of the training:

To address fake news strongly present in communities and countries all around Europe especially taking into consideration current events (COVID -19, Ukraine). To distinguish between the correct information and fake news is becoming more and more difficult and it is of utmost importance that we are able to find the correct information.

The overall aim of the training is to improve the ability and skills of youth workers for being capable of inventing and implementing different tools and methods to find, present their opinions, use critical thinking and distinguish and fight against fake news, which are being presented through different channels mainly through social media.

Learning objectives of the training are:

- To deeper understanding of the participants and participating organisations on the roots, forms and consequences of fake news;
- To increase competences of the participants and participating organisations to address fake news in their communities and contribute to breaking stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination and racism that are facing various groups in participating countries;
- To develop competences of the participants and participating organisations to create and launch campaigns, awareness raising actions fighting the fake news;
- To strengthen competences of the participants to effectively use various media, including social one, as tools for awareness raising on the issue of fake news and misinformation;
- To develop communication, teamwork, leaderships skills of the participants in intercultural settings;
- To support creating new contacts among the participants and their organisations and developing new project ideas that could be implemented with support of Erasmus+ Programme.
- To present new innovative tools and ideas which are currently present in this area.

The methodology of the training:

The training will be based on non-formal learning methodology such as games, ice-breakers, team building activities, discussions on non-formal education and its elements, presentation of Youthpass, exploring key competences through group work, energizers, individual work, group work, interactive inputs on main topics, expert discussions, debates, presentations and role plays or simulations. During the days, the

participants will take part in reflection groups to reflect on their learning process. Participants will receive input on key elements of campaigns, will get to know several tools that they can use in the process of creating campaigning and work on their own ideas for campaigns. Participants will be responsible for launching these campaigns in their communities. Experienced international trainers' team will set up the learning environment and facilitate the learning process.

Who can participate in the training:

-Youth workers 18 - 99 years old who are:

- Ready to take part in the whole training;
- Are interested in the topic of fake news
- Are able to communicate in English language.
- Want to improve their skills

Eligible countries: Slovakia, Bulgaria, Greece, Croatia, Lithuania

Applicant organisation: Bratislava Policy Institute (BPI) is an independent not-for-profit think tank dedicated to fostering liberal democracy, human rights, Central European region, and European integration through analysis and debate, supporting and challenging relevant stakeholders at national and international levels to make informed decisions based on evidence and analysis.

The food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the organisers. Travel costs will be counted based on the distance calculator of the European Commission and reimbursed by bank transfer after the course (in Euros €) through the sending organisations.

Max. travel cost according to distance calculator:

Slovakia – 0 EUR (6 participants)

Croatia – 180 EUR (6 participants) - green travel 210 EUR

Bulgaria - 275 EUR (6 participants) - green travel 320 EUR

Greece – 275 EUR (6 participants) - green travel 320 EUR

Lithuania - 275 EUR (6 participants) - green travel 320 EUR

What to bring with you?

- Your passport or ID card
- **All your travel tickets!!! (it's very important to keep all your ticket, receipts and boarding passes, because we can give you back the travel costs only if you have the tickets)**
- **National snacks, drinks, easy food, specialties, local music for the cultural evening**

- Medicines - if you need them (anti-allergy pills, pain killers, aspirin etc.)
- Laptop, camera, tablet – it is not obligatory, but it will be very useful

Weather

Before leaving your home country please check the weather forecast at: <https://www.meteo.sk/>
Usually the weather is still chilly in April and can get some rainm

Accommodation

The daily activities will be taking place in Soupa Bistro, which is located on Račianska 22/A in Bratislava. Accommodation will be arranged in Hotel Remy small and friendly hotel with an awesome garden, small tarn and waterfall.

Address of the hotel:

Hotel REMY spol. s r.o.

Stará Vajnorská cesta 37 / a

Bratislava

How to get there:

FROM MAIN TRAIN STATION

Take bus no. 74 or 61, or electric bus no. 201, or tram no. 2 and go to the station "Trnavské mýto". Here switch to a tram no. 4 - direction "Zlaté piesky." Get off at the station "Cesta na Senec" with a large Tesco store on the righthand side. Hotel Remy is on the lefthand side.

FROM MAIN BUS STATION

Take bus no. 78 and go to the station "Trnavské mýto." Here switch to a tram no. 4 - direction "Zlaté piesky". Get off at the station "Cesta na Senec" with a large Tesco store on the righthand side. Hotel Remy is on the lefthand side.

ANOTHER PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Tram no. 4

Bus no. 65

Night bus no. N53



How do you reach Bratislava?

BRATISLAVA AIRPORT (BTS)

There are direct flights to a number of destinations in Europe and a number of airlines operate their direct routes to Bratislava – RYANAIR, Pobeda, flydubai, Smartwings, air cairo, Wizz Air. Bratislava airport can be reached from the city centre in 15–20 minutes. To get to the city centre you can take a taxi – do not forget to ask about the price in advance or use HOPIN, BOLT mobile app. Or you can take the bus no. 61 to the main train station. From here, you can walk to the city centre in 15 minutes or take bus no 93 (exit Hodžovo námestie) or tram no 1 (exit Námestie SNP). Bus tickets are available from ticket machines at bus stops or in kiosks. The tickets which cost around EUR 1,20 must be validated in the buses.

VIENNA-SCHWECHAT (VIE) AIRPORT

The airport at Vienna-Schwechat is only 40 kilometres west of Bratislava and Slovaks mainly use it for long-haul flights. It is one of the main gateways to Slovakia. Buses to Bratislava depart at 30 to 60-minute intervals. Tickets can be bought on the bus; check the following companies eurolines.sk, regiojet.com, flixbus.com.

BY TRAIN

Bratislava connects to the main lines from Prague, Budapest, Vienna and various regions in Slovakia. Bratislava has two railway stations – the Main Station and Petržalka. The Main Station is well connected to the rest of the city via trams, buses or trolleybuses and you can get to the Old Town on foot in only 15 minutes. From the train station in Petržalka, the no. 80, 91, 93 buses take you to the city centre.

BY BUS

Bratislava is also conveniently connected with many European cities via a network of bus lines. It has frequent service to the surrounding areas and also to other regions in Slovakia. Buses arrive and depart from Mlynské Nivy bus station. Coaches between Bratislava and Vienna run at one-hour intervals. eurolines.sk, regiojet.com, flixbus.com

BY BOAT

Due to its position on the river Danube, Bratislava has regular connections by boat with Vienna. The centre of Vienna (Schwedenplatz) is connected with Bratislava by a fast catamaran Twin City Liner and another fast hydrofoil, which is berthed at Vienna Handelskai.

BY CAR

Bratislava is situated at the intersection of several important motorways. The distance to Prague is 330 km, Budapest 200 km and Vienna 65 km. If you are bringing your own car, you need to display a valid motorway tax sticker (known as 'dialničná známka'), available at borders or petrol stations. The minimum validity period is ten days (costs around EUR 10).

QUARANTINE MEASURES

From 6th of April 2022 there are no restrictions for anyone coming to Slovakia.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us on buchanlee@bpi.sk or borarosova@bpi.sk

Preliminary programme:

DAY 0 (16.04.2023)	Arrival to the Hotel	Arrival to the Hotel	Welcome Dinner
DAY 1 (17.04.2023)	Getting to know each other	Introduction to the mobility	Team Building and icebreaker activities
DAY 2 (18.04.2023)	Erasmus introduction	Theoretical framework	Intercultural evening
DAY 3 (19.04.2023)	Expert Session-discussion with expert	Expert Session-discussion with expert	Workshop - identifying the fake news -scenario building
DAY 4 (20.04.2023)	Exploring the realities in participant countries	Identifying the roots of fake news - scenario building	Movie night
DAY 5 (21.04.2023)	Exploring the roots of fake news	Fake news today - methods, tool (session with expert)	Free evening with several options
DAY 6 (22.04.2023)	Field trip	Presentation of good practice on the national and international level	Karaoke evening
DAY 7 (23.04.2023)	Introduction to the campaigning	How fake are fake news? Workshop I.	How fake are fake news? Workshop II.
DAY 8 (24.04.2023)	Expert Session	Creation of the campaign - scenario building I	Creation of the campaign - scenario building II

DAY 9 (25.04.2023)	New ideas and future cooperation	Fundraising as the tool to fight fake news expert session	Free afternoon with several options
DAY 10 (26.04.2023)	Finalizing the campaigns	Project campaigns	Farewell dinner
DAY 0 (27.04.2023)	Departure of participants		

APPLICATION FORM

PERSONAL DATA	
First name:	
Family name:	
Nationality:	
Date of birth:	
Gender:	
Complete address:	
Postal code:	
Town:	
Country	
Phone number:	
Fax:	

E-mail:	

Do you have any special needs or requirements that the host organisation should know about? (E.g. mobility, medical needs, allergies, dietary restrictions, smoker/non-smoker)

Language(s) abilities: Please mention all languages in which you are able to work and indicate your level for each (B-basic, G-good, VG-very good, F-fluent, MT-mother tongue). The main working language of the mobility will be English.				
	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
English				
Other languages				

KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCES				
What is your level of knowledge about listed:		Low	Medium	High
	ErasmusPlus (previously "Youth in Action") programme in general			
	Mobility of young people: Youth exchanges			
	Mobility of youth workers: Youth worker's trainings and networkings			
	Mobility of young people: European Voluntary Service (EVS)			
Please shortly describe your experience in the YiA and Erasmus+ programme and the actions above. (E.g. type of projects, your role - organiser / participant / trainer or facilitator etc.)				

MOTIVATION AND EXPECTATIONS	
<p>What would you like to learn, understand and experience during this mobility?</p>	
<p>What contributions can you bring for the mobility?</p>	
<p>How do you plan to use the experience from this mobility afterwards?</p>	

Please indicate us the name and full contact details of a person to be contacted in case of emergency during the seminar:	
First name:	
Family name:	
Complete address:	
Postal code:	
Town:	

Country	
Phone number:	
Fax:	
E-mail:	
Web:	

Please take note of the following conditions that will apply, if you are selected to take part in the partnership building seminar.

1. *I commit myself to participate in the whole process, including:*
 - *to prepare myself carefully for the partnership building seminar and to do all remote preparation work the team will ask for,*
 - *to take part in the full duration of the partnership building seminar*
 - *to participate in the whole evaluation process*

2. *I understand that the information I provided on my special needs does not remove my own personal responsibility for ensuring my own health.*