



**“Let me be One of You!” BG13/A4.3/012/R1**

**Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria /YMDRAB/**

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## OFFICIAL INVITATION

### Welcome!!!

Dear Friends, we are glad to inform you that our joint project ***“Let me be One of You!”*** was approved for funding by the “Youth in Action” Programme. We are very happy to welcome your representatives to this international training course focused on the social inclusion and employability of young people with communication problems from the rural areas of Eastern Europe.

During this event your representatives will have the chance to meet and to work together with youth workers from 6 European countries (Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Lithuania, Romania and Bulgaria). We are confident that all this group diversity and experience with the support of a great international experts team will lead to 9 days of learning, discovery, making contacts, partnership building, networking ... and many funs.

***For getting ready for the training we kindly ask you to read the following information attentively and to spread it among your members who would be interested to take part in this international event!***

### Hosting organisation

Organizer of this project is *“Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria” /YMDRAB/* - [www.ymdrab.eu](http://www.ymdrab.eu). This is a NGO created in 2008 which works on benefit of the Bulgarian rural youth including young people with communication problems. As a part of our commitment towards a more inclusive rural society, we would like to help the social inclusion of the children and youngsters with speech and language disorders. So this year YMDRAB will implement the current training course called *“Let me be One of You!”*. This is an international training course for increasing the vocational capacity of youth workers occupied with young people with communication problems in rural areas of Eastern Europe.

### The main aim

The main aim of the training course is: increasing the capacity of youth workers in their efforts to support the social inclusion and employability of young people with communication problems in the rural areas of Eastern Europe.

The training objectives are:

- To increase participants' awareness about the essence and applicability of the latest methods for work with young people with communication disorders;

- Participants to exchange ideas and experiences and to acquire practical skills to overcome the low self-esteem and the social isolation of youth caused by speech and language disorders;
- Presentation of opportunities offered by “Youth in Action” Programme to the rural young people with fewer opportunities and to the non-government organisations which work with them in rural areas of Eastern Europe.

### **Participants**

We are looking for 28 youth workers from Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria. The participants should be youth advisers, project managers, logopedists and volunteers engaged in activities in behalf of rural young people with speech and language disorders. We are inviting representatives from our partner organization according to the following table:

<b>Partner organization</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>
YMDRAB	Bulgaria	8
Eesti Logopeedide Ühing	Estonia	4
Latvijas Universitāte, Pedagoģijas, psiholoģijas un mākslas fakultāte	Latvia	4
Stowarzyszenie “Edukacja i rozwój”	Poland	4
LOGOPEDINĖS PAGALBOS CENTRAS	Lithuania	4
Asociația Specialiștilor în Terapie Tulburărilor de Limbaj din România	Romania	4



It is strongly recommended the composition of the national groups to be gender balanced (the number of men to be equal of the number of women). We kindly ask you to do your best in this regard!

The training course will be lead by an international experts team with great experience in the project’s topic.

**The working language** during the training will be English.

### **Dates of the training**

From 12<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2013 (including arrival and departure dates).

### **Venue**

The training course will take place in the beautiful Municipality of Varna. Varna (in Bulgarian: Варна, pronounced [ˈvarnə]) is the largest city and seaside resort on the Bulgarian Black Sea Coast, classified the third largest city in Bulgaria. Commonly referred to as the marine (or summer) capital of Bulgaria, Varna is a major tourist destination, a starting point for all the resorts in the northern Bulgarian Black Sea Coast. The Varna culture is a record holder, the oldest golden treasure in the world was discovered in Varna Necropolis, dating to 4,600 BC.

The participants will be accommodated in a comfortable hotel near to the see coast.

### **Financial conditions**

As we already mentioned this project is funded by the “Youth in Action” Programme of the European Commission. So the participants have to pay only 30% of their travel costs from their home to the venue and back. All other expenses (accommodation, food, activity, field visits, trainers, ect) for all participants will be provided and fully paid by the hosting organisation YMDRAB from the project budget.

### **Participant fee**

There is NOT participant fee.

Dear Friends,

Please find attached an Application Form. All participants have to fill in this Application Form and to send it back to us as soon as possible **(at least till 17 May 2013)** to e-mail: [helping\\_hand12@abv.bg](mailto:helping_hand12@abv.bg) . Please don't wait till this deadline. It will be great if we receive your completed forms earlier in order booking your flight tickets as soon as possible. When we receive all completed forms we will send to all participants more detailed Practical Information about the training course and a Draft Activity Program.

Dear partners and participants, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us to e-mail: [helping\\_hand12@abv.bg](mailto:helping_hand12@abv.bg)

We will be very happy if you take part in our training course.  
Kind regards and see you soon!

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