

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



**Training course:**

**"Bridges for ideas and practices"**

*22 - 31 August, 2014*

*St. St. Constantine and Helena Resort, Bulgaria*



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### **Dear Friends,**

We are glad to inform you that our project “Bridges for ideas and practices” was approved for funding by the “Erasmus+” Programme of The European Commission. We are very happy to welcome you to this international training course focused on working methods for non-formal education of youngsters with communication disorders in rural areas of Eastern Europe.

During of this event you will have the chance to meet and to work together with colleagues from 5 European countries - Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Bulgaria. We are confident that all this group diversity and experience with the support of great international team of trainers will lead to 10 days of learning, discovery, making contacts, partnership building, networking... and many funs.

***To get ready for the training we kindly ask you to read the following information attentively!***

### **Hosting organisation**

Organizer of this training course is the “**Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria**” /YMDRAB/ - <http://ymdrab.eu/>. We are a NGO created in 2008 which work 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 support the efforts of the youth workers who work in benefit of social inclusion of the children and youngsters with speech and language disorders. In this connection this is the third international project which we organize on this issue and which aims increasing the vocational capacity of youth workers from Eastern Europe.



### **Partner organisations in this project are:**

- ❖ Latvijas logopēdu asociācija;
- ❖ Asociația Specialistilor in Terapie Tulburarilor de Limbaj din Romania;
- ❖ Estonian Logopedists' Union;
- ❖ Logopedines Pagalbos Centras – Lithuania.





### **Main aim**

The main aim of the course is: professional training of youth workers who are involved in non-formal education of youngsters with communication disorders in rural areas of Eastern Europe and development of their cooperation for innovation and exchange of experience, skills and best practices.

### **The training objectives are:**

- Learning about the essence and applicability of various methods and systems for work with young people with different communication disorders - hearing impairments, stuttering, specific comprehension impairments of oral and written language, dyslexia and others;
- Exchange of ideas, professional experiences and acquiring practical skills;
- Development of cooperation for innovation and best practices, aiming a better quality of the services offered to young people with communication disorders.



- ***It sounds so boring ...***
- ***Don't worry! Take it easy!***

These objectives are going to be achieved by the methods of non-formal education through a very nice time spent with colleagues from other countries at the Bulgarian Black Sea. The activities will include: icebreakers, presentations, workshops, working groups, field visits, thematic cultural evenings, discussions/debates on interesting SLT topics, etc ... and funs too, of course!



## ***WE ARE LOOKING FOR:***

- Brave youth workers who are involved in non-formal education of youngsters with communication disorders;
- Coming from rural areas of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Bulgaria:
  - 17 participants from Bulgaria;
  - 10 participants from Lithuania;
  - 8 participants from Latvia;
  - 8 participants from Romania;
  - 7 participants from Estonia;
- Gender balanced group - 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!
- Willing to meet and make new friendships with colleagues from other European countries;
- Eager to learn more about working methods in the other countries;
- Interested in the culture of others;
- Available to take part in the full duration of the training course;
- Able to communicate in English. The working language during the training will be English. Please, don't let this criteria to make you give up already!;
- **Not fearing to have fun!**





### **When?**

From **22<sup>nd</sup>** (arrival day) to **31<sup>st</sup>** (departure day) of **August 2014**.

### **The venue**

The training course will take place in the beautiful St. St. Constantine and Helena Resort. This is the oldest Bulgarian Black Sea resort situated only 8 km north of Varna and offering excellent opportunities for our international project.



### **Accommodation**

During the training course we are going to living and working in hotel Koral. Its location and services turn this hotel into a very suitable place for our activities and stay. You can find more information on the hotel website:

<http://hotel-koral.com/>

The accommodation will be in double rooms (2 persons in one room). Each room is equipped with a separate toilet and bathroom – bath or shower, TV, telephone, mini bar (filled upon request), personal safe and air-conditioning. Each room has a balcony.

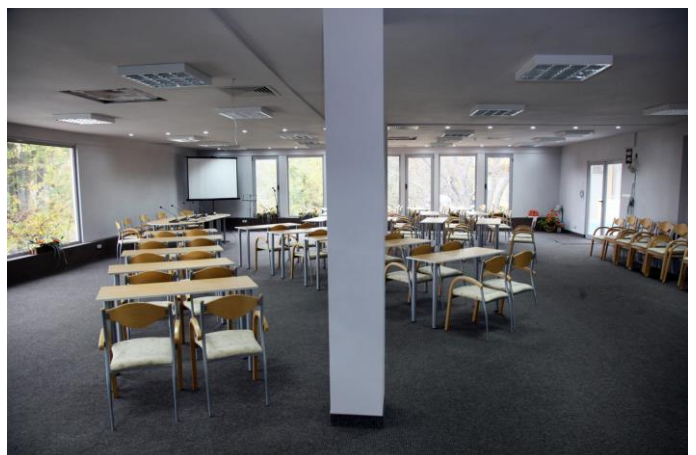
For our work we will use the conferent rooms in the hotel.

Meals are served in the hotel restaurant.

Bed-linens, towels and blankets are available in the hotel free. The hotel offers free of charge Internet, open swimming pool and fitness hall.

The hotel is near to the sea coast.

Please note, that we cannot reimburse any accommodation costs other than at this venue during the training course.



## **Preparation**

Before coming to the training course we kindly ask you to prepare some materials:

- 1) During the first day the participants will be asked to present their organization and work. Each national group can choose how to present its organization. So you can bring with you some information materials which present your professional experience, expertise and good practices from your work with rural youngsters with communication disorders.
- 2) In the programme we have an International evening to get to know the European diversity. We kindly ask you to bring with you traditional food and drinks which to share with the other participants during this evening. It will be great if you present also some national music, dances, clothes and/or songs. You are free to choose the manner how to present your country and traditional culture ... but be creative and non-formal, please.

## ***WHAT ARE THE COSTS?***

### **Travel costs**

The reimbursement of your travel costs will be done only according to the rules given below:

- 1) Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.
- 2) In the project budget we have limit of the travel expenses. So we request you to arrange your journeys (from your home to the venue and back) in the most economical manner possible and to make use of any available reduced tariffs.
- 3) Your travel expenses will be reimbursed only upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid:

- ✓ **Original invoice** for your tickets;
- ✓ Some **document showing the transfer of the money** for the tickets – bill, payment confirmation from internet or from the bank, credit card slip, ect;
- ✓ All travel documents you get during your trip: **all flight/bus/train tickets and boarding passes**, bills, slips, etc. Keep all travel documents you get during your trip because we completely need them;



- ✓ Relevance of the documents means that they must have the date, name of the traveller, destinations of the travel and the bill has to be completely clear for accounting (it must be readable and understandable).
- 4) Return tickets must be purchased before the start of the journey. We will do a photocopy of the tickets which you will still need to return and we will keep the originals of ones you have already used. All originals will need to be sent after the course to the organisers by land post for reporting to the “Erasmus+” Programme.
- 5) Electronic tickets will be reimbursed only on the receipt to a proof of payment (invoice, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, copy of credit card-slip or bank transfer showing the transfer of the money for the ticket, payment confirmation from internet) and on presentation of the boarding pass for the outward journey.
- 6) Note, that the booking paper alone is not enough to prove your travel expenses. You should present as well a bill, a slip of payment or print-out from your bank account to confirm the sum paid for your ticket.
- 7) We will reimburse only public transport costs. Taxi fares and traveling by private car cannot be reimbursed.

### **Health and Travel Insurance**

We strongly recommend Non-Bulgarian participants to have a European Health Insurance Card. This is a free card that gives access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 28 EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country. More information on the card and on how to obtain it is available at <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>

The obtaining a health and a full travel insurance are responsibility and at own expenses of the participants. You have own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.

Also, it is very important that you notify us of any health risk or possibly necessary medicines (in your Application form). Remember that obtaining a health and a full travel insurance is your own responsibility and at your own expenses. The information you provided on any special needs does not remove your own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.

### **Accommodation costs**

The accommodation and the food for all participants will be provided and fully paid by the hosting organization YMDRAB.

### **Participant fee**

There is NOT participant fee.

**Dear participants.**

Please find in attachments a **Draft program** of the training and an **Application Form**. All participants have to fill in this Application Form and send it back to us as soon as possible (**at least till 17 August 2014**) to e-mail: [ionkododev@abv.bg](mailto:ionkododev@abv.bg).

Dear participants, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us to e-mail: [ionkododev@abv.bg](mailto:ionkododev@abv.bg)

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

Yonko Dodev  
/Project manager/

**GENERAL INFORMATION TABLE**

<b>TIME ZONE</b>	Bulgaria is located in the UTC/GMT + 2 hours.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	<b>Bulgarian lev, BGN</b> <b>1 Euro = 1,9558 BGN</b> You can change euro in the Airport or in the banks. In most of the establishments and shops, credit-cards Visa and MasterCard are not accepted.
<b>WHEATER CONDITIONS</b>	Normally the temperature in August is more than 30°C. So bring with you some sunscreen cream and sun-protective agents.
<b>VENUE</b>	Hotel "Koral", St. St. Constantine and Helena Resort, Varna <a href="http://hotel-koral.com/">http://hotel-koral.com/</a>
<b>HOW TO GET THERE</b>	We will meet you at the Airport/Central Bus Station in Varna and we will transport you to the venue.
<b>ARRIVALS / DEPARTURE</b>	Normally the participants are expected to arrive on Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> of August 2014 in the afternoon. Departure will be on Sunday, 31 <sup>st</sup> of August 2014 after breakfast. For any different schedules you must to inform us explicitly by e-mail.
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS</b>	Yonko Dodev: 00359887505544 Maria Peeva: 00359885052995
<b>INSURANCE</b>	The obtaining a health and a full travel insurance are responsibility and at own expenses of the participants.
<b>WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?</b>	✓ Information (and materials) about your organization and work; ✓ Elements from your culture(s) to share with the other participants during the International evening (e.g. food, drinks, dances, clothing, music, short videos, games, presentations, etc.); ✓ Comfortable casual clothes; ✓ Swimwear, sunscreen cream and sun-protective agents.
<b>INFORMATION</b>	If you need further information do not hesitate to contact us: <b>e-mail: <a href="mailto:ionkododev@abv.bg">ionkododev@abv.bg</a></b>

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