

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Training course:

"THE MAGIC TO COMMUNICATE"

31.07 – 09.08.2015

Kranevo, Bulgaria



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Dear Partners,

We are glad to inform you that our joint project “The magic to communicate” was approved for funding by the “Erasmus+” Programme of the European Commission. We are very happy to welcome you to this international training focused on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in rural young people.

During of this event your representatives 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 a great international team of trainers will lead to 9 days of learning, exchange of ideas and experiences, making contacts, partnership building, networking... and many funs.

To get ready for the training we kindly ask you to read the following information attentively! Please, spread this information among your members and invite them to take part in this international event!

Hosting organisation

Organizer of this training course is “**Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria**” /YMDRAB/. We are a NGO created in 2008 which work on benefit of the Bulgarian rural youth including young people with disorders. As a part of our commitment towards a more inclusive rural society, we would like to support the efforts of youth workers who work in benefit of social inclusion of children and youngsters with autism. In this connection we organize this international training course which aims increasing their vocational capacity and quality of work.

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Partner organisations in this project are:

- ❖ Latvijas logopēdu asociācija – www.logopedi.lv
- ❖ Asociatia Specialistilor in Terapia Tulburarilor de Limbaj din Romania – www.asttlr.ro
- ❖ Estonian Logopedists' Union – www.alu.ee
- ❖ Logopedines Pagalbos Centras – www.logopedaslp.lt

Main aim

The main aim of the training course is: professional training of youth workers who are involved in non-formal education of autistic youngsters 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 autistic people;
- Exchange of professional experiences, skills and specific approaches in ASD;
- Development of cooperation for innovation and best practices, aiming a better quality of the services offered to young people with autism.



- ***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 coast. The activities will include: presentations, workshops, working groups, field visits, role plays, thematic cultural evenings, group discussions and debates on interesting SLT topics, etc ... and a lot of fun too, of course!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Brave youth workers who are involved in non-formal education of rural youngsters with autism;
- Coming from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Bulgaria:
 - 16 participants from Bulgaria;
 - 10 participants from Latvia;
 - 8 participants from Lithuania;
 - 8 participants from Romania;
 - 8 participants from Estonia;
- Interested to learn more about specific approaches in Autism Spectrum Disorders used in other countries;
- Willing to meet and to make new friendships with colleagues;
- 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!;
- Interested in the culture of others;
- 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!
- **Not fearing to have fun!**



When?

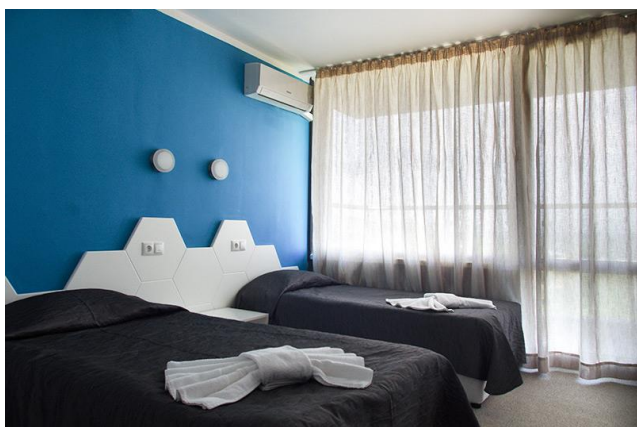
From **31.07.2015** (arrival day) to
09.08.2015 (departure day)

The venue

The training course will take place in the coastal village resort of Kranevo. This resort village is situated on the Black Sea coast 45 km north of Varna Airport. The combination of the beautiful and unspoilt natural environment, cool sea air and great beach makes Kranevo a very good destination for our activity.



Accommodation



During the training course we are going to living and working in Sport&Hotel Center AquaLife, in hotel Aqua Tower. Its location (100 m from the beach) and services turn this center into a very suitable place for our activities and stay. You can find more information on the center's website: <http://en.aqualife-sport.com/>

The accommodation will be in double rooms (2 persons in one room). We will choose one participant from other country with whom to share one room. Each room is equipped with a separate toilet and bathroom, TV, air-conditioning. Bed-linens, towels and blankets are available in the hotel rooms free. Each room has a balcony.

Wifi internet is available and free everywhere in the center.

For our work we will use the conference room in the center.

Meals are served in the hotel restaurant.

The hotel offers free of charge open swimming pool.

The hotel is very close to the beach (100 m).

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

How to get to the hotel

The organizers will meet the Non-Bulgarian participants at Varna Airport and will transport them to the venue.

Preparation

Before coming to the training course we kindly ask you to do some preparation:

- 1) During the first day each national group will be asked to present the organisation from which they come. Also they should present the realities for autistic young people in their countries and to give some examples of good practices in their work in rural areas. This activity will help the participant to understand different approaches in ASD across European countries. There is not template of this presentation. You are free to choose the presentation method (Power Point, on paper, video, just speaking, ect).
- 2) During some training sessions you will work on your laptop. So bring your laptop with you, please. If you don't have a laptop or don't want to bring it with you, please be sure that in each national group there is at least 1 laptop for 2-3 participants.
- 3) In the program we have an International evening to get to know the European cultural 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. This task is the same for the Bulgarian participants for the Bulgarian evening!
- 4) Publicity – please, send us a copy of all measures which you will take to spread information about this training course (published articles on websites and newspapers, pictures of meetings of your Board or/and with participants, ect). This information will be very useful for our project report.



Thank you very much in advance for your good preparation!

Now you are ready for this summer adventure!

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Travel costs reimbursement

On arrival you will be requested to fill in a “Claim for reimbursement of travel costs”. The reimbursement 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 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 an invoice and a bill, a slip of payment or print-out from your bank account to confirm the sum paid for your ticket.
- 7) We can 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 NO participant fee.

Dear participants,

Please find in attachments 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 30 June 2015**) to e-mail: ymdrab@abv.bg.

Dear participants, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us to e-mail: ymdrab@abv.bg

We will be very happy to welcome you in our training course.

Kind regards and see you soon!

Project team

GENERAL INFORMATION TABLE

TIME ZONE	Bulgaria is located in the UTC/GMT + 2 hours.
CURRENCY	Bulgarian lev, BGN 1 Euro = 1,9558 BGN You can change euro at the Airport, in banks or at currency exchange desks. In most of the establishments and shops, credit-cards Visa and MasterCard are not accepted.
WHEATER CONDITIONS	Normally the temperature in August is more than 30°C. So bring with you some sunscreen cream and sun-protective agents.
VENUE	Sport&Hotel Center “AquaLife” – hotel Tower, Kranevo http://en.aqualife-sport.com/
HOW TO GET THERE	The Organizers will meet you at Varna Airport and will transport you to the venue.
ARRIVALS / DEPARTURE	Normally the participants are expected to arrive on Friday, 31 st of July 2015 in the afternoon. Departure will be on Sunday, 09 th of August 2015 after breakfast. For any different schedules you must to inform us explicitly by e-mail.
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INSURANCE	The obtaining a health and a full travel insurance are responsibility and at own expenses of the participants.
WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?	✓ Each national group - presentation about your organisation and about specific approaches in ASD in your country; ✓ Your laptop (or at least 1 laptop for 2-3 participants); ✓ Elements from your culture to share with the other participants during the International/Bulgarian evening (e.g. food, drinks, dances, clothing, music, short videos, games, presentations, etc.); ✓ Comfortable casual clothes; ✓ Swimwear, sunscreen cream and sun-protective agents.
INFORMATION	If you need further information do not hesitate to contact us to e-mail: ymdrab@abv.bg

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