



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Training course “LINKS – Logopedists Interact for New Knowledge and Skills”

***23 August – 1 September 2019
Kranevo, Bulgaria***



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Dear All,

We are glad to invite you to participate in International training course for speech and language therapists called “LINKS – Logopedists Interact for New Knowledge and Skills”. This training will provide you quality professional education and place to meet and work together with colleagues from 5 European countries - Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Bulgaria. We are confident that all this group diversity and experience with support of great trainers will lead to 9 days of learning, exchange of ideas and experiences, making contacts, partnership building, networking ... and a lot of fun.

Hosting organisation

Organizer of the training course is “[Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria](#)” /YMDRAB/. We are a non-governmental organisation created in 2009 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 society, we would like to support the efforts of those who work with children and youngsters with speech and language disorders. In this order this is the sixth international training course which we organize on this issue and which aims increasing the vocational capacity of speech and language therapists from Eastern Europe.

Partner organisations in this project are:

- ❖ Lithuanian Logopedists' Association – www.logopeduasociacija.lt
- ❖ Latvian Association of Logopedists – www.logopedi.lv
- ❖ Estonian Logopedists' Union – www.elu.ee
- ❖ Association of Specialists in Speech and Language Therapy from Romania - www.astlir.ro

Main aim

The main project aim is to provide quality training to those working with children and young people with communication problems in order to increase their professional capacity and to improve the quality of the services they provide.



During the training course the participants will:

- learn about the essence and applicability of different kind of methods and systems for work with young people with various communication impairments - early intervention, stuttering, articulation and phonological impairments, interactive tools in speech and language therapy, power of sound, music and movement for sensory processing, language and learning, and others;
- develop new professional contacts with colleagues from abroad and will exchange ideas, experiences and good practices in speech and language therapy work;
- learn about the opportunities offered by the Erasmus+ Programme to youth workers and organisations which work with youngsters with fewer opportunities and will plan ideas for further interaction and cooperation at different levels.

- ***It sounds boring ...***

- ***Don't worry!***

These objectives are going to be achieved by the methods of non-formal education through a very nice summer time spent with colleagues from different countries at the Bulgarian Black Sea coast. The activities will include: presentations, workshops, working groups, field visit, study cases, role plays, thematic cultural evenings, group discussions and debates on interesting topics in speech and language therapy ... and a lot of fun too!





WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Brave speech and language therapists who work with rural children and youngsters in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Bulgaria:
 - 12 participants from Bulgaria;
 - 10 participants from Latvia;
 - 8 participants from Lithuania;
 - 8 participants from Romania;
 - 8 participants from Estonia;
- Interested to learn more about: early intervention, stuttering, articulation and phonological impairments, interactive tools in speech and language therapy, power of sound, music and movement for sensory processing, language and learning, and others;
- Willing to make new contacts and to exchange with colleagues from other countries;
- 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!;
- Able to give visibility of the project and to share what they have learned after returning home;
- **Have not participated in our trainings in 2015 and 2016.**
- Gender balanced group - it is strongly recommended the composition of the national groups to be gender balanced. We kindly ask the partner organisation to do their best in finding male participants!
- Interested in the culture of others and **not fearing to have fun!**



When?

From **23 August 2019** (arrival day) to **1 September 2019** (departure day).

Venue

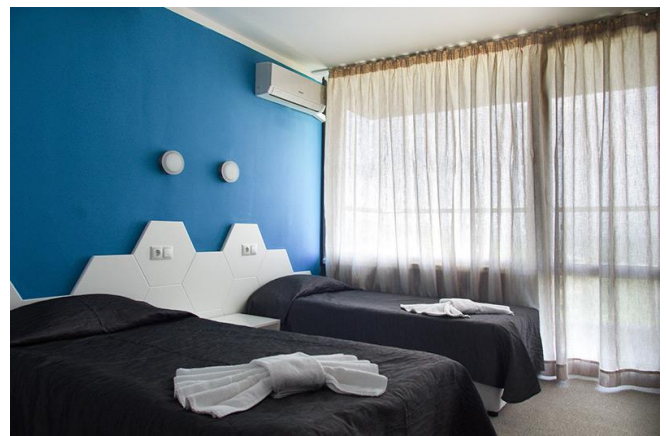
The training course will take place in the coastal village resort of Kranevo, Bulgaria. It is situated on the Black Sea coast 35 km north of Varna Airport. The combination of beautiful natural environment, cool sea air and great beach makes Kranevo a very good destination for our activity.



Accommodation

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

The accommodation will be in hotel AquaLife Tower. The participants will be accommodated in double rooms (2 persons in one room). Each room is equipped with a separate toilet and bathroom, TV, air-conditioning.



WHAT ABOUT THE COSTS?

Accommodation costs

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

Travel costs

Your travel costs will be reimbursed only upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid.

Participation fee

There is NOT participation fee.



Registration Form

Please, find in attachments a **Registration Form**. Each participant has to fill in this form and to send it to us **till 1 February 2019** to e-mail: ymdrab@abv.bg . We will then contact you to confirm your participation.

We will send **Activity program** of the training course and further **Practical information** to the approved 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.
Kindest regards!

LINKS Project Team

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