

## **EURO-CULTURES**

**cultural similarities and differences in youth work**

International Training Course for youth exchange's youth workers

with a special focus on the theme of cultural identity

**Date:** 21 - 30 June 2002

**Place:** Thessaloniki (Greece)

**Countries involved:** Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Yugoslavia, Fyrum-Macedonia, Romania, Turkey

**Working language:** English

### **Participants' profile**

The youth workers participants to the training course should be:

AGE: between 20 and 35 years old;

EXPERIENCE: youth workers who already took part at least in one youth activity (national and/or international);

LANGUAGE: English (to understand and to be understood);

MOTIVATION: to promote international youth exchanges with South Eastern countries in the near future.

**Number of participants:** maximum 21 (3 youth workers from each country, chosen from different organisations by the co-ordinator organisation in each country).

### **Training Team:**

Xenia Koutentaki - trainer, Citizens in Action - Greece

Anca Butuca - trainer - Romania

Gulesin Nemutlu - trainer - Turkey

Davide Tonon - trainer, Xena - Italy

### **Promoter organisation**

XENA - Centro Scambi e Dinamiche Interculturali

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### **Organisation Team of Xena**

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### **Financial conditions for participation:**

Food and lodging: supplied by the host organisation and the contractor of the project.

Travel costs: 60% of travel costs (the cheapest way and price) will be reimbursed to the participants by presenting proof of all the travel expenses (original tickets + receipts or invoices).

Visa will be reimbursed 100 % by presenting original receipts.

Participation fee: a participation fee of 60 euro will be required to Greek and Italian participants.

### **Why a training course ?**

The project is focused on training youth workers from 7 South East European countries, (with a particular focus on culture and cultural identity), in order to make them aware of the similarities they share and to create a future network for international exchanges in the area. In this way, the project will promote a shared vision of what European citizenship means and will contribute to the sense of active belonging and participation of young people in a common understanding and transnational European future.

In shaping the project main focus, we started by noticing that there is a lack of consistent youth exchanges at the local level; the mentioned SEE countries, even they shared a lot of common values and a common past, developed more exchange projects with the western part of Europe than with their closer neighbours. Therefore, the aim of the project is to explore the cultural differences and the similarities from the region and to build the foundations for a functional youth exchange network in the region.

### **A training course what for?**

- to train youth workers coming from South Eastern Countries in the field of "Youth for Europe" exchanges;
- to underline and share the importance of the experiential method and of the intercultural aspects in setting up youth exchanges;
- to explore the issue of cultural identity;
- to start a network of organisations of the 7 countries involved;
- to put the basis for a common work in the future;
- in a long term perspective, to make functional the established network of youth exchanges involving the youngsters (and to practice the common knowledge and strengthen the transnational links).

### **The contents**

- ✓ Youth exchanges and the programme "Youth".
- ✓ Animation method in the youth exchanges (theory and practice of the group dynamics).
- ✓ Intercultural learning (with a particular focus on what is the culture and the cultural identity and the different approaches to cultural diversity).

### **And after ?**

The aim is to set up a network, able to promote youth exchanges and other projects on the basis of the results of the course.

### **The promoters...**

Organisations involved: Xena (Italy), Arc en Ciel '99 Foundation (Romania), C.i.A (Greece), Gençtur (Turkey), Open Mind (Bulgaria), Erina (FYROM-Macedonia), IYAAA-Jazas (Yugoslavia).

With the co operation of the Romanian and Bulgarian National Agencies of the YOUTH programme.

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### Applicant's personal details

Name of the applying participant:				
Address:				
Post code/ town/ country:				
Telephone:				
Fax and/or E-mail:				
Do you have any special needs or requirements (e.g. dietary, accessibility):				
Date of birth:	Sex (m/f):	Nationality:	Languages:	

### Information about the organisation

Name of the applying organisation:	
Address:	
Post code / town / country:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	

E-mail:	
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**To be filled in by the applicant**

Describe your organisation briefly:		
Describe your tasks in your organisation:		
Do you have any experience in intercultural / youth work? If yes, please give details:		
Why would you like to participate in this training course?		
Place	Date	Signature

This form must be sent by **Friday 10th of May 2002** at the latest to:

**by post:** XENA - Centro Scambi e Dinamiche Interculturali  
 Project: "EURO-CULTURES"  
 Via Trieste n° 6 - 35121 PADOVA - ITALIA

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