



Leadership, Empowerment And Facilitation For Future

TRAINING COURSE

30.10. - 6.11.2023 - Zajezova, Slovakia

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



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“Leadership, Empowerment and Facilitation For Future” (LEAFFF) is a training course for youth workers that will take place in Zajezova, Slovakia from 30th of October to 6th November 2023. The participants will come from 11 countries: Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Spain and Ukraine.

The main objectives of the project are:

- to provide participants with leadership and facilitation skills
- to provide participants with tools to work on sustainability and climate action
- to increase the collaboration between ecovillages, sustainable initiatives and youth organisations

WHY LEADERSHIP AND FACILITATION? WHY ECOVILLAGES?

A recent pan-European youth survey conducted in April, 2021 by IPSOS among more than 22.000 people aged 15-35 in 23 European countries shows that climate change and environmental degradation are still more than 10% above any other worries among young Europeans.

This project aims to give youth workers and youth leaders tools so that they can work more effectively with young people around the topics of sustainability, inclusion and climate change. It taps into the experience that European ecovillages have accumulated as pioneer educational centres around these topics and it shares an innovative toolbox for youth workers that has been developed and adapted by a partnership among ecovillages, youth workers and sustainability campaigners.

An ecovillage is an intentional or traditional community that is designed through local and participatory processes to regenerate social and natural environments. The 4 dimensions of sustainability - ecology, economy, society and culture - are integrated in a holistic approach. Ecovillages are models of sustainable settlements that serve as training and learning centres where people experience, through informal and non-formal education activities, the experience of sharing life in a cohesive, inclusive and sustainable society.



WHERE IS IT GOING TO HAPPEN?

The training will take place in Zajezova Ecovillage, which is since many years building its capacity to live sustainably. The venue is called Vzdelávacie centrum (<https://www.centrumzajezova.sk/>). Zajezova is situated in rural Slovakia close the city of Zvolen. Learn more: www.zajezka.sk.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The participants will stay in shared rooms. Most of the meals will be vegetarian. Our kitchen can serve soy, gluten and dairy free. We might not be able to accommodate every allergy in the world, but cooks always partly adapt their meal plans.



TRAVEL AND COSTS

Arrival day is Monday 30th of October after 14:00. Departure day is Monday 6th of November after breakfast. You need to be able to attend to the full duration of the activity in order to participate.

This project is co-funded by the Erasmus+ program of the EU, which means that travel and participation costs are covered. Participants will have to buy their tickets in advance and will be reimbursed after the activity. If this arrangement is an obstacle to your participation, please let us know.

The tickets will be reimbursed up to a maximum amount that depends from the country where the travel starts.

MAXIMUM REFUNDABLE AMOUNTS:

210€ Serbia

275€ Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Ukraine (flying allowed)

320€ Germany, Netherlands, Poland, Romania (green travel +1 extra night each way)

360€ Spain (flying allowed)

GREEN TRAVEL

To reduce the project's environmental footprint, participants from most countries will be asked to avoid flying for traveling to and from the training. Please make sure that you comply with this condition if you apply.

Participants traveling green (no fly) will also be refunded for the costs of their accommodation if they need to stay overnight along the way. You will need to provide a proof of payment (tickets, etc.) and the maximum amount is 60€ per night. Please note that this refund is not intended to support holidays or other detours before or after the training. The amount spent will be refunded only if it is part of a coherent travel plan coming from and going back to your place of residence.



HOW TO APPLY?

If you want to participate, please fill [this questionnaire](#) before **Wednesday 27th September, 2023**.

Participants' selection will be based upon the information that you share with us in the questionnaire and consultation with the project's partner organisations.

