



“What is and what is not Youth work?”

Training course on Youth work policy.



20. April – 24. April 2020, Youth centre Celje, Slovenia

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INVITATION TO THE TRAINING COURSE

We are happy to welcome you to this unique training course, inspired and evolving through the inputs of all the participants involved.

The purpose of the training is for participants to understand the common European ground of youth work. They will get to know about and discuss the definitions of youth work and youth worker as well as the scope and purpose of youth work. They will be able to recognize the core principles of youth work, as well as the differences between youth work and social work, leisure work and cultural work.

Training course will last 4 working days and will demand an extensive participation.

This is the first of four training modules that aim at giving youth workers a comprehensive understanding of the four basic pillars of youth work: Policy, Participation, Learning and Documentation and follow up. Participants are expected to take part in all four modules and to give feedback on the training so that it, when repeated, can be even better!

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR THE TRAINING COURSE IS: 13. 3. 2020

CONTENT OF THE TRAINING COURSE - What is and what is not youth work

To be done by the participants before taking part in training:

- Read the CoE recommendation on youth work – Scope and purpose + Principles.
- Read the European Charter on youth work – the core principles.
- Read the Council Conclusion On youth work 2013 – short version.
- Fill in and return participants presentation form (including dilemmas below).
- Formulate and send in the description of three dilemmas/situations where the practice of, or expectations on, youth work are in conflict with the participants idea of what youth work should be and do. (A policy-practice conflict/dilemma.)
- Documents are to be sent to participants ahead of training.
- Read and bring relevant local policy documents to the training.



Partners of the project

Youth network MaMa, Slovenia

Network MaMa combines and represents youth centres and organizations which are active in the field of youth work in Slovenia for the purpose of supporting young people and their higher quality leisure time and a better life in society. Youth Centre is an organization that works in the local community in order to provide young people associative ways of socializing, encourages participation, volunteerism and non-formal education, contributes to social cohesion and social integration of young people, exercises mobility and international integration of young people, providing information for young people and preserves autonomous youth space. Network MaMa currently brings together 50 organizations.

KEKS STODFORENING, Sweden

The organisation is coordinating a network of 70 local departments for youth work and provides support for quality development. In order to improve quality we have developed a unique model for quality assurance in which we also can set goals and measure to what extent they are achieved. Our ability to satisfy the social needs of young people is here combined with more solid economic figures to give the full picture of our work and how it can be improved. On the basis of this we work with the development of competence, methods and organisation among our member organisations in order to enhance the quality of youth work.

Croatian youth network, Croatia

Croatian Youth Network (MMH) is the largest/most comprehensive alliance of youth organizations in Croatia, currently numbering 59 member organizations; local and national. It is a full-member of the European Youth Forum, being recognized as national youth council of Croatia. MMH is a heterogeneous platform connecting different organizations (those directed towards advocacy, culture, social, minority issues, etc.) which share a joint interest in developing youth policies at national and European level. MMH achieves its goals through networking, advocacy, dialogue and partnerships, informing, non-formal education, research and publishing. Its main goals are: raising awareness among young people about active and responsive participation in society through networking and empowering youth organizations and individuals; co-creating and advocating quality youth policies at local, national and international level and putting youth rights on the social agenda; contributing to the development of civil society through participation in shaping and implementing policies related to the development of civil society.

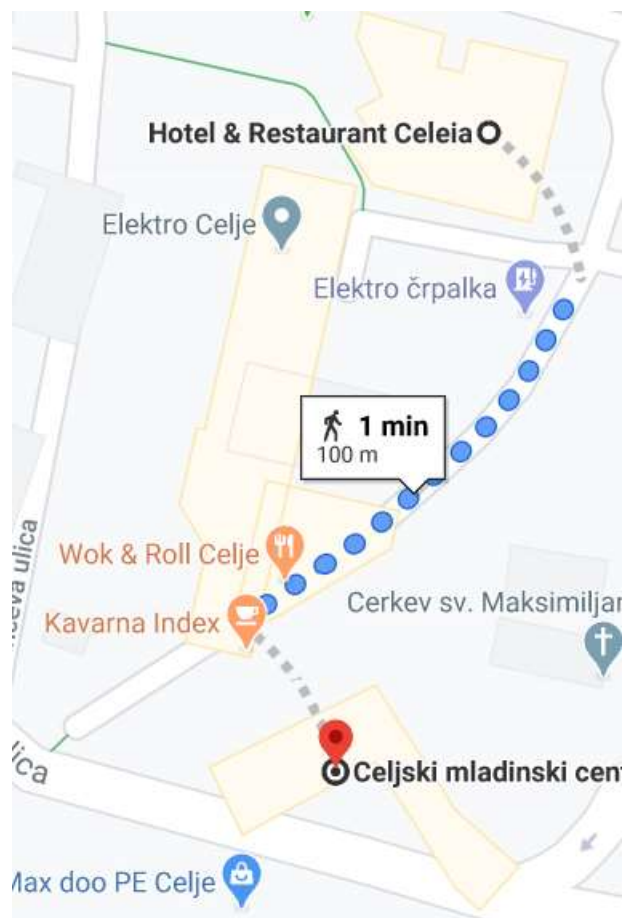
MORE INFORMATION

Date & venue

Date: 20. 4. – 24. 4. 2020

Accommodation: [Hotel Celeia](#), Mariborska cesta 3, 3000 Celje

Venue – one minute away from the hotel: [Youth centre Celje](#), Mariborska cesta 2, 3000 Celje



- Travel budget: up to 275€ per person (For the travel costs contact the project partner in your country)
- Participants will be accommodated in single-rooms.
- WiFi free hotel
- Working rooms are in Youth centre celje
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner and two coffee breaks will be organized.
- Weather: should be cold but nice. ☺
- Make sure you have a valid (not expired) ID card or a valid Passport.
- Make sure to have your European Health Card in your wallet.
- Pack in your hand luggage some "back-up" clothes and underwear in case your suitcase gets lost in the airport.
- Keep all your boarding passes and travelling tickets otherwise we will not be able to make any reimbursements (reimbursements are done to the partner organisation in each country in package for all participants, as Network MaMa receives travel report with all proofs).
- Only public transportation can be reimbursed.

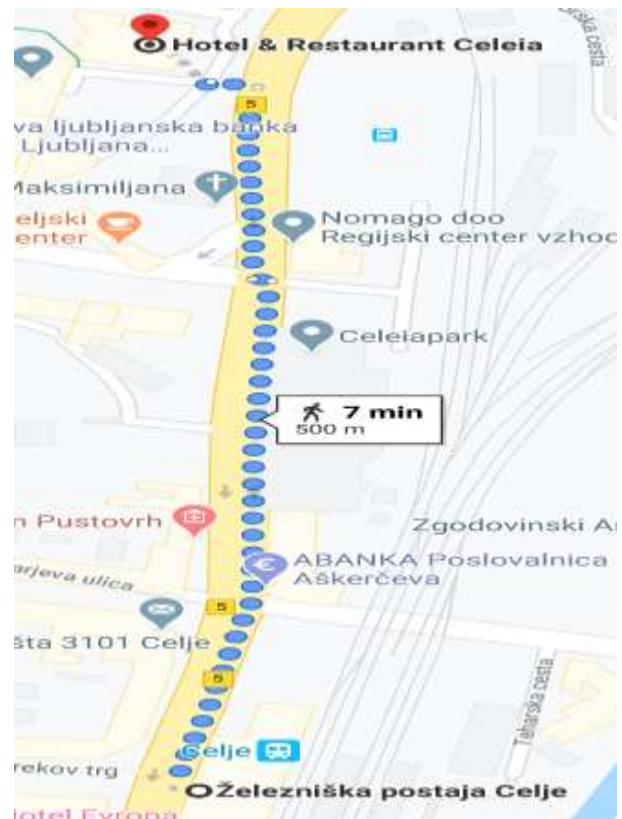
HOW TO ARRIVE TO CELJE:

From the airport:

- Please check your connections with Ljubljana airport. You can also check connection with Zagreb airport (but it's around 1 hour and a half ride from Zagreb to Celje). For the ride from the airport to the Hotel I suggest you that you reserve GoOpti shuttle (<https://www.goopti.com/en/>) because there is possibility that you reserve shuttle directly to the Hotel Celeia (write down Celje and it will show you option for the Hotel Celeia) and it costs around 13€ per person. But you should reserve GoOpti before you come to Slovenia.

From the train station:

- It takes around 7 minutes walking from the train station to the Hotel





ABOUT CELJE

Welcome to Celje, at the crossroads of Slovenian and European routes, almost midway between the Slovenian capital Ljubljana in the west (75km) and the Styrian capital Maribor (54km) in the east. As the country's only city once serving as the capital of counts with the largest medieval castle, Celje is still a unique city of stars. Three stars from the city's coat of arms also adorn the Slovenian national coat of arms.

Celebus

To see the streets of Celje, you can use the Celebus, a city minibus propelled by compressed natural gas. Connecting the city's largest neighbourhoods, there are six lines operating across the entire city of Celje. You have a choice of a one-time, daily, weekly or monthly ticket. You can also buy an annual pass.

Timetable: <https://moc.celje.si/celebus>

KolesCE

Exploring the city can be more dynamic and exciting when riding a bike. In Celje, public bicycles named KolesCE are available for rent. There are electric bikes available for rent at some bicycle stops. The network operates through the Nextbike global system. Available 24 hours a day, they are free of charge for the first 30 minutes. Basic rates: half a euro for every 30 minutes (normal bike); one euro for every 30 minutes (e-bike).

Online login into the system: <https://bikes.nomago.si/registracija/>

If you want to learn more about Celje please visit:
<https://www.visitcelje.eu/product-category/what-to-see/>

Some basic Slovenian words that you can use while staying over here:

Youth: **MLADINA**
Youth in action: **MLADI V AKCIJI**
Youth worker: **MLADINSKI DELAVEC/MLADINSKA DELAVKA**
Thank you: **HVALA**
Please: **PROSIM**
Bon Appetit: **DOBER TEK**
Hey: **ZDRAVO**
Good morning: **DOBRO JUTRO**
Good afternoon: **DOBER DAN**
Good evening: **DOBER VEČER**
Good night: **LAHKO NOČ**

ANNEX: Program of the training course

Day 1: Monday 20 April

15.00 – 19.00 First session: (Including coffee break)

- Welcome and presentation of participants and their respective organisations. (Based on form for presentation.)
- Presentation of expectations on the training.
- Presentation of the whole concept (four trainings): Background, aims, organizers, etc.
- Presentation of the purpose, content and design of the training and the role of the participants.

19.30: Dinner

Day 2: Tuesday 21 April

09.00 – 10.30 Second session: Questions from yesterday, Presentation 1: “From diversity to common ground”. On the European policy development process, why it was/is needed, what it has looked like, and the outcomes in terms of documents.

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Third session: Reflections and discussion on presentation 1: Do we recognise the scenery? Looking at our local policy documents; Do we see the need for similar processes on local level?

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Forth session: Presentation 2: The EU Council Conclusion on youth work 2013 and the report from the EU expert group on youth work quality systems. On proposed definitions of youth work and youth worker Reflections and discussion on presentation 2: Do we share the ideas on youth work stated in these documents? How to they match the formulations in our local policy documents?

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Fifth session:Reflections and discussion on presentation 2 continued, Evaluation of the sessions, Summoning up the day

18.30 Dinner



Day 3: Wednesday 22 April

09.00 – 10.30 Sixth session: Questions from yesterday, Presentation 3: The Council of Europe recommendation on youth work. On the scope and purpose of youth work. Reflections and discussion on presentation 3: Do we share the ideas on youth work stated in the recommendation. How to they match the formulations in our local policy documents? How do they match our everyday practice?

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Seventh session: Presentation 4: The European Charter on Local Youth Work, introduction and the core principles of youth work. Reflections and discussion on presentation 4: Do we share the ideas on youth work stated in the core principles. Are there important principles that are missing? How to they match the formulations in our local policy documents? How do they match our everyday practice?

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Eight session: Presentation 5: Summoning up on youth work policy. Drawing some conclusions from presentations and discussions. What is youth work and how to talk about it with others? The difference between youth work and social work, leisure work and cultural work? Promotion or prevention? Rights based or problem solving? Or all and both, in the right order and perspective? How to use European policy documents to strengthen local youth work policy. Reflections and discussions on presentation 5: Do we have a common ground?

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Ninth session: Reflections and discussions on presentation 5 continued, Evaluation of the sessions, Summoning up the day

18.30 Dinner



Day four: Thursday 23 April

09.00 – 10.30 Tenth session: Questions from yesterday, Exercise 1: Is this really youth work? Discussions on some dilemmas regarding tasks that youth worker might be appointed to but are in contradiction to our idea of youth work, and how these dilemmas might be solved. Discussions and presentations in small mixed groups + 'plenary' discussions

11.00 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Eleventh session: Presentation 6: Turning policy into practice. Presentation of The European Charter on Local Youth Work Change Makers Kit. Exercise 2: a) Working with different sections of the kit in small groups (2 – 3 participants), answering the question; Could this help us to turn policy into practice? How could it be further improved?; b) Presenting the respective elements for the rest of the group and giving feedback for the further development of the change makers kit.

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00 Twelfth session: Exercise 2 continued, Evaluation of the sessions

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.00 Thirteenth session: Presentation 7: Youth work policy and practice in Slovenia

18.30 Dinner

Day 5: Friday 24 april

09.00 – 10.30 Fourteenth session: Summoning up our ideas and conclusions together. From blah, blah, blah youth work to youth work!

11.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 Fifteenth session: Evaluation of the training

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 15.00: Thoughts regarding the upcoming trainings, Eventual presentation of 'home work' to be done until the next training.

15.00 Coffee and see you next time!