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Presentation of the course

“Innovative tools for the validation of competencies in volunteering”

Rome, Italy, 23rd -27th October 2017

Logistical information

Arrival date: participant should arrive on Sunday 22nd of October (at any time)

Departure date: participants can leave Rome in the afternoon of Friday 27th October. If they prefer, they can also stay overnight and leave on Saturday 28th of October.

Costs: all costs for the training will be pay by VOYCE project: travel, accommodation, and meals.

Accommodation: Hostel Marelo, via Urbana 50, Rome. It is very central, in the heart of Rome historical center and 5 minutes by walk from Colosseum. It is a basic accommodation: a hostel with double rooms, shared bathroom, second floor without elevator.

<https://www.google.it/maps/place/Ostello+Marelo/@41.8956896,12.493672,15z/data=!4m5!3m4!1s0x0:0xb3d7a803a25fcfb!8m2!3d41.8956896!4d12.493672>

Training premises: the training will take place in CESV, via Liberiana 17, Rome. It is also very central and 5 minutes by walk form the hostel.

<https://www.google.it/maps/place/Service+Centers+for+Voluntary+Lazio/@41.8970431,12.4957033,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x132f61a52842b5a3:0x6b123fee59649b36!8m2!3d41.8970391!4d12.497892>

About the course

VOYCE project:

This training is part of the VOYCE project, co-financed by the EU – Erasmus+ program

Today in Europe more than 1 young person out of 5 carries out volunteering activities. These are very formative experiences that can enhance the competences of young people and their employability. Unfortunately, the practical tools for validating these competencies are still unsuitable, and the young people themselves tend to underestimate this issue.

The VOYCE project brings together 8 organizations from 5 European countries with the common goal of building innovative tools to validate the competences of young volunteers. Particular attention is paid to young people with fewer opportunities.

You can read more on the project on www.voyceproject.eu

The training course

The training course will be addressed to a group of 25 youth workers from Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, Poland. The course will have a duration of 5 days and will be held in English language.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to use 2 experimental tools for the validation of young volunteers' competencies:

- Manual: the manual will be a practical tool used by organizations that host young volunteers to bring out and validate the learning acquired by them;
- On line platform: the interactive platform will offer the opportunity to carry out also on a digital support the pathway already established in the manual. Moreover the platform will offer features to promote connections between young people and companies.

The training will make an extensive use of methodologies of active education. The idea is to make the youth workers experience the same techniques and group dynamics they will likely apply with young volunteers.

Draft agenda

<i>Date</i>	<i>Morning (9:30-13:00)</i>	<i>Afternoon (14:00-17:30)</i>
Sunday 22	Arrival in Rome	
Monday 23	Presentation of participants Presentation of the course Team building activities	Cooperative learning on the manual (workgroups) Discussion
Tuesday 24	Working on competences	Working on competences Study visit to social and volunteering experiences in Rome
Wednesday 25	Implementing a task (workgroups) Self-evaluation of the experience	External evaluation of the experience Interview with a supervisor Discussion
Thursday 26	Introducing the portal Testing the portal (individual work)	Discussion on the portal Study visit to social and volunteering experiences in Rome
Friday 27	Next steps: how and with whom to use the manual and the portal	Departure or free time

Follow up

Once participants are back in their home countries, they will be called to test the manual and the platform with a small group of young volunteers.

Suggestions and comments from participants will be helpful to improve the manual and the portal.

Training materials

Participants will receive a draft of the manual by email. It is important for participants to read the document before the training.

Please if you have a laptop take it with you.