

Youth Voice: Experience Based on Structured Dialogue

Meeting between young people and policy makers

Venue: Roccalumera, Sicily, Italy

Duration: from 16 (Arrivals) to 20 (Departures) September 2021 (4 nights)

Participating countries: Italy, Slovakia, Spain, Latvia, Romania, Germany, Bulgaria, Portugal, Hungary, Estonia – in total 10

Participants: 5 participants from each organization – 4 youngsters 18-30 years + 1 group leader

SUMMARY

“Youth Voice: Experience Based on Structured Dialogue” is the title of a transnational seminar participation project with a duration of five days and it will take place in **Catania (Italy) from 16 to 20 September 2021.**

The project is promoted in the field of policy reform through structured dialogue. The team is foreseen of 40 young people accompanied by 10 decision makers and young local administrators. General idea of the project is to obtain a real bottom-up approach for European young people involving them in the decision-making mechanism. Young people and policy makers will address the topic of Structured Dialogue, experimenting techniques of facilitation, animation, discussion, negotiation and co-decision.

The aim of the project is to promote the Structured Dialogue, reflecting on the adoption of a new European Strategy for Youth, inserted in the wake of the VII Cycle of the Structured Dialogue that could have a broad overview on the participation of young people and of what it expects from the EU and its inter-sector youth policies, today and in the next period 2020 - 2027. As part of the 7th European Structured Dialogue Cycle, whose thematic priority is "Creating Opportunities for young people", the project wants to provide the participation of a large number of young people in the life of society and the active involvement of those young people who do not have the possibility to influence decision-making processes. Young people should be the ones to generate positive changes both in terms of policies and in their communities. **This project includes both young people who are familiar with youth policy in their countries, as well those who aren't familiar, but want to increase level of youth participation and gain knowledge applicable in their own community.**

Main project activities are based on non-formal education methods, discussions, debates, interaction, research, simulation, youth work and evaluation of participants to develop their personal and professional potentials, Interactive Workshop, Round Table, Open Space Technology, educational games, role play, Learning Space. Participants are working in plenary and in groups, focused on exploring some specific key area of this project. Each team has international character, in order to exchange different points of view on relevant issues and to get familiar with decisions regarding issues important for youth from the perspective of every participating country. During a TEAM WORK CAPACITY, a document called RAINBOW IDEA will elaborate and prepare by the participants with innovative ideas, needs, suggestions, measures and actions to be taken. It's represents the direct YOUTH VOICE. This document will be submitted, during the dissemination phase to the Decision Makers of the territories involved.

Through meetings with decision makers and discussions / debates, participants identify key areas in which improvements need to be made in order to improve position of young people and include them on equal basis in decision making process and Structured Dialogue.

ACCOMMODATION

in 2 B&B in Catania City Center

<http://www.sandemetrilorooms.com/>

<http://www.bbivespricatania.it/>

Participants will be hosted in double/triple rooms. If somebody wishes to stay in a single room there is an extra of 20€ per night. Please mention if you have a special preference when sharing a room, in the APPLICATION FORM. Once the room distribution is done, we cannot make any changes.

MAINTENANCE

- The participants will have lunch and dinner together in restaurants that respect their special needs: intolerances, allergies, vegetarians, religion...
- We will provide them traditional food and three choices for drinking: water or local wine. Other beverages can be ordered but must be purchased by the participants.
- Coffee is not included in the menu (it might be in some restaurants).
- The products in the minibar are not included either and the participants must pay for it.

FLIGHT TICKETS

Flight tickets are covered up to the limit established by European Commission Distance Calculator. The extra will be on charge of the participants.

Limit for Estonia is € 360

BOARDING PASSES

It is extremely important that you KEEP ALL THE BOARDING PASSES from your trip to Roccalumera and back home. The ones from your way to Roccalumera will be asked during the project, the ones from your way home must be sent to INVOLVED NGO.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If some of you have any special needs having to do with reduced mobility, allergies, religion, intolerance to some food or you are vegetarian, do not hesitate to tell us in advance – write it down in the APPLICATION FORM. We will provide you a special menu according to your needs.

DRESS CODE

All the activities will be implemented on a non-formal & informal context. No dressing up is necessary.

MORE INFO AND APPLICATIONS: www.involved.ee/valismaale

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