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QUEER UP! Contact Making Seminar

19-25/05/2023
Vilanova i la Geltrú

*This info pack includes the sections: what, when, where, why, who, the financial conditions and the how. It provides practical information about the activity, its preparations and logistics. Please read this info pack carefully and do not hesitate to **contact us** in case you have questions. Your contributions and feedback are always relevant and welcome.*

What?

The international Contact Making Seminar 'Queer Up!' is an activity dedicated for activists, youth workers and change-makers dedicated to the well-being of LGBTQ+ community. The seminar is organized within the framework of the **KA153 - YOU - Mobility of youth workers of the Erasmus + program of the European Commission.**

When?

From **19 to 25 May 2023.**

Activity lasts for 6 working days plus 1 travel day - departure day. On the 19th we will start the activities in the evening, after the arrivals.

Where?

In **Vilanova i la Geltrú (Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain)**. It is the capital city of the county of Garraf, located in the province of Barcelona (Catalonia, Spain). It is a small city 40 Km south of Barcelona, with a growing population of +60.000 people. It's a major fishing port with a long history (+2500 years) reaching its heyday during the Romantic period in the XIX Century. The city is famous for its Carnival festival, gastronomy, summer music festivals and beaches.

We will be accommodated in Hotel Cesar, in 2 and 3 person bedrooms. Access to the Wi-Fi, bed sheets and towels will be provided. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee-breaks will be served in the same venue. The venue is located on the second sea line, at the 'sea district' (Barri de mar). It is a calm, peaceful and safe area, 15 minutes walking distance to the city center and train station. We have booked rooms and spaces for the activities, but we have not booked the whole hotel premises, meaning that the group will be sharing the common spaces with other hotel clients. Seminar activities will take place at the hotel premises and its surroundings, including the beach.

Hotel address: Isaac Peral St. Nr 4-8, 08800 (Vilanova i la Geltrú, Barcelona).

Website: <https://www.hotelcesar.net/>


Phone: +34 93 815 11 25

Why?

The European Union is based on a strong commitment to promoting and protecting human rights, democracy and the rule of law worldwide. Human rights are at the heart of EU relations with other countries and regions. Among others, it stands for defending civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights of minorities.

Meanwhile, the situation of LGBTQ+ people (among other minorities) differs depending on the country. While there are countries where the access to legal and social norms as marriage or parenting between people of the same gender are legally and socially accepted, the procedure for gender correction is based on most recent scientific investigations and drove by the aim of the one's well-being, in other places in European Union the members of LGBTQ+ community have their laws limited because of their non-heteronormativity and feel socially excluded or threatened.

We believe that the fight for enhancing LGBTQ+ people's well being needs to be seen from the holistic and international perspective, and that activists and youth workers who on a regular basis work in different contexts, can bring powerful inspirations from one to another.



The process of working on implementing European values, besides local actions, need also a holistic approach, and to achieve such an approach, the communication and partnership between youth workers, activists and change makers is crucial. By implementing the project, we want the youth workers to first, **strengthen an informal international network of NGOs, activists and change-makers dedicated to LGBTQ+ rights and well-being.**

Considering unequal standard that LGBTQ+ people are meeting depending on a country, we believe that international communication of entities dedicated to this topic is crucial in the procedure of making whole UE a safe space for LGBTQ people.

By strengthening the relations, all the parties can engage in more efficient actions dedicated both for local as for the international LGBTQ+ community needs oriented actions.

Second, **exchange experiences and good practices on how to support the LGBTQ+ collective.** The organizations involved in the programme have different experiences of different practices and projects implemented in their countries and on international level. We want to provide the space and platform to share and exchange these experiences in between the youth workers, to provide them insight on other possibilities and know-hows. And third, to **gain inspiration and innovative ideas for future activities.** We believe the potential of group work of an international team of change-makers can be impressively inspirational and lead to create innovative ideas thanks to the collaboration of active and ambitious people of various experiences, perspectives and ideas who share the same values and goals. Besides the general goals of the seminar, our specific objectives in these activities are:

To learn about the LGBTQ+ collective situation in different countries of the EU; To develop new projects and actions for the LGBTQ+ collective in a safe space; To create innovative tools to work with local LGBTQ+ youth; To develop competences about peaceful communication, advocacy, project management and to promote active citizenship and non-formal education.

As a result of the seminar, we want to build the collaborations in specific new projects we will come up with during the seminar activities.

Who?

For the time of the activity, we will form a team of 24 International professionals and activists dedicated to issues of LGBTQ+ community. Our international team will be represented by:

Fundació Catalunya Voluntària, Spain

QWERTY, Spain

Osservatorio di Genere, Italy

Prague Pride z. s. Czech Republic

Le Tre Ghinee Aps, Italy

Comitato provinciale Arcigay Palermo, Italy

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H.R.Y.O HUMAN RIGHTS YOUTH ORGANIZATION, Italy

Stichting art.1, Netherlands

ΚΟΙΝΩΝΙΚΉ ΣΥΝΕΤΑΙΡΙΣΤΙΚΗ ΕΠΙΧΕΙΡΗΣΗ ΕΜΑΝΤΕΣ, Greece

CELJSKI MLADINSKI CENTER, JAVNI ZAVOD ZA MLADINSKO KULTURO, IZOBRAZEVANJE, INFORMIRANJE IN SPORT, Slovenia

ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SFERA INTERNATIONAL BITOLA, The Republic of North Macedonia

SAPLINQ, O.Z. Slovakia

Tolerantisko Jaunimo Asociacija, Lithuania

The seminar is following the concept of a **double profile** of the participants. This means that each organisation will be represented by the most experienced representative available, and by the young employee, volunteer, a person starting on their path of activism. As we wanted to include more Italian organisations, Italy, as an exception, will be represented by 4 participants, each representing different entity.

PLEASE, USE THIS INSCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE TO SIGN UP AS THE PARTICIPANT

Please, sign up no later than 07.04.2023

Financial conditions:

Accommodation, food, materials and local transport will be provided by the organizers free of charge. There's no participation fee. The budget for the flight is the set price depending on the distance counted in the straight line. The budget for each of the Countries is depicted in the table below. The price of the flight tickets will be reimbursed after the activity, after providing the FCV with boarding passes and receipts of each of the flights.

Travel grant depending on a country

The budget for the travel for each of the participants depends on the distance between the city of residence and the city where the project takes place. It is counted based on **Erasmus+ distance calculator**.

The budget we indicate in the list below describes the **maximum** budget for both ways travel. If you find any difficulties related to flight schedules, please, **contact us**.

The budgets for round travel:

Spain	23 euro
Greece	275 euro
Italy	275 euro
Czech Republic	275 euro
Netherlands	275 euro
Slovakia	275 euro
Slovenia	275 euro
Republic of North Macedonia	275 euro
Lithuania	360 euro

The travel will be reimbursed based on flight boarding passes and receipts. Before buying the flight ticket, **contact us by email**. After the final confirmation, you can purchase your ticket which we will reimburse within 4 weeks after the project ends.

How?

Besides from the activities in the hotel in Vilanova i la Geltrú,

we plan a day in Barcelona, where we will participate in an activity organised by QWERTY Barcelona and one evening in Sitges, a city next to Vilanova i la Geltrú known as a regional capital of LGBTQ+ culture. Each day will be dedicated to different goal, in order to build a safe and inspiring space and be able to develop new ideas for the future actions ready before coming back to the home countries. The main objective is to exchange good practices and get to know one another, so we invite you to propose your own activities.

Activities:

We would like to exchange the experiences and best practices as much as possible. For this sake, we would like to invite all participants to propose their activities. Consider that in case of similar activities proposed by different entities, we might suggest joining them as one. If you would like to propose your activity to happen on the seminar, please use the template attached below.

CALL FOR WORKSHOPS SESSION

Title of the session/workshop	Insert the title of the session
Time	45 min. In case you need more time, please inform us in advanced (we can give up to 90 min per workshop)
Aim and objectives	Include the main aim and the specific objectives for the session
Competences addressed	Include the competence/s addressed

Step by step methodology	Include the methods used. Insert a step by step description of what will happen Include the methods used to evaluate the session
Expected outcomes	Include main expected outcomes
Do you need any specific materials? Which ones	Yes or no Please be specific
Do you need a screen, projector and internet connection?	Yes or no

