



Non formal group of Thasos “ Forward it”



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Invitation to Training course

« New values for a better future»

Date: 07/-17/05/ 2015  
(9 activity days)

Venue: Greece, Thasos Island  
30 Youth workers and youth leaders from 14 youth organizations from 10  
Europeans countries

### **Summary:**

Connected to the world, the European youth is crossed by various cultural currents and influenced by major socio-economic changes. Young people demand their city to adapt the current trends, to offer ways to express themselves, and promote the emergence of resources to meet their needs. Thus, for a young, living and growing up within a metropolis should be an exciting experience thanks to the great participation opportunities they find there, the parks, and the institutions of the metropolis as well as the dynamism of youth workers.

Nowadays, regions in different European countries should occupy a more privileged position to promote the emergence of programs and activities that meet the diverse interests of their youth, in addition to providing stability and support to those who need them.

On the one hand, facing the economic crisis and given the reduced scope of possibilities offered by regions in many European countries, there are several undeveloped and neglected public spaces. These areas are not even scheduled to be developed in the frame of the future projects for the development of public areas in cities of several European countries.

On the other hand, young people really appreciate the opportunity to integrate and participate in localities and spheres they attend and the community where they live in. They are supportive, optimistic, creative, confident and open. They look for opportunities to contribute in their own ways, with their abilities, their opinions and perspectives to the improvement of their environment. They can greatly enhance a project.

To live well in the public space, it is necessary that we will be interviewed at the very outset, on the stage of the conception, about the use that will be made. It is therefore necessary to integrate the citizen into the whole process including the Young so that they embark on thinking and implementation as soon as possible.

Also, the involvement of citizens, including young people in the development and operation of undeveloped public spaces, will develop social entrepreneurship. This type of entrepreneurship aims to conjugate economic efficiency and social impact.

In this context, and in view to develop concrete methods of involvement and engagement of young people in the development of their city, as well as to allow them to live their city, we wish to organize a training course which will bring together 30 youth workers and young leaders from 10 European countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Spain, Italy, Romania, France, Latvia, Greece and Turkey) for 9 days in Thasos island in Greece. During this training, participants will share their experiences and best practices and develop skills on how to involve young people in the development of their city.

During this training, they will launch, together with the youth of our island experimental educational workshops that allow the young people of Thasos to develop a model that shows their vision to develop public spaces abandoned on the island.

They will also create an educational tool for non formal education about how to engage young Europeans in the development of public neglected spaces in their communities, in development of social business, and to live their city.

### **Aims of the training:**

- 1- Enable a group of youth workers and youth leader from different European countries to exchange experiences and best practices and to develop their skills through practice on engagement of youth in the development process of their communities.
- 2- To develop new tracks for involving and engaging young people in social entrepreneurship in the favor of their communities.

3- To develop together innovative methods of educating young people in citizenship and in social entrepreneurship, in order to engage them for the development of their communities.

**Working language:** English

**Venue:**

Our training course will take place in Thasos Island.

Green" is usually the first adjective you'll hear if you ask anyone that has been to Thassos what it is like. Not many islands in Greece are this lush.

With its rich history and archaeological remains, wonderful beaches, variety of things to do and friendly people, Thasos has become one of those islands holiday makers return to year after year. Because it is also a very popular island amongst the Greeks, the standard of food and service is high, and you get a good mixture of the modern and the traditional.

Many of the locals are farmers and fishermen, but since oil has been found in the sea, many hope to get involved with that. Tourism is also an important income for the people of Thassos.

*Thassos History:* According to mythology Thasos was the son of the Phoenician king Agenor or the god Poseidon, and one of the first settlers of the island, which also was called Chryse ("Gold") in ancient times. Thasos was also the brother of Europa , and the reason for his travelling was that he was searching for his lost sister. Another story has it that the oracle in Delphi had told the Parian people to settle on "an island of mists", and since Thassos fit in on this description, they became the first inhabitants.

There is evidence that the island has been inhabited at a very early stage, probably even before the 4th Millennium BC. In the 8th century it was colonized by the Parians, and they found gold resources here. This was to make Thasos an important economical and cultural centre in antiquity, and large areas of the mainland also belonged to it. Several important artists were born on the island, for example Polycleitos and Polygnotos .

The downfall started in the 5th century, when Thasos and Athens broke their alliance and war broke out. Athens demanded high tributes, and the island was almost impoverished.

The Romans came in the 2nd century BC, and the island became a little bit better off, since wine and marble was produced. The decline continued though and when the Venetians came in the 13th century, followed by the Genoas and then the Turks in the 15th century.

When the war independence broke out in 1821 the people of Thasos did their best, although they were not many. Liberation came in 1921.



For more information: <http://www.in2greece.com> / [www.thasos.com](http://www.thasos.com)

### **How to arrive to Thasos island:**

-When you arrive to Thessaloniki airport you take the bus no.78 to go to the central bus station (KTEL).

2- Arriving to the central bus station KTEL of Thessaloniki, take the bus to Kavala. The buses leave every hour Thessaloniki-Kavala from 6:00-22:00 and Kavala-Thessaloniki from 6:00-22:40 (express buses are at 9:00 ,13:00 and 17:00),the trip lasts almost 3 hours and 2hours if you take the express bus. For more info, check this link: <http://www.ktelmacedonia.gr/en/routes/tid=17>

Arriving to Kavala there are two options to come to Thassos island:

- Take the boat from Kavala's port, to arrive to Prinos village and take the bus to Thasos town.

- Take the bus from Kavala's bus station to Keramoti port.

For more details about the buses, please check this link: <http://www.ktelkavalas.gr>

From there you take the boat to Thasos island check the boats timetable in this link:

<http://dromologia-kavalas-thasou.blogspot.com>

PS: second option is more suitable.

### **Very important:**

- You have to manage your trip in order to arrive to Thessalonique airport before 15:00,in order to catch the last ferry to Thasos (at 19:00)

You KEEP ALL THE BILLS, TICKETS AND BOARDING PASSES of your trip.

**Participants:** Youth workers and youth leaders (no age limit)

## Partners:

Country	Organization	Number of participants	Maximum amount covered for the travel cost for each participant
Greece	Informal group "Forward it"	02	00.00
Austria	Verein zur Förderung von Kulturaustausch und Nachhaltigkeit in Europa	02	275.00
Czech Republic	EUROTEAM	02	275.00
Spain	ASOCIACIÓN DIAGONAL ESPAÑA	02	360.00
Italy	Work in Progress onlus	01	275.00
Romania	ASOCIATIA DE TINERI DIN ARDEAL	02	275.00
Greece	Solidarity Tracks	02	180.00
France	ASSOCIATION MIGRATION SOLIDARITE ET ECHANGE POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT	02	275.00
Bulgaria	Institute for Creative Civil Strategies	02	180.00
Latvia	Sistema un G Latvija	02	275.00
Spain	Grupo de Desarrollo Rural Valle del Guadalhorce	01	360.00
France	Comité de Liaison Diagonal-France	02	275.00
Turkey	Teknik Egitim Grubu	02	275.00
Turkey	GAZI UNIVERSITESI	02	275.00

## Accommodation and food:

You will be accommodated in AKTI HOTEL , <http://www.hotel-akti.eu>, in double or triple rooms. Breakfast is served in the hotel from 8:00-9:00. In each room there is fridge,A/C,hair dryer and a bathroom/shower. Bed lines and towels are provided and changed every three days. Wifi Internet is also available.

The meals (lunch & dinner) are served in a restaurant next to the hotel. The meals are cooked in the traditional greek way, based in local cuisine and involve meat,vegetables,legumes, rice and pasta.

If you have some special needs for food (vegetarian etc.), please, inform us about it beforehand. We can provide you with just **"with/without meat"** vegetarian food.

Our working place will be in the **cultural Centre of the Municipality of Thasos**. 5 minutes walking from the hotel.

**Insurance:** Each participant is responsible about its insurance.

## Participation Fee:

- 100% of accommodation and basic food are covered by the programme
- 100% of activities fee are covered by the programme
- Your travel cost (us mentioned above) are covered by the programme
- **Each participant should pay 20 Euros participation fee.**

**Reimbursement:** 100% visa fee and 50% of your travel costs will be reimbursed to you in cash during the training. We will refund the remaining amount of the cost of your trip by bank transfer immediately when you send back to us your boarding passes and tickets from your trip.

**How you prepare yourself for this training:**

You will prepare and bring:

- \* A presentation about the methods of management and exploitation of public spaces in your community and the role of young people in this process.
- \* A video that shows the situation of abandoned public spaces in your community.
- \* A presentation about social entrepreneurship in your communities.
- \* To bring National/typical food and drinks for the intercultural evening (songs, dances, national costumes, music etc.)
- \* Information about your organization (books, brochures, posters, postcards, video, PowerPoint presentation, etc.)

**Expected Outcomes of the training:**

- Creating educational tool for non formal education about how to engage young Europeans in the development of public neglected spaces in their communities, in development of social business, and to live their city.
- Creating the magazine of the training course
- Creating the Prezi presentation for the training course
- Creating a video "Making of" of the training.

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