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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The past 60 years European Union has been committed to creating a united, well-connected and cooperative block of European countries. Council of Europe, since its inception in 1949 has been working extensively to promote social justice and fundamental values - respect for human dignity and human rights, freedom, tolerance, democracy, equality and the rule of law. The recent political, economic and social changes e.g. new president of United States of America, Brexit, refugee crisis and visible anti-EU movements in certain EU regions have led to increasing nationalism and isolation of societies divided by borders, but EUs visible and loud approach to global cooperation and collaboration to solve some of the most pressing global issues still remains.

In today's world that is becoming more isolated and nationalistic, there is a strong need to reaffirm European vision and approach for cross-country collaboration in solving some of the issues EU and its neighboring regions are facing. The project "Room for Inclusive Partnerships" aims at creating new projects and impact-oriented partnerships between well-established and social change oriented non-governmental organizations from Programme countries and Partner countries neighbouring the EU, specifically, the South-Mediterranean countries. The partnerships between organizations based in Programme countries and the South-Mediterranean countries are not very common today. The project aims at establishing new partnerships with organizations based in countries that have less benefited from European cooperation and Erasmus+ programme.

The project plans to gather 8 grassroots organizations that have been and are successfully working in the field of youth active participation and have managed to build effective tools and interventions creating an enabling environment and mobilizing resources allowing youth to develop innovative solutions to some of the most pressing issues of their regions. The project perfectly aligns with the Erasmus+ principles of mobility of youth workers as it mainly focuses on professional development of youth workers, exchange of best practices and training of innovative non-formal practices of how to reach out to marginalised young people, overcome isolation and nationalistic issues promoting diversity, intercultural and inter-religious dialogue, common values of freedom, tolerance, and respect of human rights.

Also, the participating organizations are mainly based in rural and remote areas and/or are working with youth from rural and remote areas, where the opportunities for local youth are very limited leading to youth radicalization, use of addictive substances and increasing criminal activity. The project partner organizations have expressed keen interest in developing cooperative projects generating opportunities for local youth to create solutions to the issues they face.

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## AIMS OF THE PROJECT

- 1) Establish new uncommon partnerships between Programme countries and Partner countries neighbouring the EU (specifically Region 3 - Algeria, Egypt, Palestine, Jordan);
- 2) Develop at least 4 international mobility projects between participating organisations addressing common issues of the regions;
- 3) Exchange best practices and innovative tools to reach out to marginalized young people specifically focusing on transferring and promoting fundamental values of human rights, tolerance, democracy;
- 4) Identify and create an Agenda of common issues not for profit, civil-society-led organisations face across the represented regions;
- 5) Build competencies of the participating individuals on EU project management, international project implementation.

## PARTICIPANT SELECTION

Each organization should be represented by 5 individuals aged 18+. We are looking forward to creating a diverse group of individuals - from experienced to very experienced youth workers. This is a contact making event focusing to establish partnerships and develop new projects, therefore we highly advise to select individuals with experience in youth work. We have summed up a few points to take into consideration when selecting participating individuals:

1. Aged 18+;
2. Work directly with young people on daily basis;
3. Well-aware of the local context and local, regional funding opportunities;
4. Keen on establishing partnerships and developing collaborative projects;
5. Keen to work together after the project;
6. Experienced in local youth work and aware of the needs of the local youth.

## ROOM FOR INCLUSIVE PARTNERSHIPS

The project has set out to identify some of the similar issues youth of the represented 8 countries face and develop at least 4 international mobility projects generating opportunities to build solutions in response to the issues.

The programme will be a mixture of non-formal learning based workshops, simulations and engaging project development sessions.

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## PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS



### **MAKE ROOM EUROPE - LATVIA** (Applicant organization)

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Make Room Europe is an independently organized Social Change Ecosystem creating and strengthening civil society's cooperation to drive positive social change across Latvia and Europe and globally. Make Room Europe is a part of the larger global collaborative ecosystem, a unique platform for impact-oriented intellectual, cultural and personal interactions between civil society organizations across Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Make Room Europe's main focus is to foster social change - to build and strengthen strategic partnerships between organizations working to drive positive social change, notably within the sectors of health, inequality, climate, and education; build and develop innovative solutions in response to the identified issues; build, promote and foster strategic dialogue between civil societies and public authorities to encourage active citizenship and promote civil society's active engagement in creating and developing social change oriented policy reforms.

#### **The organization has identified specific priorities:**

- 1) Partnerships & Internationalization of individuals and organizations active in the field of youth and social change:
  - Build, strengthen and promote strategic partnerships;
  - Enhance the management, governance and innovation capacity.
- 2) Innovative solutions to the identified problems of Latvia:
  - Develop and create innovative, easily-replicable tools/services/products.
- 3) Strategic community involvement in policy reform:
  - Conduct research and develop qualitative studies as open educational resources of public authority-driven schemes/reforms/bills;
  - Screen, evaluate and follow public authority-driven schemes/reforms/bills affecting active citizenship and democracy;
  - Create and promote transnational, cooperative collaboration between civil-society driven organizations and public authorities;
  - Create and support strategic dialogue between public authorities and the civil society to encourage active participation in democratic processes.
- 4) Social Change:
  - Overall to create, strengthen and support positive and impact-driven social change supported by civil-society developed easily-replicable solutions.

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Work in Progress is an NGO based in Lecce, Italy, focuses on youth policies, generating co-design services for skill development using international mobility and European project management to boost youth employability and entrepreneurship. We build activities/services based on the needs of the community in partnership with local authorities, businesses and non-profit organizations, creating innovative solutions. We work for the development of communities, combining general interest, economic opportunities and promote active participation. Relating to the area covered by the project, WIP4EU builds Project managers' community of private-public representatives, that understand the social needs and can turn ideas into entrepreneurial projects managed by youth. Therefore WIP4EU developed a project 'cOFFIce': it co-designs new projects with/for the citizens using the gamification methods to engage the participation of youth.



### **ORION CHOOSE TO BE A STAR - ROMANIA**

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<https://www.facebook.com/Orion-Choose-to-Be-a-Star-577061092678708/>

"Orion - Choose to be a Star" is the only youth-led organization in the area of Alesd in rural Romania. The group is led by local youth and child rights activist Alina Iona Buzle. Alina has built a wide network of local youth members, parents, civil society, educational institutions, public offices - local municipality members, and the private sector local entrepreneurs. Alesd is experiencing major issues leading to urbanization - more and more young people after graduating High School leave to bigger cities nearby or leave Romania for better jobs in Western European countries. "Orion - Choose to be a Star" mainly works with local youth aged 16+. The organization is eager to develop international mobility projects with new partners in order to generate more appealing, interesting and much-needed opportunities to youth who will otherwise not have any way of developing their knowledge and experience outside of academic education. "Orion - Choose to be a Star" has identified plenty of local issues that are in need of developing initiatives contributing to solving them, but due to lack of local funding, the problems remain.



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Mostar Friedensprojekt e.V. (MFP) MFP is a peace organization and was founded to the purpose of supporting war refugees from the former Yugoslavia in Germany and deliver humanitarian aid to people in need in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). MFP became the chief organizer for humanitarian aid for Bosnia in the state of Brandenburg, Federal Republic of

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Germany, and chief advisor for refugee return in the state of Berlin and in Brandenburg. MFP implemented over 60 refugee return and development projects with over 10,000 returning refugees in more than 50 municipalities in Bosnia. It kept a 7-year presence in the cultural life of Mostar with an own cultural and neighbourhood center and maintains today a training center for youth and youth workers in Kljuc, Bosnia and Herzegovina. It also runs a workshop for orthopedic prosthesis for mine victims.

Mostar Friedensprojekt is a small agile NGO with a head office in Potsdam, Germany, from where it basically organizes in the last five years training courses and study visits for youth workers and youth exchanges. Mostar Friedensprojekt e.V. has and is active as peace organization and tunes its courses and trainings always to the aims of fighting racism and xenophobia.



#### **BETTER WORLD FOUNDATION - EGYPT**

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Better World Foundation (BWNGO) is the fastest growing grassroots organizations in Egypt. The organization has initiated Sustainable Innovative model that works to integrate education and training to reduce youth unemployment in Egypt. The organization also runs a successful business programme that not only builds young social entrepreneurs, but also functions as a social incubator providing the youth entrepreneurs space to work, build capacities and receive on-ground support for account management, business building, brand identity. The organization has developed various non-formal learning based educational fellowships building capacities of local youth, focusing on underprivileged Egyptian youth. Their development educational model has been replicated by various organizations across Egypt and the neighbouring countries.



#### **YOUTH ASSOCIATION FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE - ALGERIA**

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Youth Association for Environment and Culture (Y.A.E.C) works to foster local youth's active participation in social, economic and political development processes of the local region. The Y.A.E.C is the sole organization working in the region ensuring youth active participation in local decision making as well as consult the local municipality on issues and interventions concerning local children, youth and young adults. The organization specifically works to create an inclusive local society, by involving youth with mental and physical disability and works to ensure opportunities for development and training are offered to all youth of the region. The organization was established in order to reinforce the voluntary work concept, strengthen the youth leadership concept in our local society; reinforce the civilized connection with the world youths; increase the participation of the youth in the civil society and to empower the youths with skills, personal and organizational abilities in the youth field.

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### **JORDAN INNOVATORS SOCIETY - JORDAN**

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Jordan Innovators Society (TTI) is a non-profit organization, founded in 2010 with the mission of spreading entrepreneurship and innovation culture among youth and women in Jordan. The organization offers various types of support: 1) Entrepreneurship Awareness Training; 2) Entrepreneurship Training; 3) Mentoring Support; 4) Business Linkages; 5) Incubation. The TTI focuses on unleashing local youth's potential in being able to identify local problems, mobilize resources, build interventions and launch social businesses generating employment for youth of the local area. The organization follows the principle of "Create your own job" as a response to the increasing youth unemployment in the region.



### **VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT BORDERS - PALESTINE**

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Volunteers without Borders Association is a Palestinian NGO that works on voluntary activities and youth development. The basic goals are to create an atmosphere that motivates the youth to participate in voluntary activities, increase the awareness of the importance of voluntary work to the community for different ages. In addition to our key goals, we also work on supporting refugees by voluntary activities since many of our members are from refugee camps. Our association combines different Palestinian youth members from different cities, villages and refugee camps. We have 7 administrative members, most are youth and about 85 different volunteers that are members of the association from different universities and societies.

## **LOGISTICS, VENUE, ACCOMMODATION**

**Dates:** July 8th to July 14th (5 working days + 2 travel days);

**Accommodation, Venue:** Hotel "Dobele", in Dobele, Latvia.

The accommodation will be on sharing basis - 2 or 4 people per room.

Website - <http://www.hoteldobele.lv/>.

Address - Uzvaras 2, Dobele, Dobeles pilsēta, LV-3701

**Travel:** RIGA AIRPORT (RIX). Please plan your travel well in advance to avoid high plane ticket costs. The reimbursement of the plane tickets will be done according to the Erasmus+ programme Distance Calculator. Before booking flights please send the proposed itinerary to [miks@makeroomeu.com](mailto:miks@makeroomeu.com) to confirm planned costs and arrival/departure times. If you need assistance to find the best flights, do let us know, we will help!

**Local Travel to Dobele:** Local transportation to and from the Airport to the activity venue will be organized.

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## DOBELE, LATVIA

In Latvia, there are nine major cities and 110 amalgamated municipalities (counties), among which is the Dobele Municipality. It includes Dobele Town and 10 rural areas - Annenieki, Auri, Bērze, Biksti, Dobele, Jaunbērze, Krimūnas, Naudīte, Penkule, Zebrene.

The territory of the Dobele Municipality covers 890 km<sup>2</sup>.

The total population of the Dobele Municipality is 22 173 (as of 01.01.2016), out of them Dobele Town has about 11 thousand inhabitants.

The administrative centre of the municipality is Dobele Town. It lies on the banks of the Bērze River, 72 km from Riga, the capital of Latvia.

Dobele and its neighbourhood were inhabited already in the Stone Age. The archeological excavations give evidence about a settlement - ancient town - next to the Castle Mound in the 1st century B.C. The first written records about Dobele were dated in 1254, when Dobele was first mentioned in the Act of the Division of Semigallia among the Livonia Order, the Archbishop of Riga and the Riga Dome Chapter of Priests.

In July 2004, the citizens of Dobele and its visitors were participants of the magnificent celebration of the 750 anniversary since the name of Dobele was first mentioned in the historical record - Semigallia Division Act.

Nowadays the attention of every resident of Dobele and its visitors is attracted by the Dobele Castle ruins, the Dobele Liberation Monument, the Lutheran Church built more than 500 years ago, and the recently built Catholic All-Saint Trinity Church. Besides, one can visit the Local History Museum, the historical centre of town - the Market Place with a variety of shops and cafes around it, and the Forest Park Ķestermežs. Dobele is famous for the Latvian State Fruit-growing Institute with its vast and beautiful selection garden, which among other things hosts the largest lilac collection in Latvia and one of the largest ones in the world.

Website - <http://www.dobele.lv/en>

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