

## **Search of a partner for a study visit**

### **“From information to accompaniment of European mobility for youngsters living in a rural area”**

#### **Context:**

The Youth Information Network of the Region Centre Val de Loire consists of 63 Youth Information Points and Bureaus. Our mission is to inform young people about all topics that might affect them in their everyday life. The aim of our work is to lead them to autonomy in their decision-making so that they grow to adulthood.

The Youth Information Points of the departments Cher and Indre, two rural territories of the Region Centre Val de Loire, decided to work on a common project dealing with Europe. These professionals noticed that the youngsters in their territory are not familiar with European mobility and that there are still many obstacles that prevent the professionals from a good success of mobility projects with these youngsters.

The professionals of the Youth Information Network decided to work on different aspects of European youth mobility. One of the chosen aspects is to organise a study visit in order to get more competences concerning European awareness and in order to test new working methods that are likely to be more appropriate for the needs of their public.

For this reason, the subject of the visit would be called: “From information to accompaniment of European mobility for youngsters living in a rural area”. According to this, the participants would become acquainted with different systems of information and of communication of Youth Information Structures in Europe. Furthermore, another objective would be to acquire new pedagogic methods of transferring information to youngster as well as new pedagogic methods of accompaniment (in order to diminish the fears of going abroad of youngsters living in a rural area).

I – Observation and exchange of practices between our European partners

II – Multiplication, distribution, improvement and realisation of new methods of information, accompaniment and communication adapted to rural territories

III – Strengthening of the progress of cooperation between youth organisations

One of the final objectives of this study visits would be a prolongation of the project in this case consisting of creations of partnerships in order to elaborate European projects (youth seminars, placement of SVE and all other possible projects of European cooperation). Certainly, being acquainted with different types of youth information structures in Europe would be an advantage for the elaboration of a partnership in the youth information sector.

After some reflections, the youth information network of the departments Cher and Indre wish to elaborate a mutual study visit. First of all, they would like to be welcomed in a partner country in order to live through an experience of European mobility and to discover new working methods. Afterwards, they would like to welcome their partners in order to make them discover the problematic issues of rural territories in the Region Centre Val de Loire. Simultaneously, it would provide the opportunity to exchange about possible improvements of the different practices of Youth information concerning European mobility.

The Youth Information Network in France would be the responsible of the project and would carry out the different financial request concerning the study visit.

**Project:**

Organizing a study visit and observation period in a Youth organization based in UE in order to enhance the professional development of Région Centre (France) youth workers.

**Aims:**

1. Analyzing and exchanging local, national and European youth policies in the partner organizations while comparing them to their programs, services and good practices and innovative ideas
2. Analyzing the development of the know-how and behavior of the youth workers during the accompaniment of youth mobility projects while considering their core competencies, main responsibilities, challenges and as well as possibilities for improvement.

**Expected outcomes:**

1. Designing and implementing new projects in both organizations under the Erasmus programmes.
2. Improving the professionalism and efficiency of the youth workers in their accompaniment of mobility projects.
3. Generating innovative services, on the one hand for the youth worker community as well as, on the other hand, for the youngsters themselves.

**Project Proposal:**

1. Organizing theoretical brainstorming sessions on transnational youth policies considering similarities, differences, opportunities and challenges.
2. Organizing practical workshops on the exchange of good practices applied to various programmes and services.
3. Visit Eurodesk multiplier , Youth information organization or local institution about youth policies

**Interested organizations would have to:**

- Agree on the objectives of the Project and the reciprocity of it (which would be part of another depot for a subvention of Erasmus+)

- Study, if it would be possible that several countries participate in the study visit
- Provide information on availabilities for a Skype meeting in order to agree on the duration and condition of the study visit.
- Designing the time scheduling and content to be treated during the study visit
- Both organizations will have to create a project proposal with details on the activities to be delivered during the study visit that has to be sent in advance in order to leave space for improvement for both organizations
- Organizing a second Skype meeting in order to agree on the last version on the project to be submitted to the French National Agency. The organisations will have to think about the possibility of realizing a preparatory visit.

**Time table:**

a. The project must be submitted before the 1st of October 2015.

b. According to the call for proposal the Project must be implemented between the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2016.

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