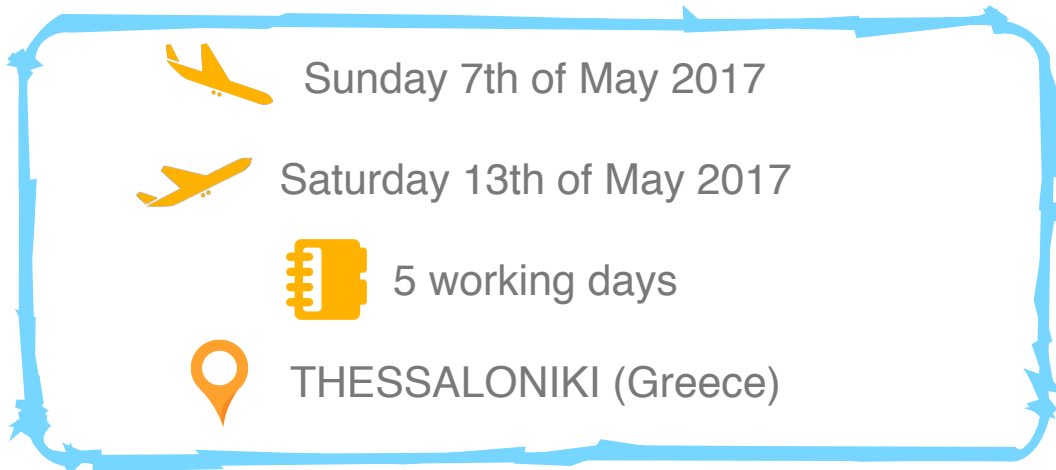


Call for Participants

“Living in Europe together: Our Challenge!” Youth Seminar



This activity is the first of the long-term project "**TOG(AE)THER EUROPE: Living, Working and Shaping Europe together**" financially supported by the [European Youth Foundation](#) of the Council of Europe and the [Erasmus+ programme](#) of the European Commission.

The aim of this one year project is in line with the **strategic vision** of our last General Assembly organised in May 2016 that foresees the year 2017 for Y-E-N as a turning point: after changing the perception of young people with fewer opportunities, we will focus now on **advocating and lobbying** for the social inclusion and access to social rights of young people in Europe. We want to **invite local decision-makers** and **youth councils** to join us in this project, this is why we decided to apply for a **Key Action 3** (Support for policy reform - Structured Dialogue) within the Erasmus+ programme.

1 - “Living together in Europe: Our Challenge!”
Youth seminar / 7-13 May 2017 - Thessaloniki (Greece)

2 - “Shaping Europe together”
Evaluation seminar / October-November 2017 (dates tbc) -
Strasbourg (France)



The youth seminar “**Living together in Europe: Our Challenge!**” will gather **45 participants** coming from **at least 9 different countries**.



Our host for this activity is **United Societies of Balkans** (U.S.B.) in their home city **THESSALONIKI (Greece)** in the **Philippion Hotel**.



At a time where the European identity and its values are at stake with the rise of extremism, radicalisation and hate speech, the aim of this seminar is to **encourage young people in redefining their identity** as a young person living in Europe and their place in society.

OBJECTIVES

- Understand what it means to be a young person in Europe nowadays by **deconstructing prejudices and stereotypes**;
- Define concepts such as “**living together**” and **citizenship**;
- Promote an **intercultural dialogue** within young people;
- Empower young people in giving them the chance to **redefine their identity and role in society**;
- Identify and recognise in the European history, resources and potentials for **living in dignity and diversity**;
- Foster young people’s **sense of European citizenship** and help them to feel like they **belong to society**;
- Support **youth participation** and valorise **youth initiatives** at local level.

This seminar is **designed for young people with fewer opportunities** and **youth/ social workers**.

We would like both of these **target groups** to be represented as a way to foster a **structured dialogue**.



THE TEAM

5 facilitators have already been selected to be part of the team and to prepare the **pedagogical programme** of the activity. They will be in contact with the participants once these are selected and confirmed.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
Check-In	Cultural differences & similarities	The misfortune of discrimination	Meeting with Local Youth Council	Tree of Problem
Getting to Know each other	Field visit: U.S.B.	Hate Speech	Meeting young decision-makers	Individual Action Plan
Team Building	Intercultural learning (1)	Human Rights Education	“Our Community”	Evaluation
Getting to Know Europe’s face	Intercultural learning (2)	Living together	“Our New Community”	Check-Out
Intercultural Evening	Free Evening	Movie Night	Dinner out in Thessaloniki	Farewell Party

Please take into account that the programme might change!

METHODOLOGY

The seminar will be based on several **interactive activities** using **non-formal education** and will be participants’ centred.

Through this activity, we want to **prepare the participants** for advocacy and lobbying by showing them that they can be actors of change for their community and for Europe.



WORKING LANGUAGE

English will be the main language of the seminar. However, if you have troubles to understand or to express yourself in English, please use the “other concerns” space at the end of the **application form** to notify it to the team.



FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Travel expenses will be **100% reimbursed** within the specific limits indicated by Y-E-N Office and the **visa costs 100%**.



However, we will only reimburse **economical ways of traveling** (economical fares and 2nd class tickets)

from COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE to THESSALONIKI (Greece). Please do not book your ticket before receiving the green light from Y-E-N Office.

PARTICIPATION FEES

A **participation fee** will be asked. To be fair, this amount is calculated according to the World Bank Growth Domestic Product / Capita. Depending on the country of residence, it will be between **20 € and 40 €** (maximum).

COUNTRIES	PARTICIPATION FEES
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo, Serbia, Ukraine	20 €
Croatia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey	30 €
Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, The Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom	40 €



The participation fees will be deduced from the reimbursement of the travel costs, that will be done **AFTER the activity** and once Y-E-N has received all your original travel documents.

You are interested in **taking part** in this seminar?

Apply [here](#) before the **3rd of March 2017** !

The **results** of the selection will be given by the **9th of March 2017**.

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