

YOUTH WORK IN DIVIDED TIMES



Peacebuilding through
DIALOGUE AND **PARTICIPATION**

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ERASMUS+ STAFF MOBILITY: TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH WORKERS



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DEAR PARTICIPANT,

We are excited to invite youth workers, youth leaders and educators to join an Erasmus+ training course for focused on the theme “Youth Work in Divided Times – Peacebuilding through Dialogue and Participation.”

The training course is intended for youth workers, youth leaders and educators who are committed to supporting young people in contexts of social and political tension, polarization or crisis. It is designed for those who are interested in exploring practical approaches to fostering dialogue, resilience and civic engagement among young people. The course is also aimed at participants who are willing to actively reflect on their own practice, learn from regional peacebuilding experiences and experiment with participatory, youth-led models to address challenges within their communities.

ABOUT THE TRAINING:

This training is designed to support youth workers, youth leaders, and educators in responding to these challenges by reflecting on their own practice, learning from regional peacebuilding and civic engagement experiences in Croatia, and experimenting with participatory, youth-led approaches. Participants will gain practical tools and insights to foster dialogue, cooperation, and active youth engagement, helping young people play a constructive role in building inclusive and resilient communities.

THE KEY OBJECTIVES:

- **Reflect** on the role and responsibilities of youth workers in contexts of crises, polarization, and violent conflicts;
- **Describe** key examples of peacebuilding and civic engagement in Croatia, from the anti-war initiatives of the 1990s to contemporary youth work practices;
- **Identify and analyse** polarising issues affecting young people in their local communities;
- Exchange and critically reflect on different practices that support dialogue and cooperation across differences;
- **Apply participatory youth-led approaches** to address polarization in youth work settings;
- **Understand and explore** DKolektiv's participatory models, including Youth-led Micro-Democratic Interventions (MDI) and the Youth-led Micro-Deliberative Model.

Welcome TO ŠEĆERANA

Šećerana is a small settlement located in the Baranja region of eastern Croatia. Administratively, it is part of the Town of Beli Manastir within Osijek-Baranja County and it is near the city of Osijek, largest city in the east of Croatia.

The name "Šećerana" translates to "sugar factory" in Croatian, reflecting its historical roots. Despite its small size, Šećerana holds cultural and industrial significance.

ABOUT EDUCATION CENTER ŠEĆERANA

The Educational Centre operated by the Project for Civic Democratic Initiatives (P.G.D.I.) is located in the settlement of Šećerana. It is a part of the PEER Centre, a multifunctional facility that also includes a laundry service and a bowling alley. The address is "Žrtava Domovinskog rata 25, 31300 Beli Manastir".

The Educational Centre serves as a hub for various training sessions, workshops, and educational programs aimed at empowering individuals and fostering community development.

MORE ABOUT IT YOU CAN [FIND HERE](#).



WHAT DO WE COVER?

ACCOMMODATION IN EDUCATION CENTRE



Day of arrival - **26.4.2026.**

Day of departure - **30.4.2026.**

Meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are fully covered by the organisation.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS



Refreshments (coffee, tea, water) will be available for the duration of the sessions.

WHAT DO WE COVER?

Travel expences



Estonia - 309/ 417 eur per person

Ireland- 309/ 417 eur per person

Hungary - 28/ 56 eur per person

Slovenia - 211/ 285 eur per person

*we will refund all travel expenses up to these amounts after the activity

**green numbers refer to green travel (bus, train, shared car, etc.)

HOW TO GET HERE?

BY PLANE

AIRPORT ZAGREB

AIRPORT BUDAPEST

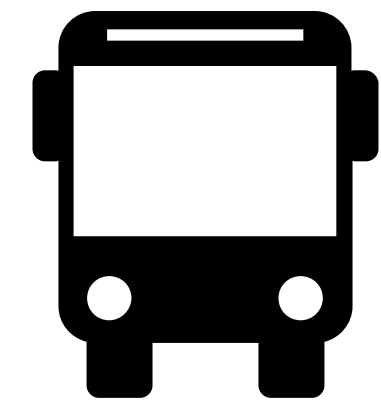


BY BUS

FROM ZAGREB TO OSIJEK:

ARRIVA

BUS STATION ZAGREB



****IF ARRIVING ON BUDAPEST AIRPORT, THE ORGANISED TRANSPORT WILL GET YOU TO ŠEĆERANA. IF ARRIVING TO ZAGREB, YOU SHOULD ARRIVE TO OSIJEK BY BUS AND THEN WE WILL ORGANIZE YOU THE TRANSPORT TO ŠEĆERANA.***

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

DAY 1 (26.4.) - ARRIVALS

DAY 2 (27.4.)

UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES AND TODAY'S YOUTH WORK

- Reflecting on personal experiences and motivations in youth work
- Exploring challenges young people face in times of crisis
- Discussing the role and responsibilities of youth workers in divided societies

DAY 3 (28.4.)

PEACEBUILDING AND COMMUNITY POLARIZATION

- Exploring peacebuilding and civic engagement experiences from Croatia
- Analyzing polarizing issues affecting young people
- Discussing constructive youth work responses to division and conflict

DAY 4 (29.4.)

PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES IN YOUTH WORK

- Introduction to Youth-led Micro-Democratic Interventions (MDI) and Micro-Deliberative Models
- Designing small participatory initiatives addressing real community challenges

DAY 5 (30.4.) - DEPARTURES

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APPLY
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DEADLINE: 12.4.2026.

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