

CALL for PARTICIPANTS



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PROVIDING CREATIVE AND ENGAGING FACILITATION SKILLS TO LEADERS IN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Introduction

International Voluntary Service (IVS) offers youth all over Europe - and beyond - the opportunity to meet, work and live together. In the training programme FaciliCraft III all of those engaged with IVS can learn more about facilitation techniques, engagement and creativity - and how those are intertwined.

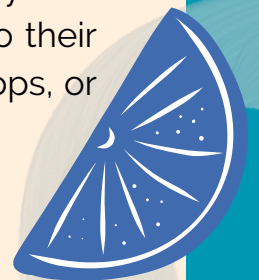
FaciliCraft III is grounded in learning through active participation and engagement, known as non-formal learning. The programme will include sharing exercises and teamwork to make learning more effective. During these activities, participants will reflect on their own facilitation style, identify their strengths and areas for improvement, and receive feedback from their peers.

In the second phase of the program, participants will apply their newly acquired skills and toolkit in their own organisations and activities. This allows them to improve their facilitation abilities and see the impact of their approach in their professional settings. By connecting theory and practice, this phase enables participants to contribute positively to their organisations and effectively facilitate impactful sessions, workshops, or training programmes.

Objectives

The objectives of FaciliCraft III are to:

- **Better understand** what **facilitation** is and which competences one need to be(come) a facilitator
- **Find creative and engaging ways to approach your own challenges or uncertainties** related to facilitation
- **Develop one's own facilitation style and creative facilitation toolkit** that can be used in the context of IVS
- **Test out and evaluate the facilitation style and toolkit** in the context of the participant and their IVS organisation



Target Group

The FaciliCraft III training programme is open to anyone:

- Involved in the field of IVS (volunteering, staff, board member, trainer, etc.), preferably through an organisation that is a member/partner in CCIVS, Alliance and/or SCI.
- Based in an [EU Programme Country](#).
- Interested in creative and engaging facilitation skills - to be explored through improvisation theatre, cognitive exercises, communication techniques and many more.
- Committed to actively participate in and follow-up in the second phase of the project as described above.
- Excited about the idea of spending a week with an international group from all over Europe, focusing on improving the IVS experience and its outcomes for (future) participants.
- Minimally 18 years old by 15th of August.
- Able to speak sufficient English to be able to express yourself during the training as well as the (online) evaluation afterwards.
- Looking forward to a fun week in Piirsalu, Estonia!

Project Set-up

FaciliCraft III is structured as follows:

- Phase 1: Training course in Piirsalu, Estonia from **15th (arrival day) until the 22nd of August 2026 (departure day)**
- Phase 2: Testing out the gained competences, from August to December 2026
- Phase 3: Online evaluation in **December 2026**

Sharing and distributing this call for participants publicly is not allowed without previous authorisation from SIW.



Arrangements



- Accommodation and meals during the training course are provided
- There is no participation fee for FaciliCraft III
- Travel compensation: actual bus/train/flight costs with a maximum (distance calculated from the place of residence to Piirsalu on [Distance Calculator | Erasmus+](#)) as indicated below:

Distance travelled	Non-green travel	Green travel*
10-99 km		EUR 56
100-499 km	EUR 211	EUR 285
500-1999 km	EUR 309	EUR 417
2000-2999 km	EUR 395	EUR 535

*This maximum applies if you travel at least one way by shared car, bus or train

- Compensation for visa costs for participants from Türkiye (capped by EUR 125 each).

Please do not book any tickets until your participation in FaciliCraft III has been confirmed!



About the venue

Piirsalu is a village in western Estonia, where you can become one with the flat land and nature that is peculiar to the country. The training takes place in [Piirsalu Klubi](#), a building that is on the list of heritage protection because of its architecture. To reach there from the capital Tallinn, it takes around an hour. You will share a room with 2-3 other participants with showers/toilets in the corridors. Meals will mainly include local food from the summer season.



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About SIW

SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten (SIW International Volunteer Projects) is a Dutch non-governmental, non-profit voluntary service organisation that was founded in 1953. The mission of SIW is to allow (young) people to discover their impact abroad. This is achieved by bringing volunteers into contact with different cultures. Every year, SIW sends approximately 150 volunteers abroad. Besides that, SIW organises around 10 IVS camps in the Netherlands every year in cooperation with Dutch organisations like the Dutch State Forestry, South Limburg Steam Train Company and asylum seeker centres. SIW is part of international networks like CCIWS, the Alliance and SCI.

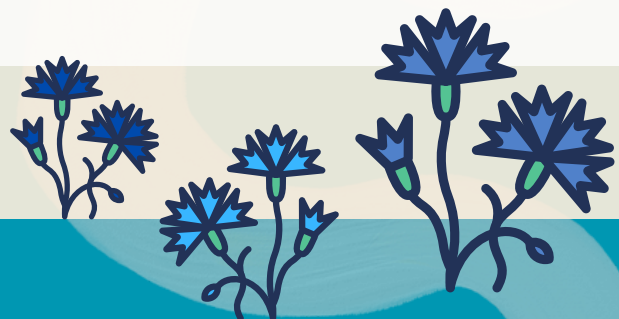
About FaciliCraft III

FaciliCraft II is a project that is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The project is coordinated and implemented by SIW in close collaboration with its partners. It is a sequel on FaciliCraft I, organised in November 2023 and FaciliCraft II in November 2024, to allow the participants to dive deeper into their own facilitation challenges and have more space to test out creative and engaging facilitation.

What's Next?

Apply by **20th of April 2026** through the [online application form](#).

Results will be shared by the end of April. Any questions about FaciliCraft III? Contact Rob van Leeuwen at rob.van.leeuwen@siw.nl!



Facilitators

Csenge Fazekas is an intercultural trainer with over 15 years of global experience. She thrives on using creative, fun, and experiential methods to boost team dynamics, cultural fluency and she loves training facilitators too! She aims to make training joy- and impactful, no matter the context. Csenge is also a chocolate and Zumba addict.

Elisabeth te Hennepe has been a trainer and facilitator since her early twenties, passionate about empowering young people across the world. Over the years, she has been involved in developing training opportunities and workshops in the fields of intercultural youth work, well-being and mental health, leadership and mentoring in volunteer organisations, and productivity methods. She is an enthusiast half marathon runner and believes life is better with cinnamon.

Rob van Leeuwen has been involved in IVS for the past 20 years as a volunteer, coordinator and trainer. Intercultural learning and non-formal education junkie and always excited to bring in a dose of theatre in his projects. Rob is a fun, out of the box facilitator and he also loves cats.



Need further convincing?

Here are some quotes from the participants of FaciliCraft 2024:

"FaciliCraft II was an empowering experience for me. It gave me more confidence into facilitating, while testing new methods and sharing creativity among each others. "

"It was one of the best trainings of my life".

"For me, the FaciliCraft II training was an amazing opportunity to develop as a facilitator and I learned a lot of concrete tools to implement in the future. The program was well designed and organized and content was extremely interesting. I feel very grateful for this experience! "

"If you want to overcome your fears of facilitation. Join this training. You will love it! "