

BPE: Becoming a part of Europe

How youth work can support young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers

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Call for participants

The partnership, promoting the “*BpE: Becoming a part of Europe*” project, is organizing four International Thematic Working Groups, dealing with four different topics, with experts and practitioners to share their experience and competences with the aim to draft policy recommendations and draft learning needs analysis of youth workers, dealing with YMRA.¹

International Thematic Working Groups – Topics

- A) Youth work role and competencies working with YMRA², supporting their mental health, empowering them and supporting them to express their experiences and competences (Leading partner JINT – Belgium Flanders)
- B) Youth work role and competencies working with YMRA dealing with cross-sectoral co-operation (Leading partner - JUGEND für Europa - Germany)
- C) Youth work role and competencies working with Young Migrants, Refugees and Asylum seekers (YMRA), addressing gender equality and LGBTQ rights (Leading partner - Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society (MUCF) - Sweden)
- D) Youth work role and competences advocating for YMRA (Leading partner - European Union Programmes Agency - Malta)

Each of the above-mentioned topics will be investigated by one International Thematic Working Group, following some specific research questions that you can find in the document [“BPE RESEARCH QUESTIONS”](#)

Aims

The aim of the international Thematic Working Groups is to identify and draft policy recommendations and youth workers' learning needs in the above-mentioned areas, taking into consideration:

- The practices collected within the BpE project in 2017;
- The research on “How youth work can support young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers”, elaborated within the BpE project in 2017;
- The existing recommendations at European and National level on youth work and young migrants;

¹ YMRA: young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers



- The existing experiences and literature, related to the above-mentioned topics.

Activities

The participants attending the International Thematic Working Groups are expected to contribute with their experiences and expertise, attend collective skype meetings, analyse background documents and practices, attend one meeting (2 working days) in presence, support the leading partner to draft policy recommendations and youth workers' learning needs analysis.

The draft thematic policy recommendations and the youth workers' learning needs analysis will be collected by ANG (Italian National Agency), who is in charge to elaborate the final reports.

The final reports will be shared among partners and presented during the Second Peer Learning Conference in Slovenia, in October 2018.

Expected outcomes

- Thematic practices analysis
- Feedback and analysis on examples of national and European policies in the specific field (documentation that will be shared also before the international meeting)
- National and European Policies analysis
- Thematic Policy recommendations draft report
- Youth workers' learning needs analysis

In addition to the above-mentioned aspects at European level the international thematic working groups should in particular

- contribute to the dissemination of good practice in the above mentioned fields across Europe;
- encourage and support the creation of a European network of youth work stakeholders, caring particularly about YMRA;
- identify the opportunities to support the integration of young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers at European level;
- identify the gaps in supporting the integration of young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers;
- define the contribution of the Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme to further support the integration of young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers.

Participants profile

The target group for these International thematic working groups are experts and practitioners in one of the thematic working areas, who have knowledge and/or experiences to share and contribute actively in the production of the draft recommendations and analysis.

The desired participants should have the following characteristics:

- Good English competence (understanding, speaking, reading and writing)
- Experiences and/or knowledge of the youth work and youth policy fields, of youth work approaches and of informal learning and non-formal education, in particular with YMRA

- Living in Belgium, Italy, Germany, Malta, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, The Netherlands.

The following characteristics will be appreciated:

- Proven interest in international cooperation and settings
- Knowledge and/or experiences of all relevant features of Erasmus+: Youth in Action

Venues and dates of the meetings in presence, specific profile of the participants per International Thematic Working Groups

Here a plan of the international meetings in presence and specific competences required for each International Thematic Working Groups :

Topic	Venue and dates	Additional competencies required by the hosting partner
Youth work role and competencies working with YMRA, supporting their mental health, empowering them and supporting them to express their experiences and competences	From 7/5 To 8/5 2018 BELGIUM	Explicit interest and/or experience in empowerment and wellbeing of young people in a non-formal way
Youth work role and competencies working with YMRA dealing with cross-sectoral cooperation	From 14/05 to 15/05 2018 GERMANY	Knowledge and experiences in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cooperation structures between youth work and other players and stakeholders • competence development of youth workers, in particular in defining professional profiles & training strategies • various levels of youth work (local, regional, national, international level) • the area of recognition of skills and competences achieved in prior learning
Youth work role and competencies working with Young Migrants, Refugees and Asylum seekers (YMRA), addressing gender equality and LGBTQ rights	From 29/05 To 30/05 2018 SWEDEN	In respect of representation the participants should be a mix of different gender, age and competences: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people in general but also YMRA • Experts in the field of migration and YMRA • Experts in the field of gender issues • Experts in the field of LGBTQ • Youth workers that work directly with YMRA • Youth workers that work with gender and/or LGBT issues

<p>Youth work role and competences advocating for YMRA</p>	<p>From 24/04 to 26/04 2018</p> <p>MALTA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge and experiences in youth work and youth work approaches with all young people, and in particular with young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; • Knowledge and experiences at various levels of youth work, at local, regional, national and European / international level; • Knowledge and experiences in supporting and promoting advocacy, particularly if within the context of youth work and young migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; • Knowledge and experiences in competence development of youth workers, in particular in defining professional profiles and education and training strategies.
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Selection procedures

Each International Thematic Working Group is expected to be attended by maximum 15 participants, as follows:

- **International Thematic Working Group A (BELGIUM):** Maximum 8 Belgian, 1 Dutch, 1 German, 1 Maltese, 1 Italian, 1 Portuguese, 1 Swedish, 1 Slovenian participants
- **International Thematic Working Group B (GERMANY):** Maximum 8 German, 1 Belgian, 1 Dutch, 1 Maltese, 1 Italian, 1 Portuguese, 1 Swedish, 1 Slovenian participants
- **International Thematic Working Group C (SWEDEN):** Maximum 8 Swedish, 1 Belgian, 1 Dutch, 1 German, 1 Italian, 1 Maltese, 1 Portuguese, 1 Slovenian participants
- **International Thematic Working Group D (MALTA):** Maximum 8 Maltese, 1 Belgian, 1 Dutch, 1 German, 1 Italian, 1 Portuguese, 1 Swedish, 1 Slovenian participants

The selections will be run by the National Agencies, partners of the project, namely:

- **Belgium:** Jint – for more details, please contact Silke Cuypers (silke.cuypers@jint.be)
- **Germany:** JUGEND für Europa – for more details, please contact Ingrid Mueller, (Mueller@jfemail.de)
- **Italy:** ANG – Italian National Agency – for more details please contact Silvia Volpi (s.volpi@agenziagiovani.it)



- **Malta:** European Union Programmes Agency – for more details, please contact Steven Mifsud (steven.mifsud@gov.mt) / David Pace (david.f.pace@gov.mt) / Marvic-Ann Debono (marvic-ann.debono@gov.mt)
- **Portugal:** Agencia Nacional Para A Gestao Do Programa Erasmus+ Juventude Em Acao – for more details, please contact Joao Vilaça (joao.vilaca@juventude.pt)
- **Slovenia:** Movit – for more details, please contact Ziva Mahkota (ziva.mahkota@eurodesk.si)
- **Sweden:** Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society (MUCF) – for more details, please contact Kristoffer Odstam (kristoffer.odstam@mucof.se)
- **The Netherlands:** Nederlands Jeugdinstituut, Nji – for more details, please contact Peter Pieters (P.Pieters@nji.nl)

Reimbursement

The costs for international and local travel costs, accommodation and boarding for the meeting in presence will be covered by BpE funds. More details will be provided to selected participants, in due time.

How to apply?

To apply, please use the online form: <https://goo.gl/forms/FlqcUnunWiMjJx2w1>

Deadline to apply:

10th of March 2018

The selected participants will get the information about the selection results: by the 20th of March 2018.



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