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## *Youth work in action for youth employment*

### *- Information for participants -*

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#### **I. Project description**

##### MAIN THEMES

- Strategies for increasing youth employability
- Recognition of non-formal education (NFE)
- Youth active participation
- Entrepreneurship

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##### IMPLEMENTATION DATES

10-18 June 2013 (arrival and departure dates)

##### AIM

To boost youth workers' capacity to foster young people employability contributing to increase youth access to social rights and to fight exclusion and poverty.

##### SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. Foster participants' understanding on the main causes and consequences of youth unemployment in Europe and learn how to reframe it from a human rights perspective;
2. Learn about the main policies on youth employment in Europe and partner countries;



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3. Acquire basic knowledge on the key factors involved in increasing youth employability;
4. Aware for the importance of young people active involvement in the development of employment projects and strategies acquiring basic knowledge on how to foster this dimension;
5. Reinforce the value of NFE in youth employability field;
6. Recognize the need for networking when working on youth employability and to develop basic networking strategies;
7. Promote discussion on the importance of entrepreneurship and learn how youth workers can promote it through NFE;
8. Foster discussion on the specific issue of young people with fewer opportunities employability;
9. Share best practices on youth employability;
10. Create follow up projects that can multiply the results of the training and create real opportunities for young people employability;
11. Increase cooperation among NGOs in Europe and Eastern Europe in the field of youth and employment.

#### TARGET GROUPS

The direct target group (who participate in the training) are youth workers and volunteers working with young people.

The indirect target group are unemployed young people or young people with precarious jobs.

#### METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

The methodology will be based in non-formal education methods and educational approaches and in human rights education that will be the framework through which we will look at the reality of youth unemployment. We will not have lectures but mostly work in small groups, using role-plays, simulations, case studies, share researches made by participants, group dynamics, etc.

Intercultural learning will be integral part of the educational approach and programme and we will maximize it through team building activities, intercultural evening, promoting informal time together, encouraging work in small multicultural groups.

Through the training participants will increased their competences to work with unemployed young people and boost their networking capacity at local level in order to increase young people opportunities to get a job. Specifically they will acquire concrete knowledge, skills and attitudes/values related with: reality of youth (un)employment across Europe, EU policies on youth employability, factors that boost youth employability -involvement and participation, holistic coordination and governance, non-formal learning and entrepreneurship, how to use non-formal education to boost youth employability, how to develop a employability strategy, recognition of non-formal education, etc.

#### WORKING PROGRAMME

*Please note that the programme is subject to changes.*

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	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	
<b>Morning</b>	Arrival	Intro morning	Share about reality of youth unemployment (including national policies) in partner countries: Part I – prepare Part II – share	EU policies to combat youth unemployment and opportunities offered at EU level	<b>The role of non-formal education (NFE) in youth employability (I)</b>	<b>The role of non-formal education (NFE) in youth employability (II)</b>	Recognition of learning achievements and relevance for employers	<b>Entrepreneurship and networking</b>	Follow up projects	Departure
<b>Afternoon</b>	Youthpass and learning in NFE	Part II – share (cont.) Part III – Conclusions	Factors that increase youth employability (following SALTO booklet “Inclusion through employability”)	Community mapping (all actors including employers, schools, etc) and youth and employers needs assessment	Identifying the general skills for the job market How to boost generic skills through NFE	Defining youth employability	Sharing good practices on youth employability Meeting local reality in Palermo	About the importance of entrepreneurship (E) On current opportunities related with E	How to improve young people involvement in programmes on youth employment?	Final evaluation Youthpass
<b>Evening</b>	Welcome evening	IC evening								Farewell party



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## II. Participants' profile

- Youth workers and volunteers working with young people on the themes of the project or willing to do so
- No age limits (but participants should be over 18)
- Interest in the themes of the project
- Capacity to implement follow up projects on youth employability
- Availability to take part in the whole training
- Multiplying capacity
- Medium-high level of English

## IV. Follow-up

As a follow-up all partners / participants will be asked to implement projects in the local community, or at international level, related with the theme of youth employment. The specific follow-up activities will be developed at the end of the training course.

On the other hand all participants will start to develop the 'employability strategy' for their local community, which should be concluded upon return home and ideally implemented. This will permit to achieve an impact and contribute to increase young people employability.

## V. Financial details

This training course is funded by the Youth in Action Programme of the European Commission:  
[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php)

The grant covers:

- 70% of travel costs (please check with your sending organization the maximum travel costs that can be reimbursed)
- 100% visa costs
- 100% food and lodging for the entire project (extra days will not be covered by the project)

## *Important information about the reimbursement:*

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- The reimbursement will be done by **BANK TRANSFER**. Participants should send their IBAN + BIC SWIFT code to the following email address before arrival: [kirkar@ceipes.org](mailto:kirkar@ceipes.org)

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- Reimbursement of the travel costs is done based on the following documents: **ORIGINAL tickets, bills, invoices, receipts, boarding cards etc. Please keep all travel expenses and tickets as we can reimburse them all.**
- Taxi will only be reimbursed in early hours in the morning or late hours in the evening when no public transportation is available.
- The travel back must be realized by the participants on direct way within maximum 4 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs.
- Missing tickets will not be reimbursed.
- Please **bring with you** a copy of your ticket and a copy of your document (passport or identity card).

## VI. Logistic information

Palermo is a city in Insular Italy, the capital of both the autonomous region of Sicily and the Province of Palermo. The city is noted for its history, culture, architecture and gastronomy, playing an important role throughout much of its existence; it is over 2,700 years old. Palermo is located in the northwest of the island of Sicily, right by the Gulf of Palermo in the Tyrrhenian Sea.

Palermo is Sicily's cultural, economic and touristic capital. It is a city rich in history, culture, art, music and food. Numerous tourists are attracted to the city for its good Mediterranean weather, its renowned gastronomy and restaurants, its Romanesque, Gothic and Baroque churches, palaces and buildings, and its nightlife and music.



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### HOW TO REACH PALERMO AND THE CITY CENTER

To reach Palermo it is possible to travel through Rome or Milan (less often there are direct flights) to the airport of Palermo or otherwise travel to Trapani or Catania airports and from there take a bus to Palermo. Check all the options as Trapani and Catania receive many low cost companies that can decrease the price of your travel!

#### How to reach city centre from the airport of Palermo?

1. **By bus:** Route: Aeroporto - Palermo Central Station (LAST station)

Timetable:

- from Palermo: since 05.00 until 23.00 (every half hour, e.g. 5am, 5.30 am)
- from the Airport: since 6.30 until 24.00 (every half hour, e.g. 5am, 5.30 am)

Ticket price: € 6.10

2. **By train:** the Trinacria Express connect the terminal directly with Palermo and vice versa

Ticket price: around 5.80€ (not sure about the last changes in the price)

### ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be hosted in a hostel in Palermo city centre, the Domus Carmelitana Siculorum:  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Domus-Carmelitana-Siculorum-Palermo/165404416834153>

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This hostel is located in a Catholic structure but we are independent from that and no religious practice will be done. You will find some images and religious symbols, so we kindly ask you to be tolerant and respectful since it will not be possible to change them. Girls and boys will sleep in separated rooms of 3 or 4 people from different countries in order to have a more intercultural experience!



**The hostel provides towels and sheets but you have to bring your own soap and other hygiene products!**

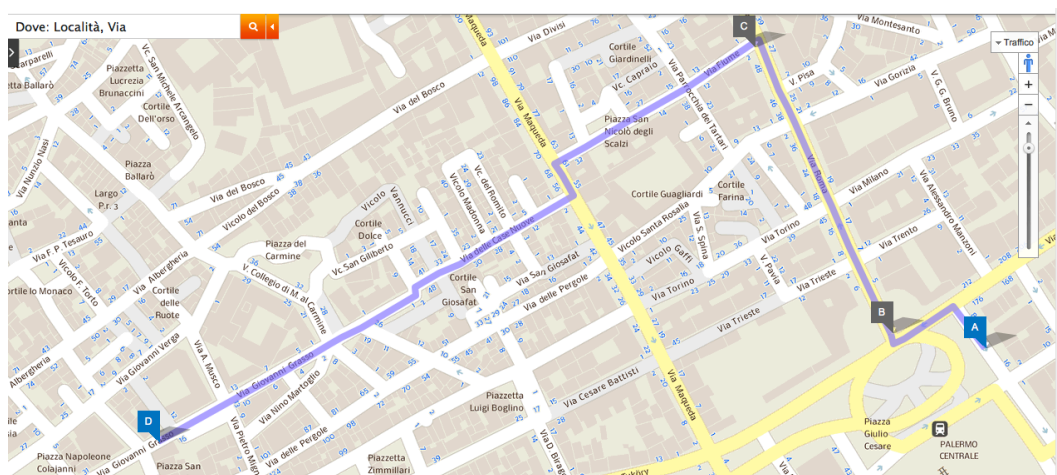
The hostel is located in the most multicultural area in Palermo called Albergheria, near to Ballarò market. This oldest in the town, well-known market goes from Piazza Casa Professa to bastions (fortress) toward Piazza Sant’Anna. The market is famous for selling fruit that come from the countryside of Palermo. Ballarò is visited daily by hundreds of people, animated by loud calls of the sellers that, with their characteristic and high-colored local accent, try to attract interest of the passers-by. Within the market the greengrocers sell cooked foods, typical of Palermo’s cuisine, such as boiled or baked onions, “panelle”, “cazzilli” (potato croquettes), boiled vegetables and octopus. Centre of the Albergheria, the Ballarò market is so called from “Bahlara”, village in Monreale from where come the Arab merchants, or from “Vallaraya”. A walk among the stands of this market can be also an opportunity for an exploration in the island’s past.

**HOW TO REACH THE HOSTEL**

**Address: Convento dei Carmelitani, Via Giovanni Grasso 13**

You have to reach the last stop “Palermo Centrale” for both train and bus.

Map to reach the accommodation from the Central Station...





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### Path:

1. **Piazza Giulio Cesare** (where the train and bus arrive)
2. Go to **Via Roma** (the big street in front of the statue in the middle of the square)
3. Turn on the left to **Via Fiume** and walk it until the end
4. You will arrive to a big street called **Via Maqueda**, turn left and cross to the other side
5. After turning left in Via Maqueda walk until you find **Via delle Case Nuove** that you have to walk until you arrive to a square
6. After the square continue straight and you will find yourself in **Via delle case Nuove**. The hostel is on the right side (Ring the bell that says 'Jonny').

### Hints to find the hostel:

- ✓ Big brown door
- ✓ There is nothing saying it is a hostel
- ✓ It is in front of a bar called 'Bar della Piazza'