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Study session

“International Voluntary Service for Youth (IVS4Youth)”

organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#)
in cooperation with the [Alliance of European Voluntary Service Organisations](#)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg
25-29 September 2022

Draft Programme

Saturday, 24 September 2022

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

20:30 Welcome evening

Sunday, 25 September 2022

09:00 Team Building activity – *to get to know each other and build trust*

10:30 Break

11:00 Introducing aim and objectives, programme, manual as an outcome of the project, the Council of Europe, sharing expectations by participants – *to build a common understanding of the project and participants' perspective on it*

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Introducing IVS and most memorable IVS moments – *to build a common understanding of the main concept IVS of the Study Session*

15:30 Break

- 16:00 Values and competences (under the iceberg) that youth gain from IVS (testimonial, video producing) – *to analyse the impact of IVS on the young participants*
- 17:30 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 OPTIONAL: sharing more/longer videos/contributions on most memorable IVS moments

Monday, 26 September 2022

- 09:00 Introduction to the activities of Youth Department of the Council of Europe with *Agata Stajer, Educational Advisor*
Challenges of engaging young people in IVS – *to analyse why fewer young people are participating in IVS*
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Challenges of engaging young people in IVS - continued
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Marketing and communication input – *expert Predrag Vostinic to introduce current trends in what works well (and not) in marketing/and communication*
- 15:30 Break
- 16:00 Group work – *to reflect on best practices and ideas that can be used for marketing and communication of IVS activities to young people*
- 17:30 Reflection groups
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Intercultural Evening

Tuesday, 27 September 2022

- 09:00 Partnerships inputs – *Experts Mario Mormile and Ashley Garcia Peña to introduce a form of partnership with universities and other institutions that IVS organisations can start with the aim to include more young people in IVS*
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Group work – *to reflect on best practices and ideas for partnerships can IVS organisations can work on*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Free afternoon
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:30 Free

Wednesday, 28 September 2022

- 09:00 Parallel workshops on remaining challenges – *continuation of the session on Challenges of engaging young people in; European Youth Foundation to introduce funding opportunities to tackle certain challenges*
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 Group work – *to continue work on ideas and best practices addressing mapped challenges*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 14:00 Manual development – *to select best practice/idea by participants which will be captured in the manual to inspire others with concrete hands-on possibilities to increase youth engagement in IVS.*
- 15:30 Break

16:00 Manual development - continued
17:30 Reflection groups
19:00 Dinner

Thursday, 29 September 2022

09:00 Present draft manual content – *To analyse which concrete ideas can be useful for each participant in their organisation to be implemented after the study session*
10:30 Break
11:00 Coaching activity – *to further guide participants in the next steps after the study session*
12:30 Lunch
14:00 Wrap up the learning of the week – *To allow the participants to reflect on their own learning outcomes during the study session*
15:30 Break
16:00 Evaluation – *To receive feedback from the participants on the study session (formal and non-formal way)*
19:00 Dinner BBQ
20:30 Farewell

Friday, 30 September 2022

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the study session “IVS4Youth”

Aim: To optimise the work on engaging youth in International Voluntary Service to tackle the following objectives:

Objectives:

- to increase the capacities of our members' youth workers in recruitment/marketing/visibility for them to apply in their organisation's activities;
- to increase the knowledge of our members' youth workers about the young persons' learning outcomes from international volunteering related to their personal and professional development as well as civic participation and promote these among potential young volunteers;
- to increase expertise in setting up partnerships with other organisations (such as universities, schools) that can be beneficial to involve more young people in our projects.