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## **ESSENTIALS OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

A training course for organisers and facilitators of study sessions at the European Youth Centre and of international activities and annual work plans supported by the European Youth Foundation

**17-22 February 2025**

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, France

Room 0.1

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PROGRAMME**



## **Sunday, 16 February 2025**

Arrival of participants

19.00 Dinner at the European Youth Centre

20.00 Welcome activities (Belgian Bar, European Youth Centre)

## **Monday, 17 February 2025**

08.00 Registration and administrative formalities

9.00 Opening of the training course, with  
Rui GOMES, head of the Education, Training and Co-operation Division and Gordana BERJAN, head of the European Youth Foundation  
Stefano DOMINIONI, Executive Director of the European Youth Centre  
Introductions to the participants, the course programme and educational approach,  
Expectations of participants

10.30 Break

11.00 Getting to know each other and the youth sector of the Council of Europe

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Group building and agreement of working together

15.30 Break

16.00 Values of young people, organisations and international youth activities

17.30 Reflection groups

19.00 Dinner

## **Tuesday, 18 February 2025**

9.00 Opening of the day  
Quality in international youth activities

10.30 Break

11.00 Concepts: learning and non-formal education

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Experiential learning

15.30 Break

16.00 Experiential learning, the role of debriefing

17.30 Reflection groups

19.00 Dinner

## **Wednesday, 19 February 2025**

9.00 Opening of the day  
Skills building on bridging educational objectives and developing programmes

10.30 Break

11.00 Skills building on developing programmes enhancing the multiplier effect

12.30 Lunch  
14.00 Intercultural learning in international youth activities  
15.30 Break  
16.00 Intercultural learning in international youth activities  
17.30 Reflection groups  
19.00 Dinner

## Thursday, 20 February 2025

9.00 Opening of the day  
Key competences of facilitators on international youth activities  
10.30 Break  
11.00 Leading and working in teams  
12:30 Lunch  
  
Free afternoon

Dinner in the city

## Friday, 21 February 2025

9.00 Opening of the day  
Harvesting learning so far in the course  
Timeline of an international youth activity  
10.00 Break  
10:30 Making links to other Council of Europe thematic sectors and youth perspectives, with the input of:

- Anca SANDESCU, [Gender Equality](#) Division
- Evgenia GIAKOUMOPOULOU, [Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression and Sex Characteristics](#)
- Jean-Philippe RESTOUEIX, Intergovernmental Cooperation, [Education Department](#)
- John DORBER, [Parliamentary Assembly](#) secretariat
- Marina VASIĆ, [Roma and Travellers Division](#)
- Marta MEDLINSKA, [Reykjavik Process and Environment](#)

12.30 Lunch  
14.00 Working with the European Youth Centres (study sessions) and the European Youth Foundation's grants  
with Noah KRAMER, Chair of the [Programming Committee for Youth](#)  
and staff of the European Youth Centres, the European Youth Foundation and of the Education, Training and Co-operation Division  
15.30 Break  
16.00 Transversal elements in international youth activities  
17.30 Reflection groups

19.00 Dinner

## **Saturday, 22 February 2025**

9.00 Opening of the day

What we still need to know...

10.30 Break

11.00 Planning following steps in the preparation of participants' international youth activities

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Care for quality for social change: using the quality standards of the youth sector

15.30 Break

16.00 Evaluation of the course

Closing of the training course

19.00 Dinner

## **Sunday, 23 February 2025**

Departure of participants

### **Aim and objectives**

The aim of the training course is to increase the capacities of international youth organisations and networks to carry out quality intercultural youth activities with a multiplying effect for their members, and to enable young people to actively uphold, defend, promote and benefit from the Council of Europe's core values of human rights, democracy and the rule of law.

The training course objectives are:

- To increase participants' organisational skills in relation to preparing, implementing and evaluating international youth activities;
- To increase participants' competences to apply non-formal education and intercultural learning approaches in their international youth activities;
- To develop participants' understanding and agency in connecting their organisation's work and activities to the Council of Europe priorities, tools and standards;
- To create a space for youth organisations and networks to make valuable contributions to the programme of the European Youth Centres and of the European Youth Foundation, through constructive dialogue.