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STUDY VISIT

TO LISBON YOUTH CENTRE in PORTUGAL

27 NOVEMBER - 02 DESEMBER 2024

A study visit to support co-operation with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres network by developing the competences of Ukrainian youth centres representatives in the field of youth.

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Deadline to apply **13 October 2024**

BACKGROUND

The study visit is jointly organised by the Lisbon Youth Centre (Portugal), Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space"), the Council of Europe project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine", the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine.

This study visit is a response to the needs of youth workers from Ukraine discussed at [the](#) 14th and 15th Platforms of Youth Centres with the Council of Europe Quality Label on 2023 and 2024 in Strasbourg, France and Budapest, Hungary.

Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space")

Youth Centre "Ideas Space" was established in 2013 on base of creative NGO "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club". Youth centre "Ideas Space" is small youth centre in Central Ukraine which is trying to provide open youth work with teenagers and young adults. Main activities are connected with main working spheres of NGO leading youth centre: education, human rights and fighting corruption. Organisation/Youth Centre also host and sent volunteers in frame of European Solidarity Corps program and works with mobility opportunities for young people and youth workers in frame of Erasmus+ program.

In 2018 Organisation/Youth Centre become one of founders of Association of Ukrainian Youth Centres.

From the beginning of full-scale invasion in 2022 Organisation/Youth Centre is focused on work with internally displaced young people, kids and teenagers. Organisation/Youth Centre was organizing events for integration and learning, creates opportunities for getting new competences for young people on own base and in shelters for internally displaced people.

Together with partners from Donetsk Debate Youth Centre in 2022 was implemented project "[Voices of young people from Ukraine](#)" focused on speaking out loud about needs of young people who are living in a situation of war in Ukraine. In 2022 Organisation/Youth Centre became a participant of [a training programme "Trauma Informed Youth Work"](#) of the Council of Europe project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III".

More about Ideas Space - <https://prostir.org.ua/?lang=en> or https://www.instagram.com/prostir_idey/

Lisbon Youth Centre

Lisbon Youth Centre, built-in the Lisbon and Tagus Valley Regional Directorate, from the Portuguese Institute of Sport and Youth, was distinguished with the Quality Label of the Council of Europe, in November 2014, until December 31st, 2027. Portugal was the 5th country, with a space as an example and instrument of good practices to work with young people, discussion and implementing youth practices.

Has as Mission to promote the 3 values of the CoE, Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law, intercultural dialogue, and active citizenship in a generational cohesion perspective, of know-be and know-how.

Has as Vision, to be "an open door to the Europe and the World". The Lisbon Youth Centre is positioned in a laboratorial, innovating space of non-formal education to young people, youth associations and youth workers.

It values the obtained learnings and the created skills on young people and youth workers that work in the youth community, with the main goal of contribute to the community development and the youth democratic participation, and to a fairer, more solidary, and democratic Europe.

It has contributed to the establishment of quality patterns on the work with young people and youth technicians, and to the development youth policies, encouraging the defence of human rights, democracy, and the political-social stability in Europe.

More about Lisbon Youth Centre - [Home - ipdj-cjl](#)

The project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III"

The project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III" was launched within the Council of Europe Action Plan for Ukraine 2023-2026 in co-operation with the Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine. Young people in Ukraine benefit from participatory youth policy and quality youth work to strengthen own resilience and well-being; to exercise their human rights and freedoms, democratic participation and citizenship in a war and post-war time.

The Project "Youth for Democracy in Ukraine: Phase III" stresses the importance of the Council of Europe youth sector strategy 2030 and reflects the National strategy of the State Youth Policy 2030, the State Target Social Programme "Youth of Ukraine" 2021-2025.

The Project will engage youth policy stakeholders and youth work providers in Ukraine in the implementation and dissemination of Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member states: on Access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights (CM (2015) 3), on Access to rights for young people (CM(2016)7) and on youth work (CM(2017)4).

The Project will be implemented within the following components with the respective activities:

- youth policy based on participatory approaches;
- recognition of youth work in wartime;
- support of youth centers and youth organisations as civic activity and democratic participation.

[Co-operation with the network of youth centres bearing the Council of Europe Quality Label](#) takes place within the framework of achieving the planned result of the Project, when youth workers and administrative staff of youth centres in Ukraine are qualified on the practices and approaches of youth centres that have received the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres.

More information about the project - <https://www.coe.int/en/web/kyiv/youth-for-democracy-in-ukraine>

Aim of the study visit:

Support of co-operation of the youth centres in Ukraine with the Council of Europe Quality Label for Youth Centres network (notably [Lisbon Youth Centre](#) in Portugal) by developing the competences of youth centres representatives.

Educational objectives:

- To meet the Lisbon Youth Centre staff members.
- To explore the approaches, methodology and educational resources of the Lisbon Youth Centre to reach different young people including those who are at risk situation to become vulnerable.
- To discover the opportunities of different organisations working with children and young people, including in remote areas in Portugal.
- To exchange experiences with youth workers in Portugal and Ukraine.
- To map co-operation and follow-up initiatives.

METHODOLOGY OF THE VISIT

The study visit will include face to face meetings, online meetings, training practices and reflections. The study visit will be based on principles of non-formal education.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

The study visit will bring together youth workers from youth centres in Ukraine and professionals working with young people in Portugal who have the motivation and need to develop their competences in the field of youth. The participants must be able to commit to the full duration of the study visit and all its features.

Applicants to the study visit are expected to:

- be aged over 18 at the time of applying;
- have experience working as youth workers, trainers or educators in non-formal education activities and possess the motivation and need to improve their youth work competencies;
- be active in, and be supported by, a youth centre;
- subscribe to the values and mission of the Council of Europe;
- be in position to multiply what they learn during the visit to the wider youth work field;
- be available for the whole study visit;
- be able to work in English.

VISIT CALENDAR

- Open call for participants – until 13 October 2024
- Selection and informing participants – until 14 October 2024
- Introductory meeting online – 16 October 2024, 11.00 Kyiv time (tbc)
- Study visit to Portugal – 27 November – 02 December 2024 (27 November – Arrival to Lisbon, 02 December – Departure from Lisbon)
- Follow-up activities - December 2024 – February 2025

FINANCIAL AND PRACTICAL CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The study visit will take place in the Lisbon Youth Centre (Portugal) with daily activities and some visits to local youth associations.

Travel expenses

Travel expenses for travelling across Ukraine expected to be covered by participants. Travel expenses from airport in Warsaw (tbc) to Lisbon and back will be covered by the Council of Europe. Insurance will be covered according to the rules of the Council of Europe. Only the participants who attend the entire residential study visit can be reimbursed.

Participants are expected to arrive to Lisbon, Portugal for the study visit on 27 November 2024 and leave on 02 December 2024.

Accommodation

Board and lodging for the study visit will be provided (youth hostel) at the Lisbon Parque das Nações Youth Hostel. The hostel is accessible to people with disabilities and can take measures to accommodate for any specific needs of participants in this respect. Please provide all the necessary information in your application form.

Working languages

English will be the working language of the study visit. Participants are expected to be able to express themselves autonomously in English.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All candidates must apply online at: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HSQAe-pM3imx7s2sdN5RpaJ7e47XBEyfPhUzAMtoGrU/edit>

As a part of the application, each applicant is expected to upload a **support letter** in Ukrainian language from the youth centre. This letter should clearly state why the youth centre thinks the candidate is suitable for the study visit; how their participation will benefit the youth centre.

The team of organiser - the Lisbon Youth Centre, Non-Governmental Organisation "Kremenchuk informative-elucidative centre European club" (Youth Centre "Ideas Space"), the Council of Europe will select a group of up to 6 participants on the basis of the profile outlined above. It will try as far as possible to respect the organisations' priorities, but also to ensure a balance

between genders, geographical regions, different types of experiences, cultural backgrounds and youth centres.

The organisers welcome applications from all candidates who fulfil the specific profile of the activities, irrespective of gender, disability, marital or parental status, racial, ethnic or social origin, colour, religion, belief or sexual orientation.

The deadline for applications is 13 October 2024, 23:59 Kyiv time