

# Diverse Youth Identities

A training course, part of



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Furthering LGBT+ inclusion  
in Youth Work

**Struga, Macedonia 23/5/22-31/5/22 (includes travel days)**



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**Diverse Youth Identities Training Course**  
*part of the Rainbow Youth Project*  
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**A training course on working with the topics of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics in youth work**

**Project type:** Erasmus+ Key Action 1. Mobility of Youth Workers. Youth Workers' Training & Networking

**Activities:** Training event for youth workers

**Location:** Struga, Macedonia 23-31/05/2022 (includes travel days)

# Context

The project is addressed to youth organisations who are interested to develop youth workers/leaders competences in the field of sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC\*) to give them proper tools and methods to support young people who might identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer or other diverse identities (LGBTIQ+).

The training course will promote and enable accessible and inclusive youth work, and develop practice of youth workers. The training course will also provide an opportunity to build relationships and to help youth workers to network with youth work practitioners from across Europe.

## Objectives

- ▶ To provide the necessary competences to include a positive approach to SOGIESC in youth work practice.
- ▶ To explore the specificities and challenges of working with LGBTIQ+ young people in education settings and European activities.
- ▶ To look at the difficulties that LGBTIQ+ young people face and how practitioners can become facilitators for positive change or
- ▶ To offer a space for inquiry and personal growth of participants.
- ▶ To raise awareness and acceptance of LGBTIQ+ people across the European Union
- ▶ To support key actors responsible to promote and advance equal rights for LGBTIQ+ people in the EU
- ▶ To use Erasmus+ programme as a tool to carry out projects that promote LGBTIQ+ inclusion, human rights and equality

*\*SOGIESC is a human rights term used by the Council of Europe*

# Methods

- ▶ The course methodology in this training is based on experiential learning and non-formal education, in an atmosphere where participants can learn from each other (peer learning) and feel empowered to share their experiences, and critically examine their practice.
- ▶ Some sessions will be worked in small groups and the theoretical topics both in plenary and small group. Spaces for participants to share experiences will be provided in order for the participants to be more actively involved in the course.
- ▶ Additionally online and live interviews, videos, graphic facilitation and storytelling methods, and open space activities, will support the flow of the Training Course.
- ▶ Practitioner reflection and planning time will be built in within peer groups and individually.

## Participant Profile

- ▶ Educators (youth workers, youth leaders, teachers, other professionals, peer educators etc) who want to know more about the inclusion of LGBTIQ+ young people in their activities.
- ▶ This course is not aimed at those who already have extensive knowledge of LGBTIQ+ issues.
- ▶ 18+
- ▶ Able to work in English
- ▶ Can make concrete commitments to take forward the learning in your own organisation or community or setting.

# Participating organisations

ORGANISATION	COUNTRY	#of PERSON	MAX. TRAVEL BUDGET PER PERSON
LEAP SPORTS SCOTLAND	Scotland, UK	4	€360
SDRUZHENIE WALK TOGETHER	Bulgaria	2	€180
UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS	Greece	2	€180
Asociacija "Aktyvus jaunimas"	Lithuania	2	€275
Mediterranean Forum For Social Development	Morocco	2	€360
ASSOCIATION FOR VOLUNTEERISM VOLONTERSKI CENTAR SKOPJE	Macedonia	5	€180
ASOCIATIA GEYC	Romania	2	€275
ASOCIATIA BEYOND	Romania	2	€275
YOUTHFULLY YOURS SK	Slovakia	2	€275
ASOCIACION MUNDUS - UN MUNDO A TUS PIES	Spain	2	€275
Youth Beyond Borders Association	Turkey	2	€275
Pi Youth Association	Turkey	2	€275
NGO "Non-formal education for youth"	Ukraine	2	€275
Civic Organization "Active Youth Community"	Ukraine	2	€275





# Location

Training course will be held in Struga, town situated in the south of Macedonia, at the Ohrid lake.

## Venue and Accommodation

- ▶ Participants will be staying in Hotel Solferino through the whole duration of the project. Sleeping area, activity rooms and the restaurant are all in the territory of the hotel. All meals provided as part of the project.
- ▶ Rooms for 2-3 people will be provided for participants. Toiletries will be provided as well. Wi-Fi works in all the facilities of the hotel

Address: Partizanska, Struga

## How to get to the venue

- ▶ Macedonia has 2 airports, Skopje (SKP) and Ohrid (OHD). From Ohrid Airport you can get to Struga in 15 min by taxi. From Skopje Airport you can take a taxi (20e) or bus (3e) to Skopje Transport Centre. From there you can buy a bus ticket to Struga (8-10e).
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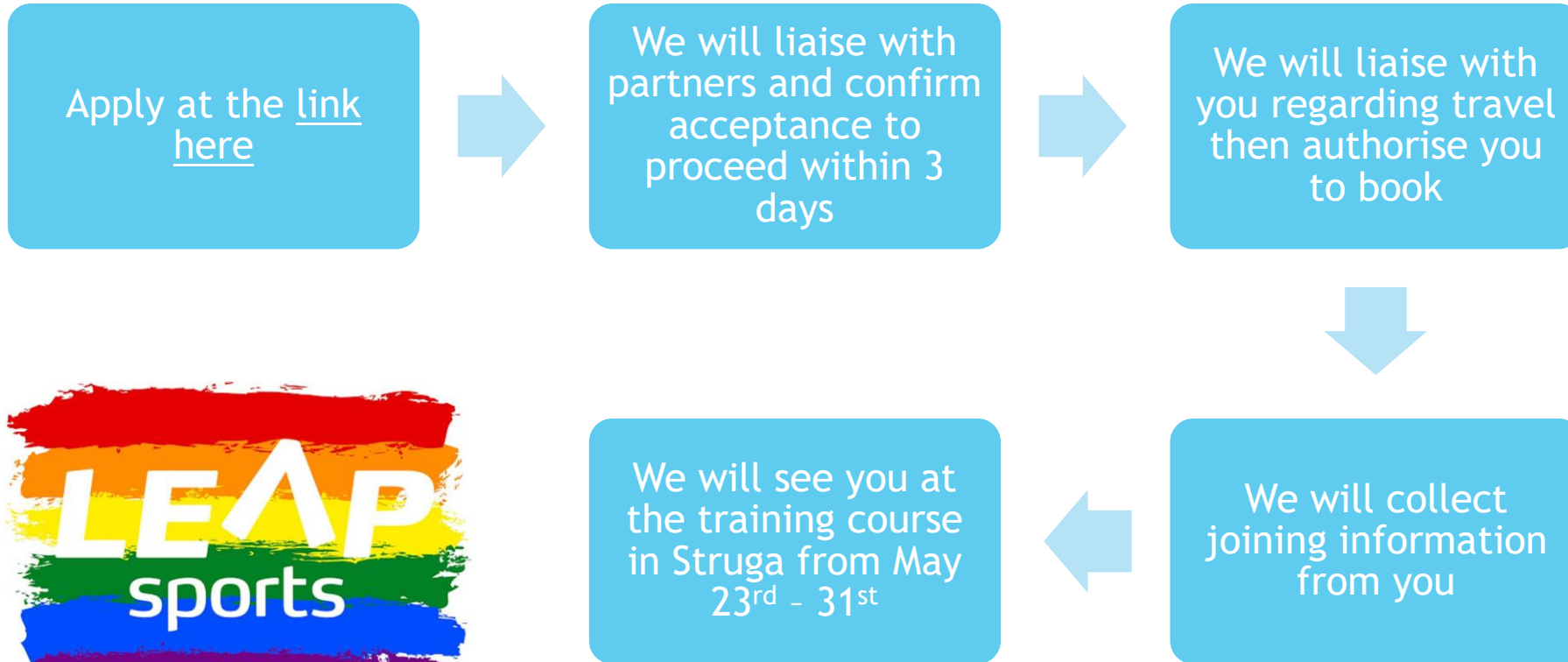
Struga is located around 3 hours drive from Skopje. The town has no airport or railway, so you can reach it only by bus or car. From the main bus station you can reach the hotel by taxi (1-2e)

- ▶ If you arrive at the bus stop nearby the hotel DRIM, you are in the center of the city and only 10 minutes walk away from the hotel Solferino.

# Finance, insurance and reimbursement

- ▶ This project is funded by the Erasmus+ programme allowing us to cover transportation, accommodation, food and training costs for the selected participants. Travel will only be paid up to the maximum amount in the previous table.
- ▶ There is a contribution fee of €20 which will be deducted from the reimbursement of travel costs although this can be waived in some circumstances.
- ▶ Reimbursement of travel costs can take up to one month to complete, but usually much more quickly if all paperwork is in order and travel costs have been approved by us in advance (so consult with us before booking).
- ▶ Participants should use the cheapest means of travel and booking direct with airlines is always recommended. Flight tickets must be accompanied by boarding passes for reimbursement. PDF documents and scans of documents are ok, but photographs are not.
- ▶ It is possible to stay up to maximum 2 days before and/or after the training course at the participants own expense and responsibility providing that the travel costs are not higher than the dates set.
- ▶ Participants are expected to ensure that they have health insurance in place.
- ▶ At the time of writing there are no additional covid-19 requirements or restrictions but we will keep participants updated of this as we progress.

# Process for application



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