

# Erasmus+ Training for youth workers

## Symphony of Media Literacies: Guide to the World of Media and Information

### Summary

In recent years, the whole world has faced an enormous increase in disinformation and hoaxes, which spread extremely quickly and efficiently in the digital globalised world. Moreover, according to statistics, people, especially the youth, are spending more time in the online space using social media. In order to not become victims of conspiracies and misinformation, it is essential that they acquire several competences in the field of critical thinking and media literacies. However, the problem is that school curricula either do not include media education classes at all, or such courses are not effective enough, as the teachers and youth workers themselves do not have the necessary skills. At the same time, media literacies are a dynamically developing field.

Adults often become victims of hoaxes even faster, which is very dangerous, as they transfer this type of opinion and attitude to their children or the youth they work with. The growing tendency towards conspiracies and hoaxes greatly polarises societies and directly threatens the stability of democracy and its institutions. Understanding and navigating a huge amount of information and being able to distinguish quality media content from distorted information and disinformation is a necessary skill nowadays. The European Dialogue is aware of this and therefore comes up with Erasmus+ training for youth workers in order to support and improve the media literacies of youth workers, who will subsequently be able to use the acquired knowledge in their daily activities, but especially when working with the youth.

### Who are we looking for?

3 motivated youth workers, teachers, trainers, facilitators, mentors, coaches, project managers, and different NGO staff aged 18+ with a fluent English level who are interested to discover the world of media literacies and know how to read media properly and not to become a victim of disinformation or hoaxes.

### When and where?

The 7-days training will take place from 27th March to 2nd April 2023 (including travel days) in Trnava (Hrnčiarovce), Slovakia, in very nice guesthouse called Na Mlyne (<http://www.namlyne.sk/-o-nas>). The venue is located in one of the city districts of Trnava, which is a regional centre and historical city located just 50 km from the capital and having a very nice and cosy atmosphere. Accommodation and food will be provided by the organisers and travel costs will be reimbursed to participants right after the training upon submission of required documents.

### What competences will the participants gain?

Participants will acquire a wide range of competences corresponding to current trends in the field of media literacies. They will:

- understand the importance of media literacies and their irreplaceable role in today's digital world;

- get to know the latest complex approaches to media literacies, including those that are mostly omitted;
- improve their level of media literacies and be able to better educate young people in this area;
- familiarise themselves with the concept and tools of critical thinking;
- master effective methods of verifying facts, which is an essential part of the personal competence package not only of a youth worker, but of every responsible citizen;
- learn how today's world of social media affects the mental health of young people and how they can help in this regard;
- gain skills in creating quality, modern, and engaging media content that appeals to young people on social media;
- learn how to create interactive media outputs such as animated videos, story maps, infographics, etc.;
- expand their network and build new partnerships that will help maintain and multiply the skills acquired in the training;
- create a proposal for a new project that will use the media products and tools.

**Deadline:**

*The deadline* for applying is **20.2.2023 at 00:00 CET**. Interested candidates can apply by sending their CV and a short motivation letter to a respective partner who will select participants.

Please make sure that all the selected participants will fill this registration form:

<https://forms.gle/annQ7HsnoYdNXPnf6>

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