

Youth Emigration and Immigration

(contact-making seminar)

With the support of Youth programme of EU

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Presentation

APPLICATION DEADLINE - 15th April, 2003

The contact-making seminar "Youth emigration and immigration " is a part of the long-term project "Empowering youth immigrants" initiated and managed by YAC - Spain and SCAS - Bulgaria.

CONTEXT

- Integration processes and establishment of common values are major tendencies in nowadays Europe. At the same time, we can distinguish strong disintegration processes in South-Eastern Europe. The map of Europe is quite dynamic, we could face big differences in the economical and social development of the areas. The different economical development levels of the countries, the political and ethnical conflicts (which sometimes cause wars) often force the young people to leave their country of origin. Usually, the main migration factors are of economical, political or ethnical nature.
- Most of young people migrate in searching of better way of life, but the reality that they discover is full of difficulties and limitations. One of the main problems of the young immigrants is the integration process in the society. Those difficulties are mainly based on language and cultural differences, stereotypes and prejudices. Immigrants are often subject to discrimination, intolerance, racism and xenophobia.
- The youth activities (exchanges, EVS and different initiatives) on one hand are very strong tools for overcoming the above-mentioned difficulties, but on other hand they could play very strong motivation role for the young people to stay in their country and to stimulate their active participation in the social life.

OBJECTIVES

- to provide possibilities for initiating future projects and activities facing the problems of the youth immigrants and other disadvantaged youth;
- to provide possibilities for initiating activities targeting active involvement of young people in their country
- to explore the role of youth NGO's for motivating the youth active participation in the society
- to network Multicultural, information and counseling centers and other similar organizations (working with youngsters and small cultural groups) and to establish strong links among them for regular exchange of experience and know-how;
- to discuss the future project activities and involvement of the partners in them.

WORKING LANGUAGE

- English

TARGET GROUP

Having in mind the topic and the aims of the event the target group could be:

- youth workers working with youth immigrants and other disadvantaged youth.
- workers of youth Multicultural, information and cultural centers;
- young people working or willing to work on international level

ORGANIZERS

The event is organized by Youth Association of Cazalla /YAC/ - Spain and Student Computer Art Society /SCAS/ - Bulgaria. The contact-making seminar "Youth Emigration and Immigration" is supported by Youth programme of EU. The project "Empowering youth immigrants" is supported also by Municipality of Lorca (Concejalía de Juventud del Excmo. Ayuntamiento de Lorca) and Regional Department Murcia (Dirección General de Juventud Consejería de Política Social y Territorial)

COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT

- **Board and lodging** are covered by the project budget;
- **80% of the travel expenses** will be reimbursed on the basis of the most economic transport fares (APEX, student fare etc.); Also there are limitations for the travel reimbursements, depending on the country and the distance (detailed table will be sent to the selected participants). In principle, the biggest compensation for the travel costs will be up to 350 EUR (but 80% of the costs).
- **Participation fee** is 60 EUR for Western European Countries and 30 EUR for Eastern European countries (former socialist countries). The fee will be deducted from the travel reimbursement.

APPLICATION AND PARTICIPANTS SELECTION

- Please, send filled application form (**by fax, post or e-mail**) to the address of SCAS; ***All the applications must be received before the deadline – 15th April, 2003;***
- Participants will be selected by the Organizing Committee on the base of:
 - Different geographical areas and organizations;
 - Experience, motivation and needs;
 - Possibilities and motivation to develop different services related to youth immigrants
 - The rules of Youth programme of EU;
 - The project partner proposals;
- N.B. The project partner countries are: Austria, Italy, Greece, Finland, UK, Romania, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Hungary.