

ATOQ TRAINING COURSE 2013-2014

MATERA- ITALY, 11th to the 16th of February 2014

WHAT IS 'ATOQ'	<p>ATOQ is a training course which has been developed to increase quality within youth exchanges.</p> <p>During 5 days, an international group of youth workers will look back to their past experience(s), focus on quality aspects and improve their management competences in order to improve quality for their future youth exchanges.</p> <p>The quality aspects, which will form the pillars of this course, are made in line with the standards promoted at international level.</p> <p>ATOQ is a training course, which has been running since 2004.</p>
AIM	To support experienced youth workers/leaders in increasing the quality of the European youth exchanges they will set up in the future.
OBJECTIVES	<p>The ATOQ training course will provide the participants with opportunities to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Critically reflect upon their previous international youth exchange experience(s) and the impact on young people; 2. Increase the understanding of different quality aspects of youth exchanges such as: active participation of young people , involvement of promoters and stakeholders, diversity and intercultural learning, program building; 3. Experience a non-formal learning process and understand its importance in youth exchanges; 4. Improve their project management competences (knowledge, skills and attitudes) in order to better organize the different phases of a youth exchange.
METHODS USED	Groups work, discussions, statement exercise, lectures, simulation exercise, individual and groups reflections, self-assessment model, interactive workshops and participative presentations, consultations, exercises, etc.
WORKING LANGUAGE	The training course will be conducted in English . Participants should be able to understand and to communicate in this language.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE	<p>This training course is open for voluntary and professional youth workers, working directly with young people, that organised and/or participated as a team-member in at least one international youth exchange (which is completed) and plan to organise another within the frame of european youthwork.</p> <p>Attention: Participants' experience as team-members in Youth exchange projects will be used during the TC, therefore only those who actually have this experience should apply.</p> <p>Participants should be at least 18 years old.</p>
GOOD TO KNOW	<p>During the training, several methods are used which involve participants in an active way. Participants will be challenged to critically reflect on their past organised Youth exchange(s) and how to improve future exchanges. An open attitude of the participants is expected.</p>
TEAM	<p>ATOQ Italy2014 will be hosted by the Italian National Agency and co-financed by Greece within the Youth in Action program; the NA representative on the spot will be: Fabiana Di Carlo and will be facilitated by three trainers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Kasa Mälksoo, free lance trainer • Marta Piszczek, free lance trainer • Jo Claeys, free lance trainer <p>Profiles can be consulted on TOY (www.salto-youth.net)</p>
WHEN AND WHERE	<p>The training course starts on 11th of February 2014 in the afternoon and ends on 16th of February 2014 after breakfast.</p> <p>The ATOQ Italy training course will take place in Matera (Southern Italy). Bari is the closest international airport.</p>
COSTS	<p>Board, lodging and programme costs will be provided and paid for by the Italian and Greek Youth in Action National Agencies. The travel costs will be paid by the National Youth in Action Agency that will send you (in case you will be selected). In most cases National Agencies ask for a participant contribution. Check your National Agency.</p>
HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS TRAINING	<p>Application on line through www.salto-youth.net.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline for application is the 06/01/2014. - NA's are kindly requested to prioritise the candidates from their country the by 13/01/2014 at latest. - Final selection of participants will be done by 15/01/2014.
FOR MORE INFORMATION	<p>Contact your National Agency or contact the Italian Agency, Fabiana Di Carlo: f.dicarlo@agenziagiovani.it</p>