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Impressions of  
participants

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Youth Workers International Networks



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## Summary of the Project

- The idea of the project was to create a path of non-formal education about youth work. SOS Europa wanted to involve European and Non-European partners in a project of education for young people, with the aim of improving their skills and experiences as youth worker. For reinforcing international values like peace, coexistence between people, tolerance and sustainable development, it is important to create awareness of that values across border and populations, giving young people the opportunity to grow up without looking at walls and edges as limits, and giving them the awareness that it is possible acting on society for positive development. For reaching this aim, it is fundamental developing education of youth workers in all ways, and creating a good and efficient network of youth workers across different countries. It will help new generations in being active in political and social life of their countries, of Europe and of International Community.
- So, the scope of the project was to increase leadership of youth workers, through exchange of good practices between European and Non-European organisations and associations; for reaching these objectives, the project started with a Kick Off Meeting, and has continued with the organisation of two international encounters for young participants from all organisations involved (in particular, a training course and a youth exchange), and ended with a Closing Meeting for Capacity building. The idea about the theme of the proposal was born looking at how, for non-profit organisations in general, and for organisations involved in European project in particular, is becoming fundamental give to their members and to young volunteer in general an efficient education about youth work.

Partner no	PIC	Role	Organisation Name	City	Country
P1	923171020	Applicant	ASSOCIAZIONE SOS EUROPA	ROMA	Italy
P2	943942018	Partner organisation	ORGANISATION FOR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA	ACCRA	Ghana
P3	930628865	Partner organisation	DISHA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION TRUST	AURANGABAD	India
P4	947026036	Partner organisation	ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESS, EDUCATION AND LOBBYING NEL SKOPJE	SKOPJE	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
P5	918737926	Partner organisation	ASOCIATIA TINERILOR CU INITIATIVA CIVICA	GALATI	Romania
P6	918739866	Partner organisation	Asociación Juvenil Almenaras	Málaga	Spain



## Debriefing sessions

- At the end of each mobility activity, there were realised debriefing sessions, in which all participants gave their feedbacks and shared their impressions about the just realised activities.

# Analysis

- We collected and synthesised the main elements emerged by the debriefing sessions for obtaining an overview of ideas and impressions of the participants.

# Training Course

1. Do you feel you improved yourself about the themes of the training? Do you think you have more knowledge?
2. Do you think that the knowledge and the skills acquired could be helpful in your future?
3. What impressed you the most in this experience?

## Question 1

Most of the participants said they felt themselves improved at the end of the Training.

In particular, they were happy to have gained tools and instruments through the confrontation with the others and through the work together during the work groups.

Moreover, they were happy to have acquired deeper knowledge of Erasmus Plus youth field, and about the tools and best practices for managing youth activities.

Most of participants highlighted also that with the participation of people from some of the countries blocked due to the Covid-19 Pandemic situation, the experience could have been even better.



## Question 2

Participants selected by the partners are all involved in Erasmus Plus programme, albeit at different levels.

So, most of them were happy of the realised experience and have expressed their satisfaction about the possibility to reuse what they learnt.

In particular, most of them that are already involved in other NGOs and youth activities felt themselves more aware about helpful tools and skills for future activities, and more aware about opportunities in Erasmus Plus programme for future projects in the field of youth.

The less experienced participants felt stimulated to continue their path of improvement and of involvement in the youth field.

## Question 3

The first element for many participants was the positive feeling of starting again with European youth activities, despite of the pandemic situation and taking care of all safety rules and attentions.

Another element that was underlined by the participants were the good atmosphere, the «good vibes» they felt during along the Mobility activity.

# Youth Exchange

- Do you feel you improved yourself about soft skills and self confidence thanks to the training? Do you think you have gained knowledge about youth work?
- Do you think that the knowledge and the skills acquired could be helpful in your future? Especially about leadership?
- What impressed you the most in this experience?

## Question 1

Most of participants had positive impressions about the knowledge gained during the experience.

In particular, they said that they had the chance to really focus on the topics and to share doubts and experiences already made.

Moreover, through the working sessions and thanks to the sharing sessions, they had the opportunity to grow up and to understand different points of view about approaches to youth field and how to improve as youth worker.

In particular, most of them felt to have understood some helpful elements about how to manage groups and how to connect to young people and involved them in youth activities.

## Question 2

The group of participants was made by people already involved in the Youth Field and in Erasmus Plus, obviously at different levels.

The less experienced participants expressed the satisfaction for having gained helpful knowledge and skills about their future involvement in youth activities, in terms of awareness of their contribution and participation. But most of them also said that they understood tips and methodologies that they would like to reuse in their paths as youth workers, trying to reinforce their capacity of leading groups.

The more experienced participants were happy to have shared their experience. Moreover, they were satisfied by the confrontation with the other participants and about future perspectives in cooperating together for involving young people and making good impact as youth workers and as NGOs.

## Question 3

Participants were generally happy about the experience.

In some cases this was the first experience as blended activity and most of them underlined the novelty of using online instruments for being involved in a youth activity.

Moreover, some participants said that they felt themselves more confident to speak in public by zoom, because they felt easier to express all their ideas and opinions, but at the same time they missed the pleasure of being all together with people from different countries, like normally happens during youth exchanges. This is an interesting elements to remind for future projects.

In general, participants highlighted that, despite of the novelty of the way of realising the activity, it was a good experience and they felt to have improved themselves about the topics of the exchange.

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