



International youth meeting European Youth Action for Human Rights and Security Protection: Regional Networking for Child and Youth Trafficking Prevention

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The Seminar

Venue: Hotel Banskospa & Holidays, Bankso resort- www.banskospa.net

Child and youth trafficking is a human rights violation and serious international security threat. Security is not just a question of external threats to national sovereignty; security also means an effectively functioning society. Hence, there can be no doubt that child and youth trafficking is indeed an issue of European regional security. Experts report that trafficking is always related to massive corruption, document fraud, corrupt cops, corrupt officials and custom agents. In addition to challenging national sovereignty, trafficking undermines the integrity of the international refugee protection system and result in human rights abuses and humanitarian disasters. Uniting the efforts of European youth in regional networking for child and youth trafficking prevention is an important step for human rights and security protection in Europe. As a part of a long-term program on regional youth networking for trafficking prevention, this project aims at organizing international youth meeting discussing human rights and security concerns in Europe, deriving from the emerging trafficking industry in the region.

Aim:

The main aim is to look into the opportunities for regional youth networking for child and youth trafficking prevention in Europe.

Objectives are to:

- Meeting project's objectives, participants will debate on the role of youth in fostering dialogue on a multi-agency approach to trafficking as an international security threat, The CoE European Convention on Action against Human Trafficking, analyze and compare specific needs of local and regional prevention programs, search for efficient communication models and good practices on child and youth trafficking prevention.
 - Special attention will be paid to human rights based approach to trafficking prevention and gender and cultural sensitivity of the anti-trafficking programs.
 - Looking into the opportunities to facilitate regional European youth networking; participants will be empowered with information and knowledge on funding opportunities and practical youth cooperation and human rights education project writing.
 - Direct output of the meeting will be the Recommendation to the European Governments for human rights based approach to trafficking prevention that participants will draft by the end of the meeting.
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Who can apply?

Participants` profile:

- Young (aged 18-30) activists, representing European youth groups and NGOs,
- young community leaders,
- workers in state agencies,
- young journalists and decision-makers.

Gender and geographic balance as well as institutional affiliation will be considered. Recruitment will be done following a pre-established selection criteria based on application form, motivation essay and support letter from the sending organization/institution.

What to be prepared for?

- ❖ Participants will be requested to bring with them:
 - Specific information about projects and ideas to work on prevention of extremism and terrorism in the work with young people,
 - Information about the relevant topics and situation in your own country.
 - Information, publication, leaflets, CD and video about the work of your organisation. A presentation about the organisations can last maximum 10 minutes.
 - Music, pictures, drinks and food that you consider representative for your culture for the international party.
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TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

TRAVEL EXPENSES	<p>Travel expenses are 70% reimbursed according to the following rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The flight's departure and return points are the closest international airport to the participant's usual residence, 2. The travel destination is Sofia. Participants are requested to arrive on June 10th before 16.00 h. 3. The flight and/or bus is based on the cheapest fare available in the issuing country. However <u>TRAVEL total cost for each participant</u> cannot exceed the amount of 600 Euro. 4. Participants from neighbouring countries can use only bus or train transport (only second class will be covered) that can't exceed 100 Euro.
PARTICIPATION FEES	<p>Each participant will pay a 30 EUR participation fee, which will be deducted from the tickets reimbursement.</p>
OTHER EXPENSES	<p>The project will provide with board, lodging, transportation and program's related events costs. Expenses will be covered only from the date of arrival (10th June) till the departure date (15th of June) with no exceptions.</p> <p>However, all participants' personal costs (like telephone calls, gifts and souvenirs, etc.) and/or any other cost not linked to program's events will be responsibility of the participants and will be settled directly by them on spot.</p>
REIMBURSEMENT and DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	<p>Reimbursement of the relevant amount will be made via <u>participants' organisations bank account</u> only after receiving the participants' original flight tickets at the mailing address of BNCYTP.</p> <p>Participants will be required to bring to the activity a complete copy of their tickets and original travel agency receipt with the copy of their passport pages, indicating their identity and entry stamp for BG.</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL

Participants will have three possibilities for arriving in Bulgaria:

- 1 . Arrive to Sofia National Airport.
- 2 . Arrive to Sofia International Bus Station.
- 3 . Arrive to Plovdiv International Bus Station.

Appointment will be on June 10th, directly at hotel, before dinnertime 18.00.

Information on how to arrive to the place and the exact address of the hostel will be send directly to participants.