



Partnership building seminar

14 – 16 April 2010

Preddvor, Slovenia

Do you want to actively involve youth in democratic decision making processes in your local community? Are you interested in developing understanding about the principles of youth participation? Do you want to develop a Youth Democracy Project in an international team of partners?



What is it?

Connecting EyoU is an international seminar, designed to build capacities of local communities and their existing international partnerships. A specific focus of the seminar is facilitating dialogue between decision makers and young people in local communities, particularly through developing and implementing high quality projects in the field of active participation of young people.



What for?

During the seminar, participants will have the opportunity to explore the added value of Youth Democracy Projects in the framework of the Youth in Action Programme and Europe for Citizens Programme for the local community and develop the competences to develop and implement projects in the context of international cooperation.

The objectives of the seminar are:

- To learn about co-funding possibilities within the Youth in Action Programme and Europe for Citizens Programme.
- To acquire project management and communication competences, particularly in the context of international cooperation.
- To share and transfer experiences of activities undertaken in the local community to deepen the dialogue between young people and decision makers.
- To create a space for contact making and partnership development.
- To develop an action plan to realise a Youth Democracy Project.

To read about interesting Youth Democracy Projects please follow the link to <http://www.salto-youth.net/YDProjects/>.

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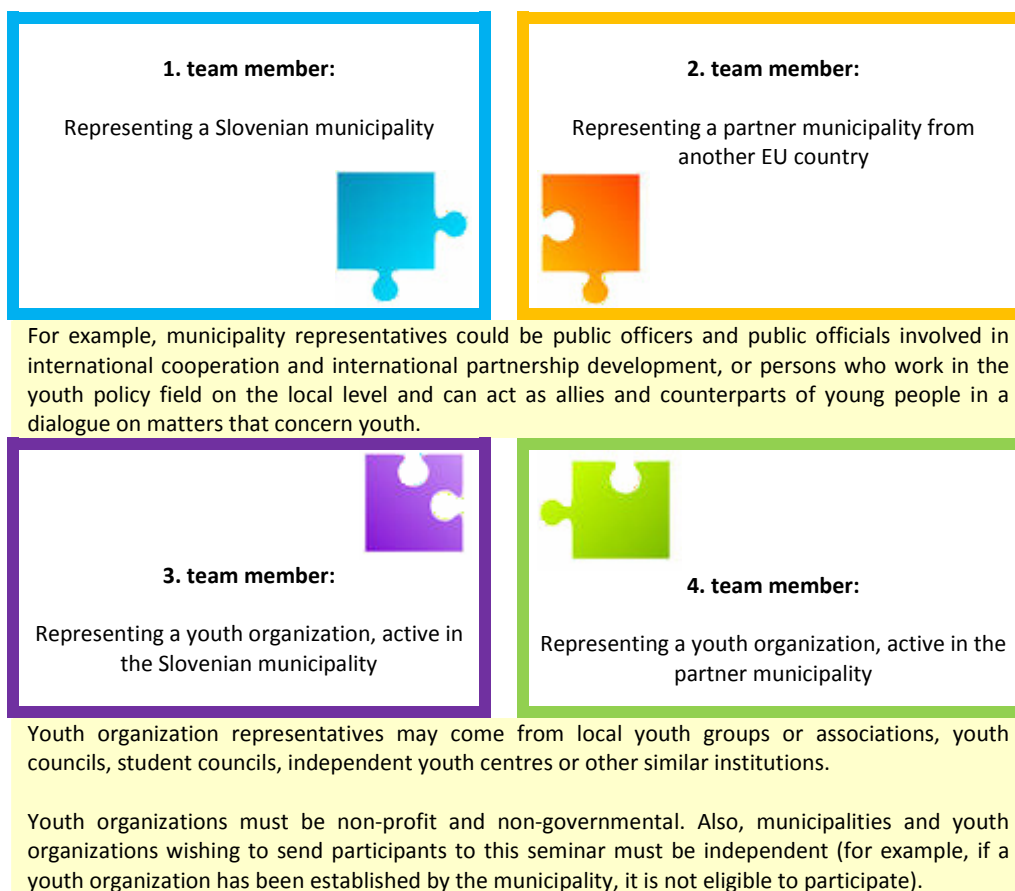




Who can participate?

Connecting EyoU is a seminar for Slovenian municipalities and their partner municipalities in EU member states. International partners will be directly invited by their Slovenian counterparts.

Participants must be at least 18 years of age. They will work and learn in international teams. Each international team will consist of at least four members, two members coming from a Slovenian municipality and two members coming from their partner municipality. To reflect the nature of Youth Democracy Projects and to support participants' learning to greatest extent possible, each team will be structured in the following way.



Participants are expected to attend the seminar in full length and to actively participate in the activity. Strong intention or at least the willingness to apply for an Action 1.3 Youth Democracy Project within Youth in Action is also an expectation.



Which working language?

Working language of the seminar will be English. Participants do not need to be advanced English speakers; however, they should be comfortable expressing their thoughts and ideas in English.

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Where will it take place?

Connecting EU will take place in Hotel Bor in Preddvor, Slovenia. Hotel Bor is a pleasant small hotel with its unique position in the direct vicinity of a lake. It offers everything a guest needs for a quality and relaxing stay: pleasant atmosphere, exquisite cuisine, beautiful natural environment with the lake, forests and mountains in its direct vicinity, as well as kind hotel staff who will take care for your wellbeing during your stay in the hotel.

Participants will be placed in single rooms. Hotel Bor's website is available in Slovenian, English, German and Italian: <http://www.hotelbor.si/>.



How to apply?

Slovenian municipalities interested in attending the seminar together with their international partners are asked to inform their partners about the activity and invite them to attend. Slovenian municipalities should then fill out an application form listing names and contact information for all four members of the international team.

Application deadline is 15 March 2010.

All participants will be sent an information pack containing a consent form, a short pre-questionnaire and detailed information about the reimbursement of travel expenses to their contact e-mail address and will be asked to return the signed and filled out forms to the organizer.



How much does it cost?







All programme costs (accommodation, food, trainers, programme activities, local transport...) will be covered by the National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme in Slovenia in cooperation with the Slovenian Europe for Citizens Information Office.

Participants coming from Slovenia will be responsible for their travel costs to the venue and back.

International participants may be refunded for up to 70% of their travel costs (public transport – 2nd class or economy). The maximum possible amount of travel costs refund is 300 EUR. International participants arriving to the venue on 13 April or leaving on 17 April 2010 may have the additional accommodation costs covered by the organizer. They should indicate their arrival and/or departure date on their application form.



Proposed schedule*

	14 April 2010	15 April 2010	16 April 2010
9:00-11:00	Introduction to the seminar Getting to know each other 	Project management II: Aim, objectives, methods and activities 	A word on financial matters 
11:30-13:00	Youth in Action and Europe for Citizens Programmes Youth Democracy Projects	Project management III: Our project idea in light of Programme objectives and priorities	Project management VI: Financial planning and budget development Presentation of project proposals Question and answer session
Lunch break			
15:00-16:30	Principles of participation Project ideas 	Project management IV: Visibility, results, outcomes and impact 	Summary
17:00-18:00	Best practice project examples Project management I: Initial analysis and needs assessment in local communities	Project management V: Partnership development and international cooperation	Evaluation 
Dinner break			

*Schedule might be modified to better address needs of participants.