

# Call for Partners

**Youth in Action 1.3  
Youth & the City**



**5-11/3/2012**

**@ Naousa, Greece**

**Powered by NGO AENAO**



# Youth & the City – Building our Future

GREECE 2012

Workshop Dates: 5-11 March 2012

**A seven-day seminar on the youth participation in the decision-making process in the context of the Youth in Action Programme.**

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*The Action 1.3 of the Programme, Youth in Action: Youth Democracy Project), supports young people's participation in democratic life. It aims to encourage the active participation of young people in the life of their local, regional or national community or at international level. A Youth Democracy Project is developed by a European partnership, allowing the pooling, at European level, of ideas, experiences and methodologies from projects or activities at local, regional, national or European level, in order to improve young people's participation. A Youth Democracy Project has three phases:*

- *planning and preparation*
- *implementation of the Activity*
- *evaluation (including reflection on a possible follow-up).*

*Non-formal learning principles and practice are reflected throughout the project. For more information, download the YiA Programme guide [here](#).*

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Nowadays, more than any other time, humanity is experiencing the consequences of financial globalisation, among which is the unemployment of the youth. The project "Youth & the City: Building our Future" attempts to encourage youth participation in the decision-making process on local level and to contribute to the establishment of a long-lasting communication and exchange of information between the youth and the local authorities. The central theme for establishing such a relationship will be the role of local authorities in promoting youth employment, since they are more flexible in comparison with the centralised authority in facilitating developmental strategies and they have a better knowledge of the local market's needs.

# The learning objectives

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Experiential learning, which applies in non- formal educational settings, will be used to achieve the above-mentioned goals. One of the advantages of experiential learning is the emphasis on the individualised needs of the participants and the encouragement them of sharing of experiences.

The project, therefore, is expected to:

- enable the acquisition of knowledge through creative, non-typical methodology
- underline the fact that knowledge consists of cognitive, emotional and behavioural elements
- the learning process is based on equity of roles between the trainers and the trainees
- promote respect and acceptance of different opinions, experiences and attitudes

The specific project will be focusing on the individualized needs of the participants and will encourage them to share their experiences, in an attempt to familiarize them with concepts such as active citizenship, volunteerism, acceptance of cultural diversity and equal opportunities for personal development. The proposed project aspires to meet and promote the above objectives through the placement of 25 beneficiaries.

# Eligible Countries

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According to the “Youth in Action Programme”, the workshop is open to:

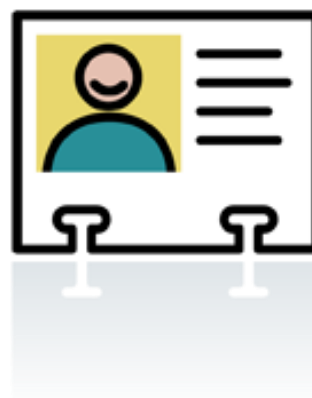
- All EU member states
- EFTA-EEA countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway
- Turkey



# Profile of the participants

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Each country will be represented by **one NGO and by one local authority** (municipality). Each partner should be represented by **2** members.



Potential participants are:

- ✓ Youth Workers and Young people;
- ✓ Individuals currently employed in local authorities or in public organizations actively involved in youth projects
- ✓ motivated on the topic of youth empowerment and active participation;
- ✓ able to use English as a working language;
- ✓ ready to fulfill an open and active role in the workshop;
- ✓ able to attend the full duration of the workshop.

## Working methods

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The workshop will be based on non-formal education, a learning and training process, operating outside the routines of the formal educational system. It will be based on the learning by participation methodology, taking into account the participants' needs and interests. Training will be not a neutral, invisible process, but it will be flexible, combining experience and theory. It will encompass involvement, exchange of experience and it will require willingness to giving and receiving support. This methodology provides the participants with the skills and the ability to act, and aims to cultivate empowerment and growth.

The methods employed over the 7 days of the workshop will be:

- ✓ visual presentations
- ✓ group work, group discussions and brainstorming
- ✓ theatre games and role plays



- ✓ study visits
- ✓ case studies
- ✓ group debates

## Working language

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English

## Group size

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25 participants

## Dates and place

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**Youth & the City** (the workshop) will take place from **5 until 11 March 2012** in the city of **Naousa**, Greece.

The workshop will be held in the hotel **Vermion** in the city of Naousa.



## Financial conditions

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**70%** of travel expenses (upon presentation of the relevant documents), food and accommodation will be covered by the Youth in Action Programme.

# AENAO's Profile

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The N.G.O. Aenao was established in 2006 in Thessaloniki, Greece. It occupies a group of scientists - volunteers, and is coordinated by experienced scientists. AENAO aims to:

- Promote health, creating networks and implementing projects based on non-formal education and learning by experience methodology.
- Develop the consciousness of community of health.
- Inform the community on issues regarding science in the broad sense, culture, religion and education.
- Design programs that encourage social cohesion, protect the human rights and respect the environment.
- Undertake national and international collaboration with reliable agents, in order to exchange experience and best practices.
- Empower women to take initiatives and improve their socio-economic status
- Empower young people, enhance and build their personal skills.
- Inform society on innovative programs and activities which are consistent with the organization's aims and disseminate their results through conferences, seminars, meetings, etc.
- Organize campaigns and initiatives that benefit the society.



AENAO's educational material in the field of health promotion has been recognized by the national educational authorities and has been recommended for the school curriculum. AENAO is an active member of the INGO "Healthy network".

**Want to know more? Please find more information on the AENAO website:**  
<http://aenao.org>

# How to apply

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## Step 1

If you are interested, please send your Part III forms by e-mail to

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## Step 2

Send the original PartIII SIGNED AND STAMPED via registered post

asap to:

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Important Note: In order to be accepted as partners, we need to have your original documents asap.

For our e-communication contact

[kgerolypou@yahoo.com](mailto:kgerolypou@yahoo.com) and please use the subject

line keyword:

**Youth City**

(If you don't use the keyword, it makes my work harder ☹)