

Training Courses on European Citizenship 2008/2009

Call for applications

Dear all,

European Citizenship has become a **key priority** of the "Youth in Action Programme" (2007-2013) and active democratic citizenship is increasingly at the **core of youth work** and youth training.

More and more, **youth workers and youth leaders** are faced with questions and **dilemmas regarding European Citizenship**, such as: *what is European Citizenship? How can it be used in youth work? What does it mean to be an active citizen? Should youth work encourage active citizenship? How can the "Youth in Action" Programme support youth work on European Citizenship? Etc.*

New Training Courses on European Citizenship

From September 2008 to May 2009, a new series of **five Training Courses on European Citizenship** will constitute a great opportunity for youth workers and youth leaders alike to explore this topic and its concrete significance in youth work.

The five Training Courses on European Citizenship will have the **same curriculum**.

The concept of the Courses was developed by the Council of Europe & European Commission Youth-Partnership, in co-operation with the SALTO TC RC.

The curriculum was adapted in order to take into account the evaluation and experience developed in the previous EC Training Courses implemented in 2007/2008.

The Courses will be implemented by the Network of National Agencies of the Youth in Action Programme.

List of proposed Courses

- Training Course 1: EC-IS in **Iceland** (29 September - 5 October, 2008)
- Training Course 2: EC-SP in **Spain** (26 January - 1 February, 2009)
- Training Course 3: EC-BE/FL in **Belgium-Flanders** (9-15 March, 2009)
- Training Course 4: EC-RO in **Romania** (30 March - 5 April, 2009)
- Training Course 5: EC-UK in the **United Kingdom** (4-10 May, 2009)

You are kindly invited for apply for one or two of these five Training Courses, which promise to be a very stimulating training experience.

N.B: **one additional EC Training Course will be organised in French language** (EC-FR, organised in France from 1 to 7 September, 2008). As this Training Course is intended for

French-speaking participants only, there is a specific recruitment and selection procedure for this Training Course:

http://www.youth-partnership.net/youth-partnership/training/French_EC_TC_2008

Conditions

Participation in these Training Courses will be **free of charge** for the selected participants (travel, visa and accommodation costs will be covered by the Partnership and/or the National Agencies, according to your country of origin).

Course description and application form

If you are interested in this unique opportunity to better understand, explore and live the concept of European Citizenship, please read the detailed **course description** attached (background of the Courses, target group, main themes, programme flow) and complete the **application form** (see links below).

How to apply?

→ If you are a national from one of the so-called "**Neighbouring Partner Countries**" in **Eastern Europe and Caucasus** (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine) and in **South East Europe** (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM), Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia), please apply through the following **on-line application form**:

http://www.youth-partnership.net/youth-partnership/seminars/seminar_3.html

Applicants should also submit a **letter of support (in English)** from their youth organisation, describing the agreement with their organisation concerning their future work plans and projects on European Citizenship.

Deadline for applications: 30 June 2008.

→ If you are national from one of the so-called "**Programme countries**" (i.e. where there is a National Agency of the Youth in Action Programme), please follow the procedure described in the SALTO webpage:

<http://www.salto-youth.net/EuropeanCitizenship/>

Deadline for applications: depends on each training course (see SALTO webpage for more details).

Please forward this information to anybody in your organisation who might also be interested.

Thank you and... good luck!

The Youth-Partnership & the SALTO TC RC.