



DESIGN THINKING FOR LOCAL ADVOCACY

Call for participants

Busteni, Romania, 10-19th of May



WHY SHOULD YOU COME TO THIS TRAINING COURSE?

Are you interested in learning more about how to make a difference in your community?
Do you believe in bottom up approaches when it comes to change?
Would you like to know more about ways in which you can shape public policies?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then join us on an 8 days training course in Busteni, Romania.

The aim of this training course is to offer insights into how we have the power to shape the complicated relationships between civil society, public institutions and political actors, by focusing both on necessary skills for local advocacy, and diverse methods which can be employed at the grassroots level within the design thinking framework.




**STAND UP FOR
YOUR RIGHTS!**

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TRAINING CONTENT

During the 8 days training course, we are going to explore together with participants from several European countries:

 Issue identification - social/environmental issues that you have identified in your communities;

 Planning - putting it all together;

Researching and analysing stakeholders - system mapping;



Risks, concerns, challenges;



 Advocacy campaigning - from A to Z;

 Mobilising people;

Advocacy tools & actions;



Using media.



METHODOLOGY

We are going to work on local advocacy campaigns using the Design Thinking methodology - a human-centred approach that allows us to design empathic activist actions, focused on genuine needs, fears, motivations and aspirations, which we identify with community actors related to essential issues. Design thinking is especially used when looking for innovative solutions to solve complex problems in diverse contexts.



Empathize



Define



Ideate



Prototype



Test

TIMELINE

16th of March - deadline for submitting applications.

16th - 20th of March - assessment of the applications and communication of the results.

20th March - 10th of May - constant communication with participants.

WHO CAN APPLY

***All applications will be assessed using the principle of equality of opportunity.**

We are looking for the following profiles:

- **Youth workers, coordinators, facilitators and/or trainers from civil society organisations currently active in areas such as human rights, empowerment of young people, environment;**
- **Students interested in policy making;**
- **People who are new to advocacy, or who have only limited advocacy experience, but are interested in bottom up approaches;**
- **Good command of the English language;**
- **Availability to participate in all training sessions;**
- **People older than 18 years and with a legal residence (proven by documents) in the country they are currently residing in.**
- **Residents from Austria, Belgium - DE, Belgium - FL, Belgium - FR, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.**
- **Members or close collaborators of active Youth Organization (staff or active member, paid or not). The organization should have a valid OID number. We will sign partnership agreements with the organization of the selected participants.**



HOW TO APPLY

Fill out [this form](#) by 16th of March.

Estimated time: 15 minutes.

Share this form with other colleagues/friends, people who you think might be interested in joining as well.

EXPENSES

This training course is funded by Erasmus+, a programme of the European Union.

According to its financial rules, some costs are fully covered, such as:

- Board and lodging for the training course are fully covered by the local organizers during the period mentioned in shared rooms (2 to 3 people in one room);
- Food will be served as a buffet and it will provide only vegan and vegetarian options to comply with the sustainability policy of the project and the hosting organization.
- Each participant is free to choose the preferred way of travelling. Due to the organizers' policies and the main theme of the project, we strongly encourage the use of green travel. If flights are used for more than 50% of the travel distance the maximum budget allocated available will be from standard travel!
- The transport support will be transferred into your bank account after receiving the required documents.

Use [this website](#) to find out your distance. Write at the START, your location, from where you will start your travel and at the END, Busteni, Prahova, Romania. You will get a km number as a result which will correspond to financial support which you may get for your travel costs.

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The individual maximum budget for travel, per person, is the following:

10 – 99 km :23 EUR (Standard Travel) / No Green Travel Available

100 – 499 km :180 EUR (Standard Travel) / 210 EUR (Green Travel)

500 – 1999 km :275 EUR (Standard Travel) / 320 EUR (Green Travel)

2000 – 2999 km :360 EUR (Standard Travel) / 410 EUR (Green Travel)

3000 – 3999 km :530 EUR (Standard Travel) / 610 EUR (Green Travel)

4000 – 7999 km : 820 EUR (Standard Travel) / No Green Travel Available

WHO ARE WE?

Feel free to ask any additional questions. We (Antonia, Monica & Victoria, facilitators team), are just one email away. Write to us anytime on office@artfusion.ro.

Organiser:

A.R.T. Fusion Association (Youth NGO)

Our mission is to create and offer innovative and participatory learning experiences in order for everyone to contribute in a responsible way to the positive transformation of their communities both locally and globally.

Find us on social media. Feel free to stalk as much as you want.

You can read more on our [website](#) and be obsessed with us on [Instagram](#) (or [Facebook](#) if you still use it).

