

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**Conference: “Strengthening Civil Society in the Danube Region for a Joint Europe” in the frame of the 8th Partner Meeting of the Danube-Networkers**

**Workshop 5: “Participation opportunities for civil society in the EUSDR through various funding”**

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**1. Input Ana Majuric (POUZ, Croatia) – “What is the Erasmus+ Programme”**

- Erasmus + is the EU programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe
- Advantages of Erasmus+ projects for student: acquiring skills and improving knowledge can be useful for job hunting and personal development; an opportunity to improve communication skills in foreign language; improving self confidence and independence
- Why should you apply? Improved professional and language competence of mobility participant; possibility of introducing changes in institution; the possibility of providing better quality service; great motivation and satisfaction of mobility participants and staff; network building, wider community
- Recommendations: Start with mobility, then strategic partnerships and projects; relatively easy to apply (compared to other funding projects), institution can get accredited; calculate how many people and what you need, topic should be known and goal for application, e.g., raise digital competence in your institution
- Financing not too strict → can be used according to objectives

**2. Ute Friederici-Breitig (ILEU, Germany) & Dejan Zagorac (Zaprokul, Belgrade, Serbia) – “Intergenerational dialogue in a European context – the example of the DENTA project”**

- Discovering European neighbours in the third age
- Objectives: 8 groups of learners from 6 European countries (East and West Europe); discover the life reality of people between 60 and 90 years; discover their strategic of mastering third age; work in local and European context; through interviews, texts, photos and videos
- Feedback on DENTA: very inspiring insights, joyful and great experience, impressive to see vitas interesting differences between East and West (e.g., Eastern: higher esteem of family; focus on job ; Western: more network of friends; focus on personal development); good learning opportunity for participants, e.g., Zoom as communication tool; learn how to do an interview
- Official evaluation should be made
- Project should be continued
- Have a look at the website to see the results <http://www.denta-europe.eu/>

### 3. Ana Zlibut (Writers League, Timisoara, Romania) – *“Mobilities of the Erasmus+ programme as an opportunity to broaden horizons and meet people in Europe”*

- Writers' League Timisoara was founded in 2010, supporting artistic creation, expression and moral solidarity of members, turned towards public education, encouraging lifelong learning projects, with intergenerational focus
- Two types of Erasmus accreditation in adult education: individual Erasmus accreditation for your organisation only; an Erasmus accreditation for consortium coordinator
- Accreditation means a simplified access to funding
- Adult education providers and organisations can apply for funding in two ways: Short-term projects for mobility of learners and staff, period of six to 18 months; accredited projects for mobility of learners and staff, these projects are only open to organisations holding an Erasmus accreditation in the field of adult education
- In addition: you can join an existing Erasmus mobility consortium or hosting participants from other countries, any organisation can become host for participants coming from a partner organisation abroad → good way to create partnerships
- Go abroad to do courses or job shadowing
- Possible for learners and staff
- Tips for applications: Original and customized, coherent application, specific needs and objectives, writing should be result of team work of your organisation
- Everyone should participate in Erasmus/exchange if it is possible (even if it is just for a few days)
- Get started, it is a good way of funding and beneficial for staff and learners
- Get an accreditation