

Mentoring Power in Integration, Volume 2

Training Course for
Mentors

In Zreče and in Ljubljana, Slovenia
25 September to 2 October 2023



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Goal and aims

This participatory training course is a platform for critical learning to conceptualize and re-structure new means of mentoring and coaching for social integration between youth from diverse cultural and social backgrounds. This seven-day in-person training course in Slovenia will enhance the intercultural, mentoring, and coaching competencies of 26 mentors working with youth from diverse cultural backgrounds based in Malta, Greece, Estonia, Poland, Turkey, France, Sweden, Italy and Slovenia. This is by providing them with a learning experience about experiential mentoring based on critical, peer-to-peer and self-directed learning with guided reflection and debriefing by our trainers, who employ arts and-based tools to stimulate an inclusive learning process for various learning styles.

Hosting Organization

Povod Institute for Cultural and Development of international relations in Culture is a leading organization in the fields of critical, intercultural and experiential learning. We are the national coordinator of the Anna Lindh Foundation for EuroMed dialogue in Slovenia, board members and co-founders of the SLOGA national platform of NGOs and Humanitarian organizations in Slovenia, and board members at the European Network of Political Foundation ENoP. In our work, we rely on critical andragogy for adult education, combining various deliberative educational methodologies such as the pedagogy of the oppressed, experiential learning, and intercultural learning.

In our training modules, we use art and its based techniques to stimulate self-directed and peer-to-peer learning. Visit our [website here](#) to find out more about our work and trainers.

Leading trainer and Methodology

The training course is developed and designed by Samar Zughool (she, her), a leading trainer at Povod Institute and a provider of International Consultancy Services for the North-South Centre of the Council of Europe in Gender Equality, Global Education, and Youth Cooperation. Samar is also a performing artist and a community art director; therefore, as an experiential and intercultural trainer, she uses arts and its based techniques as deliberative educational methods.

For this training course, she used the andragogy of experiential learning cycles and styles combined with intercultural learning. Samar has a master's degree in social movements and public policy making; she is a participatory researcher and employs art and its based techniques in her training and research programs. **Therefore you may expect a diverse and participatory training course based on experiential learning that combines theory with practice in a critical way of learning through arts and its based tools.**

Program

Arrival is 25.9.2023 / Departure is 2.10.2023



Welcome dinner on 25.9.

	26.9.2023	27.9.2023	28.9.2023	29.9.2023	30.9.2023	1.10.2023	
			B r e a k f a s t				
9.30 - 11.00	Team building and enhancement	Critical Goal setting and orientation	Experiential Mentoring Technology	Experiential Mentoring / Labour context	Packing to Ljubljana	Evaluation as part of your learning process	
11.00 - 11.30	Coffee , Water, snacks, tea and more time						
11.30 - 13.00	Critical needs assessment and analysis	Comeptencies of youth mentorship	Experiential Mentoring in integration	E.M / Resilience (1)	preparation for Open Conference	Evaluation of the program and follow up decisions for our group cooperation	
13.00 - 15.00	l u n c h t i m e						
15.00 - 16.30	Redefying termonologies	divers styles in mentoring	Experiential Mentoring/ societal context	E.M / Resilience (2)	Open Conference	Free time Group Tour in Lju (optional)	
16.30 - 17.00	C o f f e e , W a t e r , s n a c k s , t e a a n d m o r e t i m e						
17.00 - 18.30	G u i d e d R e f l e c t i o n a n d d e b r i e f i n g						
19.00 - 20.30	D i n n e r						
21.00 - 22.00	Intercultural night one IN 1	I N 2	I N 3	I N 4	Free Evening	Certificates and closing ceremony	

Criteria of participants

This training course is designed for mentors or potential mentors who aim to support social and labour integration between youth from diverse backgrounds.

The most important criterion is the motivation to exchange, unlearn and relearn. You'll need basic knowledge about the concept of mentoring and the situation of youth from diverse cultural backgrounds in your place of living, so please conduct research to gain some knowledge on the topic before you come to the training course.

This training course is developed based on diverse concepts and sorts of learning styles. Therefore, you should be prepared to try and explore different means and ways of learning and mentoring that combine theory, practices, role-playing, art-based educational tools, briefing, debriefing and monitoring along the process. There are no other criteria regarding age or any other demographic factors.

Preparations before arrival

- Prepare a visual presentation about your organization and how it supports social and labour integration between diverse youth in your country.
- Fill out the registration form [here](#).
- Get ready to co-create an intercultural night with people living in the same country as you do. You can present whatever you decide or can, yet please make it interactive. Examples can be group games, quizzes, group dances, and trying food and drinks that you may bring with you if you can. The aim of these nights is to enjoy our time together while exploring more about the world and cultures through each others' lens.
- Have warm and comfortable clothes and umbrellas.

Accommodations and work venues

Our Stay in Zreče:

From 25 to 30 September 2023, we will stay at the venue location: <http://smogavc.com/en/> in Zreče, it is a natural area with fewer options for shops or pharmacies, and it might get fresh at night as we will be on a mountain, therefore bring with you anything you might need including a jacket for these days.

Our Stay in Ljubljana:

On 30 September, we will go from Zreče to Ljubljana. In Ljubljana, we will stay from 30 September to 2 October at a hotel in the city center, and we will be working mostly at our office in Kotnikova 28, Ljubljana, which is around 15 minutes walk from the city centre.

Travelling guidelines part one

This training course is part of the Key Action 1 Erasmus Plus program, and it is funded by the National Agency of Erasmus Plus in Slovenia. Reimbursement will be done based on the general rules of the Erasmus Plus program. You shall keep all invoices, all proofs of public or private means of travel, all boarding passes and any other proofs of travel arrangements; these documents are essential for the reimbursement. Please learn about Green Travel and whether travelling from your country of living to Slovenia has this option or not. You may find all the information you need [here](#).

Erasmus guidelines by distance define travel reimbursement, which is the maximum for each country based on the provided invoices. Calculate the distance and the limit of cost reimbursement [here](#). **Consider and check green travel options.**

Please do not buy your ticket before you get our confirmation by email.

Travelling guidelines part two

Our first venue for the meeting is Zreče. [Here](#) is the website and location of the resort where we will stay and work. Please, try your best to arrive before our welcoming dinner at 20.00 on 25th September.

You can travel by any of the following airports:

Ljubljana, Graz, Vienna or Zagreb. You can take shuttles from Goopti to Zreče or Slovenske Konjice from any of these airports.

Other options are based on the airport of your choice.

From Ljubljana airport: take the public bus in front of the airport to the main bus station in Ljubljana; from there, take the bus to Zreče or Slovenske Konjice bus station: Bus tickets can be sold on the bus; there are offices in the station to purchase train tickets.

From Zagreb airport: You can take the train to Ljubljana and then the bus to Zreče; you can also check GoOpti direct shuttles. **From Vienna airport,** you can check GoOpti or Flix buses directly from the airport to Zreče. We will pick you up from Slovenske Konjice or Zreče bus station. **On 30 September, we will go together to Ljubljana. The 2nd of October is the departure day from Ljubljana. In Ljubljana, you can leave for any of the mentioned airports by bus, train, or Goopti.**

Contact

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---Thank you, and we are looking forward to having you here soon!

The Povod team-----