

“Beacon of Values” Training Course Call for participants

In today’s fast paced, event-filled, news-bombed lifestyle, it’s easy to lose sight of what guides you in your work and everyday life. The “Beacon of Values” is a training course that will offer you the time to explore values and what they mean to you, how you perceive and act on them. You will also experience methods and activities that you can apply in your work with young people, adults, students, with the purpose of guiding them to identify and connect with their own values.

The training course will take place in Weimar, Germany, hosted by EJBW (<https://www.ejbweimar.de/>) between the 19th of June 2022 until 26th of June 2022. Travel expenses will be reimbursed up to the amount of 450 euro for participants from Cyprus and Romania and up to 100 euro for participants from Germany. Accommodation, meals and the training will be covered by the project organizers.

The training course is only the **first step**. Going home, the participants of the training will **apply** what they have learned, facilitating a **workshop** in their own communities. The participants will become part of the “Beacon of Values” project and will agree to:

- actively participate for the whole duration of the training course in June 2022
- contribute to the development of the “Beacon of Values” Tool Box
- facilitate a one day workshop with 15 participants in their own country during the months of October-December 2022 and
- contribute to the promotion of the project and its results.

Learning Objectives

- the participants develop an individual & group understanding of the term "values" and have an idea of their everyday meaning(s).
- the participants will experience & reflect upon the structure, activities & methods included in the „VALUEs Toolbox“
- the participants can independently apply selected methods of the „VALUEs Toolbox“
- the participants have the opportunity of exploring alternative methods & tools for their respective environment & field of work
- the participants are able to reflect on their facilitation behavior, based on the principles of Non-Formal Education
- the participants are supported in the development of workshop designs for their future local engagement

Further expectations / further commitment (between June 2022 - March 2023)

- the participants are empowered in creating a strong community of multipliers on values communication within and beyond „BEACON of VALUES“
- each participant will be involved in facilitation of at least one national workshop with 15 participants (duration > 3 hours)

- the participants will contribute to the development of the „BEACON of VALUES Toolbox“¹
- the participants are expected to contribute to the monitoring & evaluation cycle of the overall project, e.g. through the completion of electronic forms & questionnaires according to its main milestones.
- the participants are expected to contribute to the dissemination & exploitation of project results

Training schedule

Timing*	20.06.	21.06.	22.06.	23.06.	24.06.	25.06.
07:30 -09:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
09:15	Who is here? Creating the group	Exploring the “VALUES Toolbox” - I	Exploring the “VALUES Toolbox” - III	From participation to facilitation: Pilot facilitation process	From participation to facilitation: Pilot facilitation process - II	Development of local workshop designs - II
13:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00	Creating the setting - How will we work?	Exploring the “VALUES Toolbox” - II	From participation to facilitation	Exploring local environment	Reflection of facilitation	Development of local workshop designs & next steps
	Non-Formal Education & Recognition				Development of local workshop designs - I	Harvesting & Closure
18:00	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection
19:00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner
21:00	Free Evening	Evening activities	Free Evening	Free Evening	Evening activities	Goodbye Evening

*Including two coffee breaks per day

Profile of participants

We are looking for 15 participants from Cyprus, Romania and Germany, who are youth workers, educators and facilitators/trainers, that would like to explore and develop methods through which they can facilitate the exploration of values and are motivated to become “beacons” of values in their own

¹Project's objectives and expected end results are to create a transferable and adjustable tool box, enabling youth workers and educators, and a workshop aiming for active civic participation and common values in everyday life, not only during the project's implementation but also after. We aim for the “Beacon of Values Toolbox” to be an innovative and transferable tool that contains methods and activities aiming to engage youth in a direct discussion about values through non-formal learning methods in a quality and effective way.



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communities. The participants should be willing and available to commit in the long term collaboration with the project team, as described above.

How to apply

Please fill in this form (<https://forms.gle/5ZdzwDwH5LWHiguc9>) until **Monday, the 30th of May 2022**. Due to the limited number of places, we will select the final participants based on their profile, expressed motivation and availability.

About the "Beacon of Values" project

With the "Beacon of Values" project, we wish to create and develop a tangible, transferable tool that will be used mainly by educators and youth workers in schools, educational institutions and NGOs, to create learning activities aiming to promote, communicate and enhance active citizenship and common values in everyday life, in order to formulate attitudes and skills to combat xenophobia, racism and discrimination, using creative, innovative and non-formal education methods and activities.

The project will focus on non-formal learning methodology, placing the participants in the center of the learning process, relying on their interest and motivation for a profound and multi-level learning approach and emphasizing their own responsibility for learning.

The end-results will be the Curriculum for the Training of Multipliers in 4 languages (English, German, Greek, Romanian), the Beacon of Values Tool Box in 4 languages and 15 youth workers and educators trained as multipliers. We expect that the project will have the effect of a continuous stimulation of learning and evolving. Moreover, we plan to create a chain of exchange in terms of expertise, skills, ideas and perspectives in the field of youth education, as the participants will act as multipliers of the project in their home countries and local communities.

The project is implemented by Politistiko Ergastiri Ayion Omoloyiton, Cyprus (<https://politistiko-ergastiri.org/>) in partnership with Pro Vobis - National Resource Center for Volunteering, Romania (<http://www.provobis.ro/>) and Die Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar (EJBW), Germany ([Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar](http://www.ejbw.de/)), from 01/11/2021 until 01/05/2023, and funded by the European Union within the Erasmus+ Programme (<https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/>), Small-scale Strategic Partnerships, under the contract number: 2021-1-CY02-KA210-YOU-000029970.

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