



## beacon noun

bea·con | \ 'bē-kən

1. : a lighthouse or other signal for guidance
2. : a source of light or inspiration

## value noun

val·ue | \ 'val-(,)yü

1. : something (a principle or quality) intrinsically valuable or desirable
2. : basic and fundamental beliefs that guide or motivate attitudes or actions and help us to determine what is important

During the third week of May 2022, in the blooming city of Weimar, Germany, Politistiko Ergastiri Ayion Omoloyiton (Cyprus), in collaboration with its long time now partners, Pro Vobis (Romania) and EJBW (Germany), kicked off the project "Beacon of Values", a small-scale strategic partnership approved by the Cyprus National Agency and funded by the Erasmus+ programme.

The three partners, Politistiko Ergastiri Ayion Omoloyiton (<https://politistiko-ergastiri.org/>), Pro Vobis-National Resource Center for Volunteering (<http://www.provobis.ro>) and Die Europäische Jugendbildungs-und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar ([Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar](http://europaeische-jugendbildungs-und-jugendbegegnungsstaette-weimar.de)), will be working together on this project with the purpose of creating and developing a tangible, transferable tool that can be used, mainly by educators and youth workers, in schools, educational institutions and NGOs, to create workshops that aim to promote, communicate and enhance common values and active citizenship in everyday life. *The goal of these workshops would be to formulate attitudes and skills to combat xenophobia, racism and discrimination, using creative, innovative and non-formal education methods and activities.*

Although the inception of the idea for the project happened some years ago, the partners started working together last year, in 2021, to realise this idea. After the approval, the first step was implemented with an online meeting in January 2022, establishing communication with the partners and preparing the different steps and activities planned within the project, leading to the meeting of the partners, in person, to officially kick off the project in Weimar, hosted by EJBW.

Pointing out the highlights of the kick-off meeting, those were the following: discussing the project idea and content to ensure that all partners are on the same page regarding the objectives and results of the project, getting familiar with the “Values Tool Box” created by the staff of EJBW, which is the inspiration for the “Beacon of Values” project, with the guidance of experienced people who have worked in the direction of values “management” and shared their experience and feedback, the exchange of ideas and opinions regarding the realities of each partner organisation and the needs of the target group and the formation of the relevant procedures for the preparation of the upcoming training course, mainly the definition of participants' profiles, the draft of the call for participants and the draft of a preliminary schedule for the training.

Now, we are looking forward to the next big step, the Beacon of Values Training Course that will also take place in Weimar, Germany, hosted by EJBW, on 19/06-26/06/2022. So, STAY TUNED for more updates on this exceptionally interesting project!!! For more information on the training course, have a look at the Call for Participants:

- Call for participants.pdf

