

## Call for participants

### Visual storytelling from A to Z - training course

6-15<sup>th</sup> April 2020

*Lozen, Bulgaria*



Dear partners and participants,

We would like to invite you to participate in the **Visual Storytelling from A to Z training** that will take place in Lozen village, near Sofia, Bulgaria in the period **6<sup>th</sup> till 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020** and will gather **34** representatives of organizations from 10 countries - Portugal, Spain, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Ukraine, Armenia, Poland, North Macedonia and Bulgaria.



## About the project “Visual Storytelling from A to Z” project

The project “Visual storytelling from A to Z” aims at bringing self-awareness at the participants, on their own identity and perception as human beings, not as objects of stereotypes based on their gender. This issue is very common in young people, raised in environments filled with thoughts like masculinity is for boys and emotions are for girls.

The youth needs to raise their gender literacy to achieve better self-understanding and confidence. Now in the era of technology, young people spend more time online, where many issues are projected in the web showing the need of raising the media literacy in young people. The world of media and social networks is becoming more and more visual, so the need to distinguish between the good and bad examples of media provocations is pretty urgent too.

By this project we are willing to promote gender diversity and by transferring understanding on common fundamental values of our society to reach young people and to contribute to the prevention of violent radicalization based on gender.

The program of the training activity is organized in building up thematic modules to provide new information, enhance knowledge and develop the skills of participants, and enable participants to share in a safe and creative environment. The program also includes meetings with experts on visual arts as well as visiting several associations who will share their own practises and who are experts in the field of gender equality and will further contribute to the learning and development process.

The **specific objectives** of the **Visual storytelling from A to Z training course** are as follows:

- Introducing the visual storytelling as a method for raising awareness campaigns and create an emotional bonding with any topic;
- Raising awareness on main concepts about gender equality and deconstruct stereotypes on gender roles and appearances created by society back in the years and repeated by the modern society;
- Introducing knowledge for gender equality education, based on meeting with experts, peer learning and self-assessment techniques and connecting them with visual storytelling methodologies;
- Developing a sensibility and critical thinking on the topic of gender based inequalities, to be able to recognize the vulnerability of gender (in)equalities and showcase real stories through visual arts;
- Developing tools to work on prevention or to react in cases of gender inequalities, hate speech, exclusions or violence (online and offline);

- Developing the competences of the participants to plan, organize and implement educational activities on gender equality;
- Create a bond and ground for international cooperation and networking.

### Dates and venue of the training course

The seminar will take place from **6<sup>th</sup> till 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020** (8 full working days and two days - 1 arrival – 6<sup>th</sup> April and 1 departure day - 15<sup>th</sup> April) in Bulgaria, in the **training base of Bulgarian Red Cross**, Lozen,

([http://www.redcross.bg/school\\_bases/lozen.html](http://www.redcross.bg/school_bases/lozen.html)), around 20km from Sofia.

The participants need to arrive in the afternoon on 6<sup>th</sup> April and depart on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020.



### Partner countries, organizations and participants

**Associacao Juvenil da linha de Cascais Rota Jovem** – Portugal

**Servei Civil Internacional de Catalunya Asociacion** – Spain

**Service Civil International - Deutscher Zweig E.V.** – Germany

**Utilapu Nemzetkozi Epitotabor Halozat Egyesulet** - Hungary

**Servizio Civile Internazionale** – Italy

**Youth Resource Centre "Discover yourself"** – Ukraine

**Armactive-Youth Center NGO** – Armenia

**Stowarzyszenie Jeden Swiat** – Poland

**Center for Intercultural Dialogue Association** – Republic of North Macedonia

**CVS-Bulgaria** – Bulgaria

Each partner organization will be represented by **3 participants**, and Bulgaria – the receiving country - will be represented by **4 participants**.

### Profile of the participants

The training is for:

- Young people, activists and youth workers who want to learn more about visual arts, how to use creative techniques on raising awareness on gender related topics and how to adapt them for an everyday work within their local realities
- Age 18+
- Willing to share experiences and stories from their local environment, family, friends and school (university) circles
- Willing to bring and deconstruct stereotypes based on sex, gender, sexuality
- Willing or have experience on work with creative visuals (photography, design, arts, etc.)

- Willing to look for examples for (in)equalities, gender based violence (online and offline) or gender related situations from their personal life
- Willing to be open-minded and eager to learn from the workshops in this activity and from their peers, as well as maintain a positive attitude and a critical approach to the problematics and topics that will be reviewed
- Able to understand and express themselves in English
- Are committed to attend for the full duration of the event
- Are committed to assist or take the lead role in planning and implementing local initiatives in order to disseminate the learning outcomes.

**Travel costs** - Reimburse of travel tickets will be done according to the rules of the Erasmus+ programme based on distance calculation. The reimbursement will be made after the seminar, after the participants provide all original travelling documents (coming and return). Please keep your **original tickets and boarding passes**.

**Portugal** – up to 360 Euro

**Spain** – up to 275 Euro

**Germany** – up to 275 Euro

**Hungary** – up to 275 Euro

**Italy** – up to 275 Euro

**Ukraine** – up to 275 Euro

**Armenia** – up to 275 Euro

**Poland** – up to 275 Euro

**North Macedonia** – up to 180 Euro

**Bulgaria** – up to 20 Euro

For the reimbursement to take place participants will need to attend the full duration of the training course.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks during the activity duration will be provided by the organizers.

**Insurance** will be also provided by the organizers. The participants are encouraged to bring European Health Card as well.

All participants will receive **Youthpass** upon successful completion of the training course.



## Application procedure

If you are interested in participating, apply by **13.02.2020** filling in the online application form: <https://forms.gle/fxRPK7dR7kQjBWzp6>

The final selection will be done by CVS-Bulgaria, giving priority to candidates proposed by the Partner Organisations as long as their application is submitted within the deadline and the candidates profile fits with the participants profile envisaged in this call.

Selected participants will be informed by **24.02.2020**. All applicants will be informed about the final decision.

For any further questions, please contact us at [trainings@cvs-bg.org](mailto:trainings@cvs-bg.org) or at + 359 884 766 435.

Visual storytelling from A to Z team



## Information about CVS-Bulgaria



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CVS-Bulgaria is a non-governmental organisation that has been working in the field of international volunteer exchange since 1998 and was officially registered in 2002 as an organisation working in public benefit. CVS-Bulgaria is a branch of the international peace and volunteer-exchange network of Service Civil International (SCI - [www.sciint.org](http://www.sciint.org)) and a full member of South Eastern European Youth Network (SEEYN - [www.seeyn.org](http://www.seeyn.org)). CVS-Bulgaria aims to promote the values of volunteer work through organising variety of voluntary activities; to motivate young people to be active and participate in volunteer actions - thus taking part in the development of the civil society; to promote and support intercultural understanding and solidarity, social justice and environment preservation. Main activities of CVS-Bulgaria are: organising short- and longterm volunteer projects, youth exchanges, trainings, hosting and sending volunteers for projects in public benefit in Bulgaria, Europe and the world, as well as working in partnership with other NGOs on local and international level to promote volunteering as a tool for active citizenship.

Since 2003 CVS-Bulgaria has been sending, hosting and coordinating EVS volunteers. For those 16 years we have been working with more than 150 longterm and shortterm EVS volunteers.

### CVS- Bulgaria trainings from A to Z

**“EVS from A to Z”** in 2015 - the main goal was to build and extend the capacity of the organizations in planning, implementing and evaluating EVS projects of high quality.

**“Mentoring from A to Z”** in 2017 - the aim of the project was to develop and improve the competences of mentors in dealing with longterm volunteers and thus to ensure the implementation of LTV/EVS projects of high quality by providing an adequate, prepared and trained personal support system for the volunteers.

**“Human Rights from A to Z”** - the aim of the project was to cover the basics on the topic of Human Rights and Forced Migration and to inspire activists to seek and actively contribute to change in their local community, Europe and the world. More information about the project can be found [here](#).

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## Visual Storytelling from A to Z

Training course, Preliminary Program

6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020, Lozen, near SOFIA, BULGARIA

	06.04.2020 Monday	07.04.2020 Tuesday	08.04.2020 Wednesday	09.04.2020 Thursday	10.04.2020 Friday	11.04.2020 Saturday	12.04.2020 Sunday	13.04.2020 Monday	14.04.2020 Tuesday	15.04.2020 Wednesday		
8:00-9:15	<i>Breakfast</i>											
9:30-11:00	Arrival	Welcome and orientation	Raising Gender literacy	Raising visual arts skills	Workstations	Action plan	Visual stories become real	Visual stories become real	Visual stories become real	Evaluation		
11:00-11:30		<i>Coffee break</i>										
11:30-13:00		Welcome and orientation	Raising Gender literacy	Raising visual arts skills	Workstations	Action plan	Visual stories become real	Visual stories become real	Visual stories become real	Departure		
13:00-15:00		<i>Lunch and lunch break</i>										
15:00-16:30		Raising Gender literacy	Raising visual arts skills	Meet the experts	Free afternoon	Action plan	Visual stories become real	Visual stories become real	Visual stories become real			
16:30-17:00		<i>Coffee break</i>										
17:00-18:00	Welcome and orientation	Raising Gender literacy	Raising visual arts skills	Meet the experts	Free afternoon	Action plan	Visual stories become real	Visual stories become real	Certification ceremony			
18:00-18:30	<i>Dear Diary</i>											
19:00-20:30	<i>Dinner</i>											
20:30-...	Evening panel	Evening panel	Free evening	Evening panel	Free evening	Evening panel	Free evening	Evening panel	Goodbye party			

\*The program is structured in panels which build up the knowledge step by step.

\*\*The panels in the first part of the program are to give inputs and information about gender and visual arts using non-formal education methods.

\*\*\*The panels in the second part of the program are more practical aiming to have visual materials ready at the end of the activity.