

Hard topics

TRAINING ON DIALOGUE FOR YOUTH WORKERS AND EDUCATORS

18-23 March, 2024

Stella Maris Guesthouse, Domaszék, Hungary



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ON THE PROJECT

The **Hard Topics** project addresses the challenge of the lack of conversation on social issues among young people. We live in a society with rising social polarization, enclosed in media bubbles and find it difficult to have a constructive conversation with people with different opinions. The project brings new methods and approaches to dialogue training, useful for youth workers, teachers and others working with young people across Europe.

A web app is being developed to help youth workers and teachers conduct "dates of political opponents". Dialogue workshops for young people and a handbook for practitioners are also being developed. Both app and workshop will be presented and implemented during the training. The project is also exploring the extent to which school systems are training young people in dialogue.

The project is implemented by partners from four countries: Austria, Croatia, Hungary and Slovenia. It is co-funded by Erasmus+ programme and runs from 2022 to 2025. It will directly involve more than 850 young people and more than 100 youth workers.

AFTER THE TRAINING

After the training, the participants are invited to try the methods in their local communities, based on the workshops and results presented during the training. The participants will be supported by the partner organizations via mentoring.

Calendar:

- **April-May:** organize 1/2 dialogue workshop in the local community
- **June:** online meeting with all the participants of the training, to collect feedback and recommendations

THE PARTNERS

1	Socialna akademija (socialna-akademija.si)	Slovenia
2	Iniciativ Angola Spenden - Patenschaft - Volontariat	Austria
3	Documenta – Centar za suočavanje s prošlošču	Croatia
4	KatHÁZ	Hungary

COSTS

Traveling to Szeged and back, accommodation, meals and all program activities during the event are fully covered by the organizers.

TRAVEL COSTS

The travel costs will be reimbursed **by the sending organization**, based on the cheapest and closest to the venue possibilities (second class railway tickets, bus tickets, low-cost flights), accompanied by the receipt of complete and original tickets, invoices, bills, receipts, or boarding pass.

The maximum contribution for travel costs for one person, from hometown to Szeged and back is the following:

Country	Max contribution per person in euro
Austria	180 euro
Croatia	180 euro
Slovenia	180 euro

The project team will reimburse the tickets to the participants **after** the conclusion of the event.

CHECK LIST FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT:

1. Regular plane tickets must be accompanied:

- by the original invoice (signed and stamped)/receipt/pay order/proof of payment
- the boarding pass (the small ticket with QR code you receive before boarding the plane)
- the prices stated in the invoices, receipts etc. must coincide with the price on the ticket

2. Electronic air tickets must be:

- printed out and include your name, the exact fare you paid, details of your flight on the same page
- provided along with the credit card receipt for the payment or a copy of your bank statement (clearly showing the payment has been made)
- given in with the boarding pass (ticket with QR code)

NOTES:

- Some airlines print “passenger receipt” at the top of the cardboard ticket. It is not accepted as a receipt of proof of payment. Therefore, if you book your tickets online, please, make sure to print out the e-mail you receive from the airline company upon the payment, stating how much and how you paid.
- If you use an App for booking your plane, be sure to save or screenshot the boarding passes, as they disappear from the application after you have used them.

3. Train/Bus tickets

- It is important that that arrival and departure time as well as the price are visible (+ invoices if available)

Other important details:

- Missing or lost tickets are not reimbursed
- Booking paper alone is not enough
- Any costs for taxi are not reimbursed
- Return tickets must be bought in advance before the journey

The travel must take place on the direct way within maximum 2 days from the dates of beginning and ending of the event. In case of long pauses or indirect routes (holiday travel), there is no reimbursement of travel costs.

TRAVELING TO HUNGARY

We would like to welcome you all **on the 18th of March**, to start with the program.

The training will be at “Stella Maris” (Webpage: <https://kathaz.hu/szolgalatas/stella-maris/>); located in Domaszék.

The participants will meet in the working space of the partner organization KatHaz, in Szeged, and reach Stella Maris together.

Meeting location is: **6720 Szeged, Dugonics tér 12., Katház**

Traveling by plane: we advise you to check for connections to the Budapest airport. To reach Szeged from Budapest, you will need to take a train in Nyugati pályaudvar. The closest train station to Budapest Airport Terminal 2 is Ferihegy. You need to take a bus (200E) to get to

the train station, which stops right in front of the airport. Here you can check the timetable and ticket prices: <https://jegy.mav.hu/jegy/vonat> (from Ferihegy to Szeged). Also, you can buy your ticket online and at the train station there.

Traveling by train: From the Nyugati pályaudvar station in Budapest, you will find a direct train connection to Szeged.

Traveling by bus: There is no direct connection between Budapest and Szeged. There are a few options, where you should change the bus. The options are available here: <https://www.menetrendek.hu/> I would recommend you to come with the train or by car.

ACCOMMODATION

Stella Maris guest house, Domaszék, Hungary

Webpage: <https://kathaz.hu/szolgalatas/stella-maris/>

Location:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/46%C2%B013'37.1%22N+20%C2%B002'20.9%22E/@46.2270088,20.0387243,114m/data=!3m1!1e3!4m4!3m3!8m2!3d46.2269722!4d20.0391389?entry=ttu>

You will need: slippers for inside programs. Shower gel, shampoo, toothpaste, hairdryer, towel.



PROGRAM

March 18	March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23
Arrival of participants in Szeged and common transport to Domaszék	Presentation of the project	Non violent communication and its methods	Open space (experience of the participants with dialogue)	Applying dialogue as facilitators	Departure of participants
	Why dialogue? Dealing with polarization in our societies and on a personal level				
	Introduction to dialogue: What is it? What is needed for dialogue?	Controversy with civility & Brave space: Disagreeing in dialogue	Emotional self-regulation and processing emotions	Sharing and self-reflection	
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
	Results of dialogue: understanding the 3rd alternative	Meet your political opponent (introduction to the web application)	Asking Powerful questions	Next steps - action plan	
Getting to know each other	Deep Listening workshop	Trust building vulnerability: myself and the others	Free time in Szeged	Evaluation and closing	
Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner in Szeged	Dinner	

HOW TO APPLY

The event is open to youth workers from the partner countries. **The call is open until March 6th.** To apply, please contact your country representative at:

Country	Contact
Austria	marija.seme@angola.at
Croatia	alice.straniero@documenta.hr
Hungary	zsuzsika.farkas@gmail.com
Slovenia	prijave@socialna-akademija.si



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