



Call for partners Project « Mentoring from A to Z»

Dear partners,

CVS-Bulgaria has developed and successfully implemented a project “EVS from A to Z” in 2015 which main goal was to build and extend the capacity of the organizations in planning, implementing and evaluating EVS projects of high quality. You can read more information about the project [here](#). Based on the positive experience and the need of the organizations in providing an efficient support to the EVS volunteers during their learning and service journeys, we are planning to apply for a **project “Mentoring form A to Z” for the first Round of the Erasmus+ programme, the deadline February, 2nd 2017**. The project will be a further step in organizing and implementing LTV/EVS projects of high quality **by developing and improving the competences of mentors of longterm volunteers** thus providing an adequate, prepared and trained personal support system for the volunteers. **The training course is for all those organizations who would like to encourage and develop their mentors, to share good practices and learning experiences on supporting longterm volunteers as well as to create a network of mentors within the network who could act themselves as a support systems in the future projects.**

The training course «Mentoring from A to Z » will gather **30 representatives of organizations (mentors)** for **7 days** willing to start to support or have already been working with longterm volunteers and willing to improve their skills in supporting the volunteers.

We are looking for **partner organizations** from the **Erasmus+ programme countries and neighbouring countries** willing to be actively participating and involved during the whole project. Please have a look at the description of the training course and if interested, get back to us as soon as possible. Please also share **how many participants** you would like to send to the training course.

Information about the project «Mentoring from A to Z »

Aim and objective of the training course

The **aim** of the project is 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.



Objectives:

- To gain and improve competences to deal with the uniqueness of the volunteer in terms of personality, culture and learning styles
- To explore the life cycle of a longterm project and the rights, responsibilities and roles of the main stakeholders
- To understand better the different support systems and the specific role of the mentor
- To learn and practice tools that could be used during the mentoring process
- To increase the competence for conflict transformation and how to deal with challenging situations and support the volunteers while going through such
- To explore further the concept of non-formal and informal learning, self-directed learning, Youtpass and learn practical steps on how to support the learning development of the volunteers
- To create personal development planning according to each mentor's needs
- To offer a safe, creative and sharing space for the exchange of good practices, learning experiences, ideas and development of new partnerships
- To increase the knowledge in general about Erasmus+ Programme and the opportunities it provides

Dates and venue of the training course

The training will take place in July 2017, specific dates still to be fixed (5 full working days and two days - 1 arrival and 1 departure days) in Bulgaria.

Profile of the participants

The training course is for **current and future mentors** and tutors of longterm volunteers.

Working language of the activities – English

Travel costs - Reimburse of the travel tickets will be done according to the rules of the Erasmus+ programme based on distance calculation and at receipt of original documents.

(Distance band calculator, 100-499 km = 180 euro, 500-1999 km = 275 euro, 2000-2999 km = 360 euro, 3000-3999 km = 530 euro, 4000-7999 km = 820 euro)

Insurance should be organized by the participants themselves.

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

If you are interested in becoming a partner organization, please send the attached **Partner identification form** and **Mandate letter** (stamped, signed and scanned) by **23rd January 5pm CET** to cvs.katerina@gmail.com

We will need the **original mandate letter** as well, to be sent to:

CVS-Bulgaria
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1113 Sofia
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For any further questions, please contact us at cvs.katerina@gmail.com

Information about CVS-Bulgaria

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) and a full member of South Eastern European Youth Network (SEEYN - 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 14 years we have been working with more than 100 longterm and shortterm EVS volunteers.