**Competence development in Youth for Human Rights -**

**Survey “Competence development and capacity building on Human Rights Education in the field of youth”**

**General Outline of the project:**

**’Youth for Human Rights!’** is a networking project of eight different Erasmus+ National Agencies of

the European programme **Erasmus+: Youth in Action**. The **Estonian National Agency Archimedes**

**Foundation** is responsible for the overall coordination, further partners are: **Agence du service Civique** (France), **German National Agency JUGEND für Europa, Interkulturelles Zentrum** (Austria), **JINT – International Youth Work Coordination Agency** (Belgium Flanders), **Agency for International Programmes for Youth** (Latvia), **Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes** (Croatia) and **IUVENTA - Slovak Youth Institute** (Slovakia).

The **general objectives** of the project are about preventing violent radicalisation and promoting

democratic values, fundamental rights, intercultural understanding and active citizenship through

human rights education (HRE).

The **specific objectives** are to improve the acquisition of social and civic competences and to foster

knowledge, understanding and ownership of democratic values and fundamental rights.

The **expected results** of the networking project are:

 Firstly, to achieve an overview of actors, concepts, educational resources, training needs,

approaches of training of trainers, of youth workers and of youth work students as well as of

Erasmus+ NA staff on HRE in the field of youth at European and at national level.

 Secondly, concepts and curricula for training of trainers, of youth workers and of Erasmus+

NA’s staff on human rights education are to be developed and tested trough an expert group, further adapted and implemented. For this purpose expert analysis of and recommendations for the adaptation and/or development of training tools and materials on HRE suitable for the field of youth is needed.

 Thirdly, competent trainers, youth workers and Erasmus+ NA’s staff are to be trained on HRE

and a consistant strategy for promoting HRE through youth work and Erasmus+:YiA

programme is to be developed, at local, regional, national or transnational level.

 And fourthly, easily accessible HRE related information, best practice and educational

resources will be made available online. Policy recommendations at national and

transnational level will be published as well.

**To accompany this project with a scientific base, a survey based on RAY methodology on competence and capacity development is foreseen:**

**Aims & Objectives:**

The proposed survey aims to explore training processes and outcomes of Youth for Human Rights capacity building of trainers and youth workers. Also, effects on the mainstreaming of Human Rights Education in the youth field will be assessed.

Particularly, the study aims to explore how the project activities contribute to competence development of trainers and youth workers, how they contribute to youth work practice and how collaboration platforms emerge out of the activities ensuring that children and young people acquire social, civic and intercultural competences, by promoting democratic values and fundamental rights, social inclusion and non-discrimination, as well as active citizenship.

**Objectives:**

* Analysis of Human Rights Education- related key competences acquired and used by youth workers and if possible youth field trainers’
* Analysis of the role of the youth workers and if possible youth field trainers with regards to Human Rights Education the youth field

**Possible Questions:**

* Verify development of youth workers and if possible youth field trainers’ Human Rights Education- related key competences through the projects’ capacity building activities
* Verify development of youth workers and if possible youth field trainers’ Human Rights Education- related key competences through implementation of personal practice projects
* Which youth workers and youth field trainers’ Human Rights Education related key competences were increased?
* Verify use of gained knowledge and skills in youth workers and if possible youth field trainers’ work
* Verify if youth workers and if possible youth field trainers’ became active multipliers of Human Right Education and conducted own projects
* Verify if youth workers and if possible youth field trainers’ feel empowered to take an active role in mainstreaming Human Rights Education as a result of capacity building and support to network activities

**Implementation of the survey:**

The survey should be implemented by researchers through participation in training and support activities offered in the project (training of trainers and national youth worker trainings), if possible based on the Erasmus+ RAY research design and implementation methodology (e.g. 10 youth field actors participating in projects capacity building and networking activities will be interviewed from each partner country, mostly qualitative research)

The analysis of the survey results (partner countries data analysis will be translated into English) will feed the transnational synthesis report which will be published and results also in a Policy Brieftransferring the results into practice in the field of youth.

**Outputs:**

**RAY Transnational synthesis report** will be published online and will provide evidence to what extent have the training and support activities implemented in the project contributed to competence development of youth workers and youth leaders on Human Rights Education and how are learning outcomes transferred into practice. The survey report will also outline how could the findings contribute to quality development of training/support strategies and youth work/training/support practice linked to Human Rights Edication in the context of E+/YiA, including the work of National Agencies in this respect, in particular through dissemination and exploitation. Youth work competences, in particular related to international youth work and youth work with a European Dimension, but also to youth work in general; in this respect the study should take into account existing literature and frameworks for (international) youth work such as the European Training Strategy (see Bergstein, García López, & Teichmann, 2014), the portfolio on youth work of the Council of Europe (Council of Europe, 2007) and related studies (see European Commission, 2014; Pantea, 2012)

**RAY Policy brief** on the other hand provides insights and rationale for a particular targeted discussion on youth sectors practice and potential when Human Righst Education is concerned and feeds the related youth work policy debate and serves as an impetus for action. The Policy Brief will be published online and on paper.

**Budget:**

The overall budget for the survey is 6000€, including, design, implementation, analysis, report and creation of policy brief.

**Timeline:**

training of trainers: May 2019

national youth work trainings June- December 2018

Due date for the report and policy Brief: 06-2019