

## KEY – Knowledge Exchange about Youth Participation

### Project of EUNET Working Group: Active participation of Youth – Exchange among organisations

Brno, Czech Republic, 17. 05. 2016. The project K E Y - Knowledge Exchange about Youth Participation is first (pilot) project of EUNET Working Group: Active participation of Youth - Exchange among organisations that was supported by Erasmus+ programme. Goal of the working group is to enhance cooperation among member organizations of EUNET and contribute to further development of our everyday work (especially with young people) thanks to the exchanges of good practice among member organizations.

Project KEY is focused on the exchange of knowledge, experience, and know-how in the field of non-formal and informal civic education of the youth. Bringing together experienced professionals and young professionals from non-governmental organisations based in the Czech Republic, Germany, and Slovakia, it will lead to evaluation and improvement of methods used in youth work, acquisition of new skills, professionalization of their work, and strengthening of cross-border cooperation. Ultimately, the aim of the project is to contribute to increased European awareness, active civic engagement, and participation of young people through simulation of democratic decision making. Main organiser and coordinator of the project is Czech NGO EUTIS, o.p.s., project partners are other EUNET members – Karl-Arnold-Stiftung e.V. (Germany) and Centrum pre európsku politiku (Slovakia).

The key activity of the project is a eight day seminar taking place from June 24th to July 1st 2016 in Cologne. 12 participants - 4 from each of the organisations - will take part in the project. The seminar will include various activities. Apart of the presentation of the participating organisations, their activities, and experience, discussions about civic education and role of simulation games in it, participants will have the opportunity to actively take part in a simulation organised in a local school by the German partners and understand the opinions and attitudes of the students. Participants of the project will also join the students on a study trip to Brussels and discuss with European politicians, experts and officials in seats of European institutions.

The project will result in the participants gaining new experience, skills, and methods of youth work, and improving the methods already in use. Another positive impact will be the creation of a network of cooperating European organisations which will enrich future projects and connect the practitioners from the respective organisations and young people from the European Union member states. The project will also deepen and promote the experience with the Erasmus+ programme and help the participants that don't have experience with mobility programmes yet.

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