

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

#REFUGEEPANORAMA

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WORKSHOP/CONFERENCE/PROJECT MARKET/STUDYVISIT

Background:

Refugees have always been a part of European history. Yet it didn't occur until the war in Syria has triggered the an enormous refugee influx to the old continent that the citizens of Europe were confronted with a highly complex phenomenon that left many in uncertainty about its nature and future implications. Building on this uncertainty, an upsurge in far-right and populist movements could be observed in many countries, leading to increased xenophobic sentiments. A survey conducted by the Bertelsmann-Stiftung in early 2017 with 3000 young Europeans from Austria, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia – the Danube region - revealed their opinion regarding the refugees residing in their countries. The findings showed that they overwhelmingly disapproved of them: between 60 and 70% considered refugees as a danger to their society's security and order, while more than 70% opposed the idea of hosting any refugees at all. (<http://bit.ly/bertelsmannpdf>)

This is why the Young Citizens Danube Network (YCDN) has developed the Compass Workshop, an educational tool tackling the phenomenon of xenophobia and integration. The interactive format encourages groups of pupils to exchange and discuss their views on refugees and migrants in their country and daily lives.

In the spirit of best practice exchange, we now invite youth leaders from like-minded organizations and initiatives, as well as active university students, to attend our #refugeepanorama conference and learn how to be an official Compass Workshop facilitator, share experiences with each other and to present their own running projects.

What #refugeeparorama offers:

- A project market to promote your project and foster cooperation among the participating organizations and activists;
- Conference with round table discussion and invited experts;
- A facilitator's training based on our Compass Toolkit;
- A study visit with free social programmes including a thematic city tour and a movie night

About the training:

The Compass Toolkit is a comprehensive educational resource created by the staff of the Young Citizens Danube Network. With the help of both printed materials and online mentoring, participants of the conference will be fully equipped to carry out the Compass Workshop independently after the end of the event.

The conference:

- 4 days;
- Full travel reimbursement;
- Free accommodation;
- Free meals incl. breakfast and lunch;
- Free social program incl. thematic city tour and movie night.


Who we are looking for:

Youth leaders and university students from the Danube region (Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Serbia) and Poland who are engaged members of a youth organization or youth initiative. A good command of English is a must.

What we expect:

in order to fully complete the cycle of best practice exchange, participants will be asked to organize two Compass Workshops in their home country within 6 months after the conference and send us a 1 page report including pictures.

**Apply now until the 20th
September 2017 under:
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