



"Visual AIDs in Youth Work"

ERASMUS+ Training Course



GENERAL INFORMATION

Title: **"Visual AIDs in Youth Work"**

Place: **Murzasichle (Zakopane), Poland**

Date: **18.11 - 26.11.2023**

- 18.11.2023 is arrival day
- 26.11.2023 is departure day

Participants: **30 youth workers, 20+ years old**

Partners: Romania, Slovakia, Lithuania, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria and Greece.

**Please select 3 participants for this project ,
gender balance is recommend but not obligatory.**



Zakopane is located in the southern part of Podhale region, near Kraków, at the foot of the Tatra Mountains. Zakopane is called „the winter capitol of Poland“ it's a center of Highlander culture and winter sports.

See more on:

<http://www.discoverzakopane.com/index.html>

<http://www.zakopane.pl/>



How to reach Zakopane



There are two nearest airports – one in Kraków (KRK), and one in Katowice (KTW). These airports and cities are very well connected with Zakopane thanks to buses, which run from the early morning to the late evening. The cost of the bus Katowice-Zakopane is about €15-20 and Kraków-Zakopane is about €6-8.

Please, plan your travel to Krakow Airport (KRK) or Krakow Main Station and we will provide you with the schedule of buses to Zakopane. It is also easy to reach Zakopane from Katowice Airport (KTW) by direct bus or by a connection that goes through Krakow Main Station.

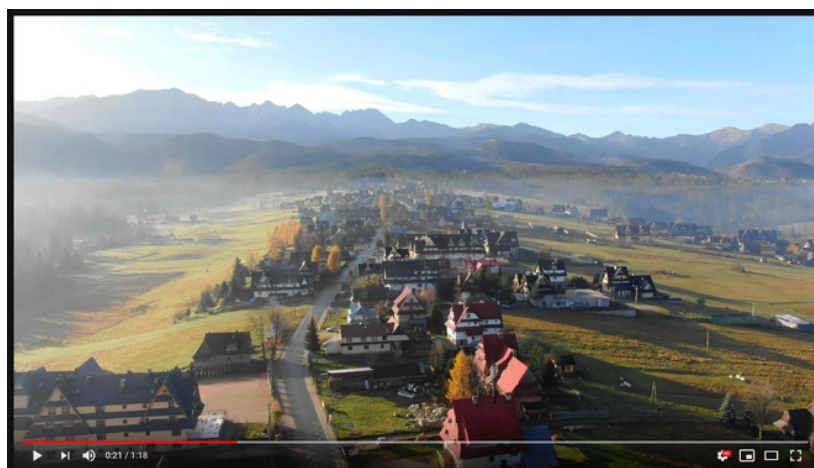
The training course will be hosted in „U Tołki” resort. The participants will be accommodated in rooms for 2, 3 and 4 people, each room with an en-suite bathroom. There will be a conference room at our disposal, where we will work and do programme activities.

See more on:

<http://www.utoski.pl/pl,dw-u-toski-2>



Click the following printscreen to see the nice shots presenting the beauty of surroundings in which our project will take place. This aerial video were recorded by dron in October 2022 during one of our project. Almost all shots come from above our hotel.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kxRyM76oFMY>

About the project

Our training course is aiming to provide basic skills and experiences to youth workers in use of visual thinking and graphic facilitation methods in their youth work.

Visual thinking is a way to organize your thoughts and improve your ability to think and communicate. It's a great way to convey complex or potentially confusing information. If your ideas can't be drawn, they can't be done. Visual thinking is a vital skill for developing new ideas, communicating those ideas effectively and collaborating with others to make them real. Drawing is a natural process for thinking, exploring ideas and learning. Every child enjoys drawing — but at some point in our lives we learn that drawing is the province of artists. This is a fallacy. You can draw and when you were a kid you knew it. You just forgot. During this training course we will develop the graphic facilitation skills (both manual and digital) that can be used in the context of non-formal learning and youth work.

This is an introductory course to graphical facilitation and visual thinking. It is addressed to beginners and no prior knowledge in drawing or digital graphic facilitation is required. We will develop us as visual thinkers starting from the basics.

What we will learn:

- Introduction to visual thinking and graphic facilitation methods,
- applying of basic shapes, elements and steps of graphic facilitation,
- create your own visual vocabulary (known as 8th step of graphic facilitation),
- to work with graphical markers and tools (graphical markers and outliners),
- introduction to basic use of Adobe Illustrator and work with drawing tablets.

What we will not learn:

- advanced artistic drawing, art or graphic design,
- advanced use of Adobe Illustrator or other graphic software.



To learn more about what you can expect during our project just take a look on the following promotional movies from the projects that our group were implementing in years 2018-2022



<https://www.youtube.com/@associationgrupadzialania9418>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O98bxyetH1c>



Dissemination and promotion of the project results is a very important element of the entire project. For several years, our Association has been developing very intensively towards the use of visual materials in the promotion of our activities. The results of our efforts are promotional videos from our projects. A promotional video will be prepared from this project as well. Active involvement of participants in the promotion of the project is the responsibility of each participant, which is a requirement established by the Erasmus+ program guidelines. During our project we will take photos and record short video clips. You may not agree for the usage of your individual pictures, videos and close-ups. **However, we still have the right to use photos and clips in which you are in the group of other participants. A group is understood to be three or more people.**

Project lifetime:

Planning and preparation

Implementation

Dissemination
of project results

Participants profile

Participants should be 20+ years old, motivated to take part in all stages of the project (preparation, realization, follow up), have a fluent command of English language, the gender balance in the group is advisable but not compulsory.

Participants must be youth workers or local youth leaders, able to use the new gained skills and experiences in their youth work.

Team

The training course programme activities will be implemented by experienced team of trainers from Poland and Romania.



Milena
Poland - team



Ola
Poland - team



Alex
Romania - trainer



Marcin
Poland - trainer

Weather conditions

The average temperature at the end of November in Zakopane is between 10 °C and 0°C during the day. Please check accuweather.com for current weather forecast.

Currency in Poland

The Polish currency is Polish Zloty (PLN), 1 EURO is about 4.55 PLN (the exchange rate change from 4.40 to 4.70 for 1 EUR)

Insurance

The participants are required by Erasmus+ programme to have a valid travel insurance for the whole period of the project including the travel days or the European health insurance card.

Language

The official language of the project will be english. All the workshops and sessions will be implemented in english.

Food requirements

Apart of standard nutrition based on regional cuisine we are able to provide vegetarian and vegan food. If your medical condition requires special nutrition you must consult with us before your arrival to the project if we are able to fill your needs.

Costs and travel reimbursement

Food, accomodation and materials during the training course are fully provided.

The travel costs will be reimbursed as soon as you send us all necessary documents such as tickets and boarding cards.

Eligible means of transport are:

- Plane/Train/bus,
- Traveling by taxi, uber or rented bus is ineligible transportation and can be accept only(!) if public transport does not operate.

Eligible means of transport considered as "**green travel**" are:

- Bus,
- Train,
- Car pooling (if beforehand accepted by coordinator).

For the travel reimbursement purpose participants must provide to the coordinator their tickets, bills and boarding cards in electronic or physical form that includes price, connection description and name of participant (in case of flight tickets). For your plain ticket we will need also your boarding card for each single connection. All the documents need to be delivered in electronic version (PDF) or physical form. Even though you use the mobile app on your phone, download the pdf to send it to us. Because of accounting rules we can NOT accept print screens from your phone.

The E+ Programme and polish National Agency require from participants to use the time and cost efficient way of transportation. To ensure that obligation we require from participants to:

- before purchasing any plain ticket consult it with us. We expect to be informed about the choosen connection including time, date and price of your flight. The following information should be delivered to us (grupadzialania@interia.eu) before you purchase your tickets. **Before purchasing flight tickets receive our written confirmation. Otherwise you risk your ticket will not be reimburse.**
- tickets for flight connections buy directly by flight operator. We will **not accept** bills from external operators or travel agencys.

In case participants want to come earlier or depart later from a project venue, they can only arrive 2 days before the training course starting date and depart 2 days after the training course end date, in order to still be eligible for travel cost reimbursement. In that case participants must cover their own expenses in that additional days (accomodation, food etc.) and consult this with the coordinator.

Travel reimbursement can be fully removed to the people who:

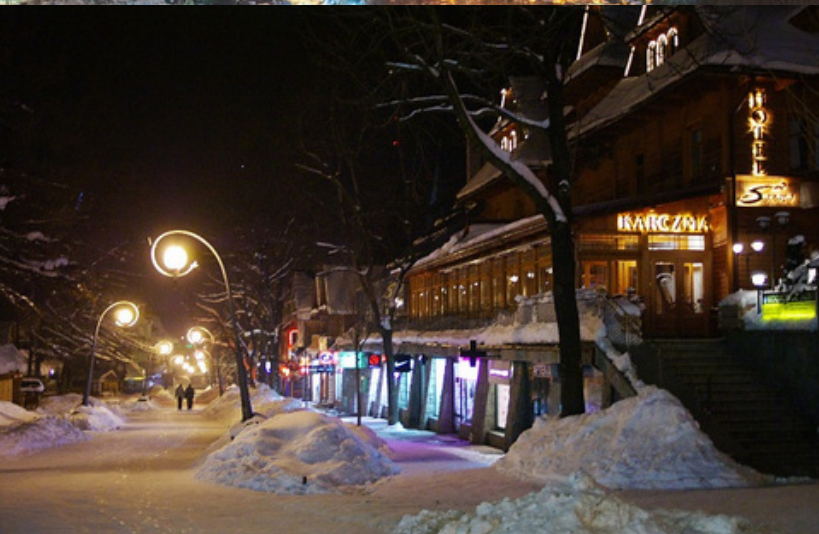
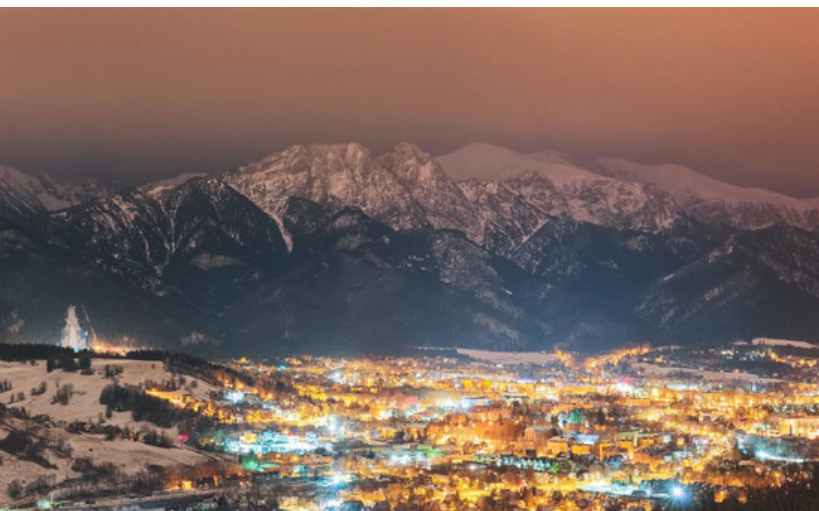
- do not take part in the whole length of the training course or skip the workshops (hangover is not a reason for that).
- repeatedly break the basic rules and not react to warnings or commit serious misbehavior,
- do not contribute to the dissemination phase of the project.

Maximal travel costs reimbursement for the following countries:

Country	Role	Travel reimbursement limit (per person) standard travel	Travel reimbursement limit (per person) green travel
Poland	Coordinator	--	21 EUR
Slovakia, Lithuania	Partner organisation	170 EUR	200 EUR
Romania, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece	Partner organisation	265 EUR	310 EUR
Spain	Partner organisation	350 EUR	--

* we've decreased your maximum travel cost reimbursement limit by 10 EUR to cover your transfer between Zakopane bus/train station and accomodation place. Your transfer on arrival and departure day will be provided by our team.





In case of any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us:

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"If the pen is truly mightier than the sword, then we visual thinkers bring an arsenal to battle"