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“FEMALES: Fighting Exclusion through Migration Awareness Leading Empowerment Skills”

Lviv, Ukraine

1-9 September 2015

Presentation of the Seminar:

This seminar, that will take place in Lviv (Ukraine) from September 1st to September 9th 2015, is aimed at experienced youth and social workers and volunteers, who want to acquire key competencies in promoting social inclusion processes by the employability of disadvantaged women and young girls and victims of violence. It will bring together 42 participants from Algeria, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Serbia, Estonia, Italia, Norway, Spain, Georgia, Sweden, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Bulgaria, France and Ukraine.

The partners were chosen during different seminars, trainings, networking conferences and activities, and through the professional experiences of the members of AFJIC.

During these occasions, all the participants agreed on that they can see certain difficulties, especially for immigrant girls living in disadvantaged neighborhoods and victims of violence, in their search for employment and empowerment, and that there is a need to train youth and social workers in these issues. The results of the exchanges between the partners, even if they are from different regions (Europe, Meda, Southeast Europe, the East and Caucasus), have made it possible to highlight and identify the similarities in contexts, and the needs of the participants involved in the seminar are:

- Lack of knowledge, aptitudes and attitudes regarding gender approach among experienced youth and social workers and volunteers
- Lack of sharing, analysis and exchange of good practices in women's entrepreneurship as a lever for empowerment and social inclusion
- The need to identify and manage stereotypes connected to gender and immigration in youth work
- The need to improve the quality of work in non-formal and intercultural education, integrating the gender approach in associations and among youth workers
- The need to promote and implement mechanisms and dynamics at a European and an international level to encourage the promotion of equality between the genders and equal opportunities

Following these meetings, and the identification of the needs and findings mentioned above, the idea of the project was developed with the objective of developing the networks and deepen the competencies of responsible associations and youth leaders on the issues and causes of violence against women, especially in migrant communities, providing them with tools to facilitate empowerment, while reinforcing transversal skills and the entrepreneurial spirit of women that are victims of violence.

The activities of the seminar directly respond to the general and specific objectives of the project using the methods of non formal education.

In the beginning of the project, the definition of concepts related to violence against women, migration and socio-professional integration will enable youth workers to become familiar with these concepts and the links between them.

This includes exchanges, discussions, sharing of good practices, and panel discussions on the challenges faced by women. This will allow the responsible association leaders to increase their knowledge in the local realities of the participating countries. The sharing of good practices related to the fight against violence against women, will allow the participants to analyze and discover new methods and tools, with which they can be inspired to improve their youth work in their respective organizations, as well as develop new projects related to the theme. As for women's entrepreneurship, several activities, such as the presentation of women's cooperatives, sharing projects of the integration and employability of disadvantaged women, are intended to enhance the knowledge of youth workers, as well as to provide tools that they can use in their work with women's empowerment.

General objectives of the seminar:

To develop networks and deepen the skills of NGO leaders and youth workers on the issues and causes of violence against women, including migrant communities, by providing them with tools facilitating empowerment, while reinforcing transversal competences and entrepreneurial spirit of women victims of violence.

Specific objectives of the seminar:

- To train youth workers, social workers and experienced volunteers and the association leaders to enable them to acquire knowledge and tools to fight violence against women through enhancing their skills and empowerment;
- To stimulate the understanding, analysis of the realities and sharing best practices on migration issues and violence, in terms of socio-economic integration of victims in different countries of Europe, Caucasus and the Mediterranean;
- To fight against stereotypes on migrant and gender, to act in favor of the promotion of gender equality and socio-economic inclusion of women and marginalized girls;
- Provide tools to participating organizations and youth workers and develop their skills, attitudes and knowledge in the field of management of inclusion projects to promote gender equality in professional integration while taking into account the European dimension and the gender approach;
- To develop and strengthen partnerships and networks by creating new international and multipliers projects between organizations that work with the same target group.

Target group:

The seminar is addressed to people working professionally and face-to-face with disadvantaged young women and youth (educators, pedagogues, social workers, youth leaders) facing gender-based violence, discrimination and exclusion.

Dates : 1-9 september 2015

Place : Lviv, Ukraine

Financial conditions:

Food and accommodation will be provided during the dates of the seminar.



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You will be reimbursed up until the maximum amount allowed per person, from your country to Lviv (Ukraine), during the project dates (arrival: 1st September 2015, departure: 9th September 2015):

During the seminar:

Reimbursement of 50% of the ticket cost, provided that you:

- sent by e-mail the document Travel Information completed, accompanied by an invoice and a copy of the flight ticket
- have the original invoices (visa, flight ticket, and other expenses)
- have your boarding pass, train ticket, bus ...

After the seminar:

After receiving everyone documents for the way back (boarding pass return ...), and having received the second part of the funding from the National Agency, the remaining 50% will be reimbursed by money transfer (in January).

- 50€ of participation fee for the seminar (withheld from the reimbursement of travel expenses)

Contact:

In order to participate in the project, please send us back the filled questionnaire for **the 20th of May 2015**, at the latest, at the email: femalesproject@gmail.com

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