

# LET'S BECOME YOUNG EUROPEAN CITIZENS IN SICILY!

## EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP

### YOUTH EXCHANGE

### BIANCAVILLA, SICILY, ITALY

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DÍNAMO + VEDOGIOVANE

#### PROJECT GENERAL INFO

## WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT IT?

DÍNAMO AND YOUTH VEDOGIOVANE PRESENTS YOU THIS EXCITING YOUTH EXCHANGE ON EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP. HERE IS ALL THE GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT.

#### PROJECT SUMMARY

THE PROJECT **"LET'S BECAME YOUNG EUROPEAN CITIZENS IN SICILY"** STARTS FROM EXPERIENCES MATURED IN THE 5.1 ACTION THAT INVOLVED 40 YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. AFTER THIS REWARDING AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE, SOME PARTICIPANTS DECIDED TO STIMULATE THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY TO DEVELOP A WELCOME ACTION OF YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THE SAME AGE, TO SHARE WITH THEM THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE PREVIOUS PROJECT, IN PARTICULAR THROUGH A NON-FORMAL EDUCATION PROCESS. SO WE TRIED TO FIND A COMMON SYNTHESIS ABOUT THE MAIN THEME THAT YOUNGSTERS WERE INTERESTED TO DEVELOP. BIANCAVILLA MUNICIPALITY WILL BE THE PROMOTER OF THIS PROJECT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE COLLECTED IN A SPONTANEOUS ASSOCIATION. MUNICIPALITY WILL CONTRIBUTE ECONOMICALLY AND PROVIDING FACILITIES TO THE GROUP OF YOUNGSTERS AND TO THE PROJECT.

THE PROJECT WILL BE ORGANIZED INSIDE OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AND IN OTHERS LOCATIONS OF CATANIA'S DISTRICT. THE YOUNG PEOPLE COMING FROM 5 DIFFERENT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE HOST IN LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS. THE PROJECT WILL LAST 8 DAYS AND IS DIVIDED IN 3 PHASES: FIRST, GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER; SECOND, DISCUSSION ABOUT THE THEME OF THE PROJECT; THIRD, REALIZATION OF A COMMON SYNTHESIS. THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN 18-25 YEARS OLD. THE THEMES WILL BE: FIRST, **"FOSTER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES"** AND SECOND, **"PROMOTES YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN GENERAL AND THE EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP IN PARTICULAR"** TO REACH A FINAL COMMON SYNTHESIS, THROUGH A PARTICIPATIVE APPROACH OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE, WITHOUT SUBMIT THEM IN AN UNPRODUCTIVE PASSIVE LISTENING.

THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE EXCHANGE ARE: ITALY, PORTUGAL, SPAIN, HUNGARY, ESTONIA, POLAND. 48 YOUNG

PARTICIPANTS AND A TEAM OF 6 GROUP LEADERS WILL BE INVOLVED ON THE PROJECT.

THE AIMS, OBJECTIVES & PRIORITIES	
	<p><b>THE PROJECT:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PROMOTES YOUNG PEOPLE’S ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP IN GENERAL AND THEIR EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP IN PARTICULAR;</li> <li>FOSTERS MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES;</li> </ul> <p><b>PERMANENT THEMATIC PRIORITIES:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EUROPEAN CITIZENSHIP</li> <li>CULTURAL DIVERSITY</li> <li>INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE</li> </ul> <p><b>MAIN THEMES FOR THE ACTIVITY:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EUROPEAN AWARENESS</li> <li>YOUTH POLICIES</li> </ul>

**THE PROJECT METHODS & ACTIVITIES PLAN**

THE WORKING METHODS ARE BASED IN **NON-FORMAL EDUCATION** (AND NON-FORMAL LEARNING) PRINCIPLES WHILE HAVING A **HOLISTIC AND PROCESS-ORIENTED** APPROACH WHERE THE GROUP ‘**LEARN BY DOING**’ – EXPERIENTIALLY AND INTERACTIVELY - ENCOUNTERING NEW AND UNKNOWN SITUATIONS.

WE INTEND TO MIRROR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE THE **HIGH LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DECISION MAKING** WE KEPT DURING THE PROJECT CREATION.

	1 SEPTEMBER	2 SEPTEMBER	3 SEPTEMBER	4 SEPTEMBER
8:00	<b>WELCOME AND SETTLEMENT IN THE ACCOMODATION</b>	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
9:00		“GET TO KNOW EACH-OTHER” ACTIVITIES	“GROUP-BUILDING” ACTIVITIES	INTERCULTURAL GAMES IN TO THE BEACH
10:00				
11:00				
12:00		LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
13:00		ACTIVITIES TO EXPLORE THE VILLAGE WHERE THE GROUPS LIVE	VISIT ETNA MOUNTAIN	PREPARATION OF INTERCULTURAL DINNER
14:00				
15:00				
16:00				
17:00				
18:00				
19:00	EVALUATION IN NATIONAL GROUPS	EVALUATION IN NATIONAL GROUPS	EVALUATION IN NATIONAL GROUPS	
20:00	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER
21:00	ACTIVITIES TO KNOW EACH OTHER, TO SCAN THE ACCOMODATION AND TO LEARN RULES	GOING FOR A WALK IN CATANIA	ACTIVITIES TO LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT OTHER CULTURES	GOING FOR A WALK IN TAORMINA
22:00				
23:00				
00:00				
00:30	GROUP-LEADERS EVALUATION	GROUP-LEADERS EVALUATION	GROUP-LEADERS EVALUATION	GROUP-LEADERS EVALUATION
	5 SEPTEMBER	6 SEPTEMBER	7 SEPTEMBER	8 SEPTEMBER
8:00	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
9:00	ACTIVITIES IN	ACTIVITIES IN MIX GROUP TO PREPARE THE	INTERCULTURAL	GROUP-LEADERS EVALUATION
10:00				

11:00	MIX-GROUP	FINAL WORK OF THE PROJECT	GAMES IN TO THE BEACH	PREPARATION FOR THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROUPS
12:00				
13:00	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
14:00	CONFRONTATION ABOUT THE MORNING ACTIVITIES	ACTIVITIES IN MIX GROUP TO PREPARE THE FINAL WORKSHOP	WORKSHOP	GOODBYE
15:00				
16:00				
17:00				
18:00	PRELIMINARY ACTIVITY FOR THE DINNER	EVALUATION IN NATIONAL GROUPS		
19:00				
20:00	INTERCULTURAL DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	
21:00		GOING FOR A WALK AROUND BIANCAVILLA TO AWARENESS THE POPULATION FOR THE FINAL PARTY	FINAL PARTY	
22:00				
23:00	EVALUATION IN NATIONAL GROUPS			
00:00				
00:30	GROUP-LEADERS EVALUATION	GROUP-LEADERS EVALUATION		

THE ORGANISATION	
<p><b>DÍNAMO</b></p>  <p><a href="http://WWW.DINAMO.PT">WWW.DINAMO.PT</a></p> <p>YOUTH NGO FOR SOCIO-CULTURAL DYNAMIZATION</p> <p><b>PORTUGAL</b></p> 	<p>OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED IN APRIL 2008, DINAMO IS A PORTUGUESE NON-PROFIT YOUTH NGO FOR SOCIO-CULTURAL DYNAMIZATION.</p> <p>OUR MOTTO IS <b>“WE WAKE UP THE DORM”*</b>; OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO CREATE CULTURAL AND SOCIAL INPUTS IN THE (SUB)URBAN AREA WHERE WE LIVE (DINAMO’S CRADLE): RIO DE MOURO. FOR THIS, WE DON’T USE A SINGULAR/REGULAR LAYOUT OF OUR ACTIVITIES; WE USE THE LAYOUT THAT IS MORE USEFUL, INSTEAD. THIS MEANS THAT WE CAN DO SOCIAL ACTION, ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, OUTDOOR THEATRE, URBAN ARTS AND SPORTS, MUSIC, VIDEO, MULTIMEDIA, ETC...</p> <p>DÍNAMO IS A GROUP OF 70 ASSOCIATES, MOSTLY YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 17-25; WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. SINCE WE ARE COMPLETELY OPEN (AND ENCOURAGE) TO NEW ASSOCIATES, THE GROUP WILL KEEP GROWING. WE DEVELOP NUMEROUS ‘HOUSE-MADE’ PROJECTS BUT WE ALWAYS STUDY ‘OUTSIDE’ PROJECTS ASWELL, AND HELP OTHERS WHENEVER WE CAN.</p> <p>OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY (50.000 PEOPLE) IS STARTING TO RECOGNIZE DINAMO’S WORK AS A FUNDAMENTAL PIECE IN RIO DE MOURO’S SOCIO-CULTURAL SCENE; LOCAL AND REGIONAL MEDIA IS NOT AN EXCEPTION.</p> <p>BETWEEN OUR PROJECTS WE HIGHLIGHT THE <b>“ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP DAY”</b>, THE <b>“ACTIVE SCHOOLS YOUTH EXCHANGE”</b>, THE <b>“BLUE CHRISTMAS”</b>, THE <b>“AWAKEN PEOPLE”</b> AND THE <b>“ELECTORAL DEBATE 2009”</b> (PLEASE CHECK FURTHER INFO ON OUR WEBSITE).</p> <p>ALONG WITH THE ALREADY MADE PROJECTS WE ARE CURRENTLY DEVELOPING A LOCAL COMMUNITY FORUM, 3 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGES AND ANOTHER ONE IN THE PORTUGUESE CITY VISEU AS WELL AS SEVERAL LOCAL NON-FORMAL EDUCATION SEMINARS.</p> <p>WE ARE A PROUD MEMBER OF PAACS. (<a href="http://WWW.PAACS.PT">WWW.PAACS.PT</a>)</p> <hr/> <p><small>*DORM – IS A PORTUGUESE NICKNAME FOR SUBURBAN AREAS WHERE THE INHABITANTS TYPICALLY WORK IN THE METROPOLITAN CENTERS AND USE, MOST OF THE TIME, THEIR FLATS TO SLEEP.</small></p> <hr/> <p>DINAMO PARTICIPATED ON THE FOLLOWING <b>INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSES/SEMINARS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- “THE INBOX METHODOLOGY: A TOOLBOX FOR DEALING WITH DIVERSITY AND CONFLICT” (NETHERLANDS);</li> <li>- <b>“FACILITATION BEYOND FRONTIERS”</b> (SERBIA);</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- "STRUCTURED DIALOGUE" (PORTUGAL);</li> <li>- "TRAINING AND COOPERATION PLAN &amp; YOUTHPASS" (PORTUGAL);</li> <li>- "CATCH!" (NETHERLANDS);</li> <li>- "SOCIAL INCLUSION FORUM" (PORTUGAL);</li> <li>- "III PARTICIPATIVE BUDGET FORUM" (PORTUGAL).</li> </ul>
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**THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME & YOUTH EXCHANGES**

THIS PROJECT HAS THE **SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME** (EUROPEAN COMMISSION), UNDER THE **ACTION 1.1 – YOUTH EXCHANGES**.

ON 15 NOVEMBER 2006, THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL ADOPTED DECISION No 1719/2006 /EC, WHICH ESTABLISHES THE YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE PERIOD 2007 TO 2013. THIS DOCUMENT IS THE LEGAL BASIS OF THE PROGRAMME FOR ITS ENTIRE DURATION.

YOUTH IN ACTION IS THE EU PROGRAMME FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 15-28 (IN SOME CASES 13-30). IT AIMS TO INSPIRE A SENSE OF ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP, SOLIDARITY AND TOLERANCE AMONG YOUNG EUROPEANS AND TO INVOLVE THEM IN SHAPING THE UNION'S FUTURE.


**YOUTH IN ACTION IS A PROGRAMME FOR ALL!** IT PROMOTES MOBILITY WITHIN AND BEYOND THE EU BORDERS, NON-FORMAL LEARNING AND INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE, AND ENCOURAGES THE INCLUSION OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE, REGARDLESS OF THEIR EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BACKGROUND.

THE **AIM OF YOUTH EXCHANGES** IS TO GET GROUPS OF YOUNG PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES TOGETHER SO THEY CAN EXPLORE THEIR SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES. YOUTH EXCHANGES ARE TARGETED AT YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGE OF 13 AND 25. THEY RECEIVE THE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE SIGNIFICANT MUTUAL LEARNING SITUATIONS AND TO STRENGTHEN THEIR FEELING OF BEING EUROPEANS.

EACH EXCHANGE MUST HAVE A THEME THAT IS RELEVANT TO THE DAILY EXPERIENCES OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED BUT ALSO HAS A CLEAR EUROPEAN DIMENSION.

BY PARTICIPATING IN A YOUTH EXCHANGE, YOUNG PEOPLE GO THROUGH A **NON-FORMAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE**, WHICH IS RECOGNISED THROUGH A SPECIFIC CERTIFICATE CALLED **YOUTHPASS**.

**THE TEAM: GROUP LEADERS (PORTUGAL)**

<p><b>SÉRGIO XAVIER (DÍNAMO)</b></p> 	<p>PORTUGAL, 1980. DÍNAMO'S EXECUTIVE BOARD PRESIDENT SINCE 2008. INVOLVED IN YOUTH WORK SINCE 1999. 'TRADED' ARCHITECTURE FOR NGO WORK. PASSIONATE ABOUT NON-FORMAL EDUCATION, FACILITATION, TRAINING AND YOUTH WORK. HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN SEVERAL YOUTH PROJECTS AND INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSES RELATED TO YOUTH WORK, INCLUDING "FACILITATION BEYONDS FRONTIERS", SERBIA, 2009.</p>
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**THE COSTS**

<b>PARTICIPATION FEE</b>	<p>EUROPE COMMISSION POLICY DOES NOT COVER THE FULL EXPENSES OF THE TRIPS; AS A CONSEQUENCE, PARTICIPANTS HAVE TO PAY 30% OF THE VALUE OF THEIR TRIPS, <b>ESTIMATED VALUE – 50€</b>. THIS IS ALSO A WAY TO ENFORCE THE COMPROMISE AND INTEREST OF PARTICIPANTS ON THIS PROJECT.</p> <p>PARTICIPANTS WILL PAY THEIR TRAVEL COSTS FULLY, AND THEN REIMBURSED AFTER THE PROJECT.</p>
<b>MINORS CONDITION</b>	<p>FOR MINORS COMING FROM PORTUGAL, <b>SPECIAL AUTHORIZATION FROM EDUCATION RESPONSIBLE PERSON MUST BE ISSUED. PARTICIPATION OF MINORS ON THIS PROJECT IT'S, UNFORTUNATELY, LIMITED.</b></p>