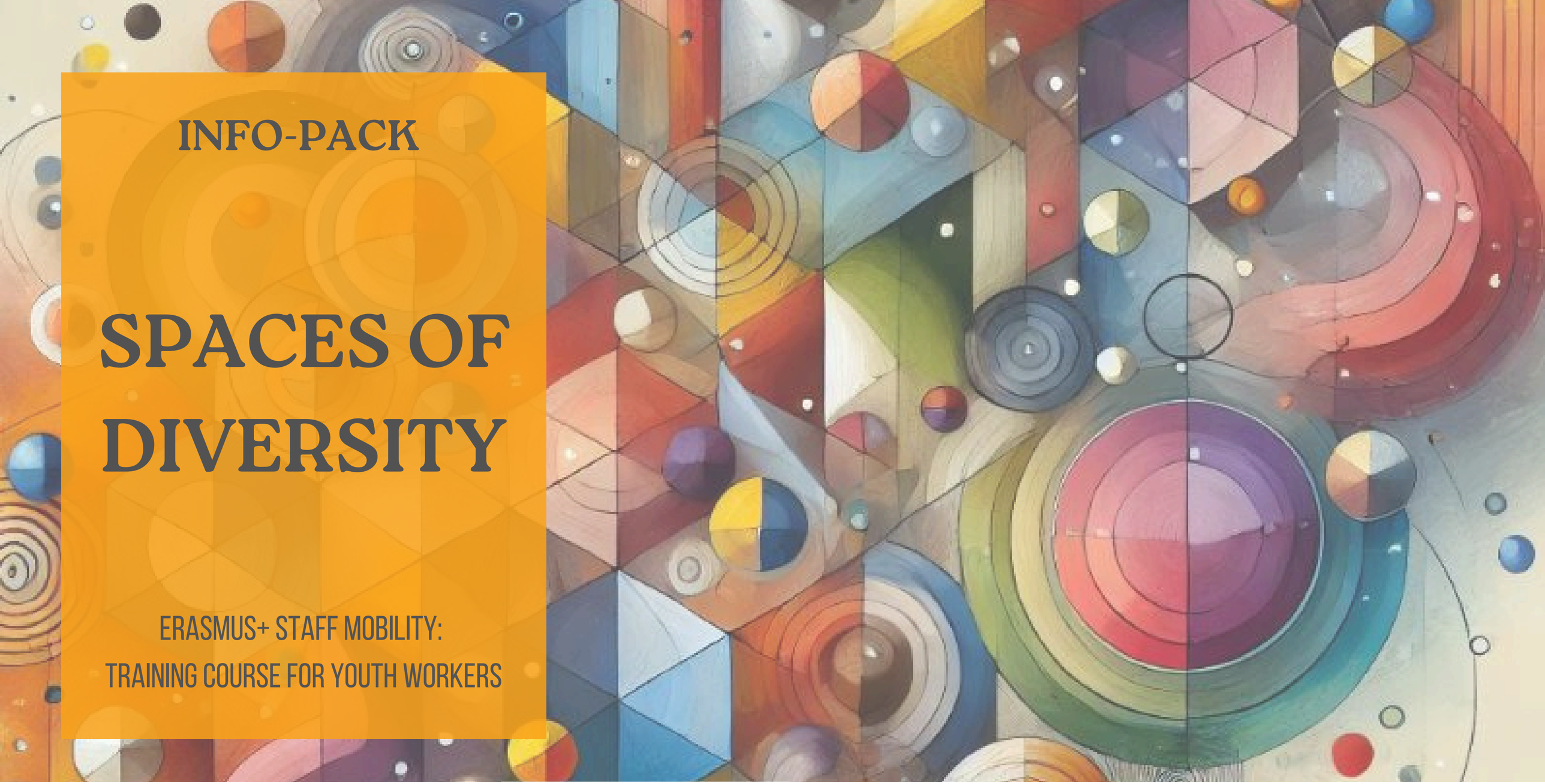


INFO-PACK

SPACES OF DIVERSITY

ERASMUS+ STAFF MOBILITY:
TRAINING COURSE FOR YOUTH WORKERS

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OSIJEK, CROATIA

6 - 9 MAY 2025.

Welcome



DEAR PARTICIPANT,

We are excited to announce an upcoming opportunity **for youth workers** to engage in a transformative educational program centered around the theme of **"Spaces of Diversity"**. This training is focused on a critical analysis of social structures that shape the perception of diversity and interculturality.

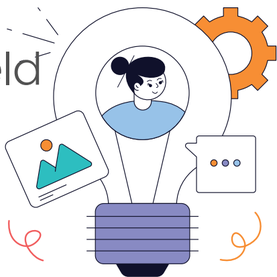
We invite **youth workers, educators, and community facilitators** who are dedicated to fostering inclusive and diverse spaces within their communities. Diversity is not only the presence of different cultural, ethnic, social and identity groups in society, but also a dynamic process of their mutual understanding, support and development. **Youth workers have a key role** in facilitating this process, because through their work they can empower communities to recognize and value diversity as a resource, not a challenge.

ABOUT THE TRAINING:

This training is designed for individuals who critically analyze social structures, challenge dominant narratives, and actively work towards intercultural understanding and participation. Whether you are experienced in community engagement or looking to develop new participatory approaches, this program will provide you with the tools to create spaces where different cultural, social, and identity groups can connect, be represented, and thrive.

THE KEY OBJECTIVES:

- **Enhance understanding of diversity and inclusion** – Deepen participants' critical analysis of diversity, interculturalism, and social structures that influence inclusion.
- **Empower Youth workers as facilitators of Change** – Equip youth workers with the skills to support communities in recognizing diversity as a resource rather than a challenge.
- **Analyze social and institutional influences on inclusion** – Examine dominant discourses, institutional frameworks, and societal relations that either promote or hinder inclusive practices.
- **Develop participatory approaches for inclusive spaces** – Introduce methods that enable young people and marginalized groups to actively shape the spaces that represent them.
- **Apply practical tools to assess and create inclusive spaces** – Utilize real-world case studies and field visits to analyze inclusive practices and design guidelines for creating equitable environments.



Welcome TO OSIJEK

Osijek is the largest city in the east of Croatia and is economic and cultural centre of Slavonia, a region of Eastern Croatia. Osijek is river port too; located on the right bank of the Drava River about 25km upstream from its join with Danube River. The lowland of East Croatia, surrounded by rivers, is a true oasis for tourists who want to replace the city hustle and bustle with the quiet of greenery and a relaxed stay in intact nature at least for a while. It's the fourth biggest city in Croatia with a population of about 100,000.

THE INTERESTING PLACES IN OSIJEK:

- Tvrđa (the Fort), old town
- main square Trg Ante Starčevića
- Liberty square
- parks all over the city
- large promenade along the river
- pedestrian bridge that connects Osijek with Baranja
- Art Nouveau row of buildings on European Avenue















VENUE

COMMUNITY CENTER “SOCIAL ATELIER”

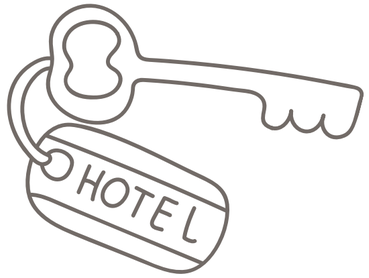
Social Atelier is the first deinstitutionalized community center in Osijek and its wider area, and whose program was (co)created with citizens. It aims to strengthen cooperation and dialogue between representatives of institutions, experts from CSOs and citizens - especially those who belong to vulnerable and marginalized groups, but have the desire and need to work on social change and change their position.

With a large selection of activities, but also an informal and friendly atmosphere, we try to create a safe place for all citizens who dare to reflect, exchange perspectives, learn and act for the betterment of the whole community.

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WHAT DO WE COVER?

ACCOMODATION IN THE CITY CENTER



Day of arrival - 5.5.2025.

Day of departure - 10.5.2025.

HOTEL CENTRAL

MEALS AND REFREHSMENTS



Breakfast is provided in accommodation.
Lunch is provided in the program venue.
For dinner, you will receive vouchers.
Refreshments are available (coffee, tea, water) for the duration of the sessions.

HOW TO GET HERE?

BY PLANE

AIRPORT ZAGREB

AIRPORT BUDAPEST

AIRPORT BELGRADE

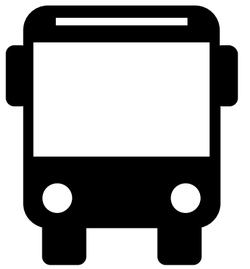


BY BUS

FROM ZAGREB TO OSIJEK:

ARRIVA

BUS STATION ZAGREB



WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

DAY 1 - ARRIVALS

DAY 2 (6.5.)

CONTEMPORARY CONCEPT OF INTERCULTURAL AND DIVERSE COMMUNITY

- Presentation and discussion on participants' practices related to inclusive spaces
- Exploring contemporary concepts of interculturality and diversity
- Understanding key social structures that influence perceptions of diversity

DAY 3 (7.5.)

WORK IN THE COMMUNITY - MODELS OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT

- Theoretical and practical exercises on participation and deliberative models
- Exploring youth engagement strategies and best practices in fostering inclusion
- Collaborative development of guidelines for creating inclusive spaces

DAY 4 (8.5.)

SPACES OF DIVERSITY

- Field visits to various cultural and community spaces
- On-site observation and analysis using the guidelines developed in the previous session
- Reflection with discussing challenges and good practices in fostering diversity

DAY 5 (9.5.)

INTERVENTIONS IN (OWN) SPACES

- Workshops focused on planning interventions in participants' own spaces and communities
- Practical application of developed guidelines in real-life community contexts
- Group work on strategies to implement inclusive space principles in different settings

DAY 6 - DEPARTURES

APPLY HERE

DEADLINE: 14.4.2025.

We are at your disposal for all questions and concerns,

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