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LEARNING BY TRAVELLING

MOBILITY AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCES,
TO EMPOWER OURSELVES AND TO PROMOTE SOCIAL CHANGE



Domaine de Matens - 81 600 GAILLAC (France)
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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Discovery consists not in seeking new lands but in seeing with new eyes

Marcel PROUST

A growing number of citizens are aware of the value that mobility projects add in one's personal and professional development. Social entrepreneurs also view mobility projects as an opportunity to innovate and to meet people's needs.

Both citizens and social entrepreneurs are looking for organisations active in the social and youth on a European level, so they can benefit from their personal coaching and access to transnational mobility projects that fit their needs.

Even though some organisations are very experienced, they encounter some difficulties to satisfy those requests. They need to acquire new knowledge and know-how to adapt themselves to this new demand.

The seminar **Learning by Travelling** arose from the common determination of 6 European youth organisations dealing with non-formal education (Nexes [Spain], Via Brachy [France], European Village [Greece], Seiklejate Vennaskond [Estonia], Forme [Italy] et ECOS [Portugal]) to share their experiences in **designing** and **implementing learning mobility projects**.

The seminar took place in Gaillac, France, from November, the 28th to December, the 3rd 2015. It brought together 32 experienced youth workers from Greece, Spain, Italy, Estonia, Portugal and France.

For 6 days they shared their experience to confront different methods in designing and implementing learning mobility projects to **support people** in their **learning process** and **initiatives**. They benefited from knowledge and practical tools provided by skilled trainers and experimented a wide range of approaches, methods and tools to fit their needs on the ground.

The seminar was eventually an opportunity to **gather, formalize, share** and **spread knowledges based on experience** all around Europe in a **collaborative** way. Participants enhanced their **practical intelligence** and developed **skills** that they will be able to use to increase the quality of their action.

May this seminar contribute to **diversify** and **improve the quality** of learning mobility projects within Europe and lead to the emergence of new projects dealing with non-formal education, active citizenship and social change.

This document is an attempt to share our experience, hoping it will fit your requirements.

Wish you a nice reading!

Via Brachy's team

PROGRAM OF THE SEMINAR

Friday 27.11.15: Welcoming of the participants in Toulouse. Discovering of the city.
Friendly evening gathering at Via Brachy's members' flats.

Saturday 28.11.15

09:00: Departure for Gaillac.

Welcoming of the participants at *Domaine de Matens*. Presentation of the venue and local partners.

13h15: Lunch (French cuisine)

14h45: **Opening session: Ice-breakers** and **Get to know each other activities**

Reminder of the **seminar's objectives, program, partners and trainers**. Specification of **common rules** and distribution of **tasks**.

20:00: Diner (French cuisine)

Evening: Additional activities to know each other better.

Sunday 29.11.2015

9:30: Energizer. Distribution of tasks (*time keeper, atmosphere keeper, shepherd...*).

10:00-12:15: **Which mobility projects have you been experiencing so far? What are their main characteristics? What distinguishes them from "leisure trips"?**

Workshops in small groups to create an overview of the mobility projects participants have led / have been involved in, specifying the objectives, topics, duration/venues and target groups.

12:15-13:00: **What can lead a learning mobility project to a success?** (Part 1)

Mutual interview groups to share our experiences and point out difficulties and facilitating elements.

13:00-14:30: Lunch (Catalan cuisine) - Break/siesta

14:45-15:00: Energizer

15:00-15:45: **What can lead a learning mobility project to a success?** (Part 2)

Sharing results of the workshop of the morning. Definition of a set of good practices.

16:00-19:00: **What can affect a learning mobility project? How to overcome those difficulties?** (Part 1)

Small workshop to highlight the main difficulties encountered while leading a mobility project.

"Canadian Boxing" to debate on two common issues: "We cannot avoid group inertia" / "We cannot mix all the publics".

Workshops in small groups (3 steps) to define a set of good practices to overcome the main difficulties that the group pointed out previously.

19:45: Short **debriefing** of the day

20:15: Diner (Catalan cuisine). Friendly evening on site.

Monday 30.11.2015

9:30: Energizer.

10:00-11:30: **What can affect a learning mobility project? How to overcome these difficulties?** (Part 2)

Setting out of each group's conclusions. Open discussion.

11:45-12:45 **How to define non-formal education? Which differences between formal- / informal education?**

Positioning exercises to build common definition of non-formal education. Linguistic overview of the concept.

13:00-14:30: Lunch (Greek cuisine) - Break/siesta

14:30-15:00: Energizer.

15:00-16:30: **What are the different roles in a mobility project? How to define a "leader", a "facilitator"?**

Positioning exercises (Cross positioning and moving debates).

16:45-18:45: **Draw your mobility project, according to the topic, the target group, the venue, etc.** (Part 1)

Practical training in small groups: each working group has to design a mobility project with given instructions, including details on the methods used, the educational team, the preparatory activities, the evaluation process, etc.

19:00: Short debriefing of the day.

20:15: Diner (Greek cuisine).

Convivial evening on site.

Tuesday 01.12.2015

9:30: Energizer.

10:00-12:45: **Draw your mobility project** (Part 2)

Each working group carries on with what they worked on on Monday afternoon (project design).

12:45-14:15: Lunch (Portuguese cuisine) - Break/siesta

14:30-14:45: Energizer

14:45-17:00: **Draw your mobility project** (Part 3)

17:15-18:30: **Presentation of the projects** in front of a jury

Each working group presents its conclusions to the others in front of a jury.

20:00: Short **debriefing** of the day (expression box).

20:15: Diner (Portuguese cuisine).

Convivial evening on site.

Wednesday 02.12.2015

9:30: Energizer

10:00-12:45: **How to learn from your experience and support participants in their learning process?**

Theoretical presentation of the “**self-training-through-travelling**” approach by Fatiha Kemat.

13:00-14:30: Lunch (Italian cuisine) - Break/siesta.

14:30-15:00: Energizer

15:00-16:45: **Practical training** in small groups.

17:00-19:00: **Sharing results of the exercises.** Presentation of a **range of pedagogical tools.**

19:15: Short **debriefing** of the day (sharing circle)

20:15: Diner (Italian cuisine)

Closing night: Song and dances from here and there.

Thursday 03.12.2015

10:00: Energizer.

10:30-11:45: **Participative evaluation of the seminar.**

11:45-13:15: **Definition of follow-up activities & Perspectives.**

13:15-14:30: Lunch (Estonian cuisine)

14:45-16:45: **Networking** session.

17:00: Departure for Toulouse.

Evening: Festive evening in Via Brachy's office with the remaining participants.