

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - MARIBOR

FOR THE CREATION OF THE POOL OF FACILITATORS FOR COM'ON EUROPE

Participating cities:

TORINO (ITALY), European Youth Capital 2010
BRAGA (PORTUGAL), European Youth Capital 2012
MARIBOR (SLOVENIA), European Youth Capital 2013
THESSALONIKI (GREECE), European Youth Capital 2014
CLUJ-NAPOCA (ROMANIA), European Youth Capital 2015
VARNA (BULGARIA), European Youth Capital 2017
CASCAIS (POTUGAL), European Youth Capital 2018

What is Com'On Europe?

The **GOAL** of COM'ON Europe during is to create an open source framework for European cities in implementing participatory budgeting processes, which target young people not just as creators and initiators but also as decision makers themselves It also aims to create a platform for cooperation between cities which applied or are willing to apply similar processes in the near future. The project aims to reach these goals until June 2019.

The **GENERAL OBJECTIVE** of COM'ON Europe is to contribute to the improvement of civic participation of young people in local life through local level participatory budgeting mechanisms. The project will contribute to the increase of young people's spirit of creativity, associativity, entrepreneurship, and community development by providing a safe environment for planning and coming forward as informal groups with small-scale initiatives, while providing funding on behalf of the municipalities or other donors and sources of funding, and delegating decisions towards the local community about initiatives which should to be supported through this process.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- O1: to create a clear general policy framework in order to increase civic participation of young people through dedicated participatory budgeting processes for youth in urban communities based on theory and practice which connects European policies with local level practical implementation, while also bringing up local experience to the European playfield (LOCAL-EUROPEAN),

- O2: to provide participatory urban environments for young people and for public authorities based on trust, assistance and easy access and with the active contribution of the civil society (DECISION, VOTE), and to reach out to young people and to enable their creativity in the service of the urban quality of life of cities (IDEA, INITIATIVE),
- O3: to enable other cities in adopting similar participatory processes and consolidating the cooperation of European cities (and especially cities involved in the Network of European Youth Capitals) regarding youth participation through the creation of the European Platform of Participatory Budgeting for Youth (consisting first of the European Centre for Youth Participation, the European Youth Participatory Registry and an open source methodology and toolkit (NETWORK, FRAMEWORK).

COM'ON Europe connects two specific aspects: youth participation and participatory budgeting, and this way it becomes original, unique. The reason for this is that it keeps the principle of participatory budgeting (deciding on public money's faith) but it provides a double-sided platform through the engagement with organised but also unorganised young people willing to organise themselves but not through legally established organisations. This enables untapped energies of young people brought to surface in shaping community life in cities.

All partners are representing European Youth Capital title-bearer cities like Torino 2010, Braga 2012, Maribor 2013, Thessaloniki 2014, Cluj-Napoca 2015, Varna 2017 and Cascais 2018. These are all currently active cities in the Network of European Youth Capitals, all of them coming from member states of the European Union.

COM'ON Europe will create a general theory framework enhanced by practical examples of seven European cities regarding participatory budgeting for youth, comprising of the following:

- **Methodology:** White Paper on Participatory Budgeting for Youth;
- **Toolkit** for youth participation and public decision making in participatory budgeting processes for youth;
- **Pool of Facilitators**, with specific competences and skills in engaging young people at grassroots level;
- **Local Action Plans** for youth participatory budgeting processes in partner cities during 2019;
- **European Platform of Participatory Budgeting for Youth**, through the framework for the creation of the European Centre for Youth Participation, and the European Youth Participatory Registry.

What is this call about?

One of the results of this project is the creation of a European pool of facilitators active in the seven participating cities involved. This means a group of 28 facilitators coming from the European Youth Capital cities of Torino (Italy), Braga (Portugal), Maribor (Slovenia), Thessaloniki

(Greece), Cluj-Napoca (Romania), Varna (Bulgaria) and Cascais (Portugal). This pool of facilitators will provide a direct connection with young people in developing participatory mechanisms for youth at local level in these cities.

What is the general framework for Com'On Europe?

In the first stage of the project, partners developed the White Paper on Participatory Budgeting for Youth in Europe. This policy document was developed in the framework of the Network of European Youth Capital, a cooperation platform of cities which held, hold or are nominated to hold the European Youth Capital title.

If you want to get inspired about how we see the future of participatory budgeting for youth in Europe, check out this policy document here: <http://bit.ly/WhitePaperComOnEurope>

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people experienced in working together with young people aged 18-40.

We are looking for community facilitators to be involved in our project starting from March 2018 until June 2019 with dedicated work on engaging young people in participatory processes on the participating cities.

We are looking for people with good communication skills (verbal and written) in English.

We are looking for community facilitators who have a permanent residence in the participating cities and who are interested to support the respective city and COM'ON Europe Partner in:

- developing an Integrated Training Plan on PB Youth with cross-sectorial approach and focused on youth needs analysis through local civic participation;
- promoting non-formal education and provide methodologies and tools to develop or Improve a PB Youth in your city;
- providing stakeholders and target groups in partner cities with information, tools and methods on how to implement PB youth, including knowledge and experience on how to work with youngsters;
- creating an open space for development and sharing of best practices, tools and methods in urban environments;
- getting to know more about Erasmus+ Programme opportunities for young people, specially in the Framework of Erasmus+ Key Action 2 and Key action 3;
- understanding Structured Dialogue concepts in the framework of the current EU Presidency and connect with PBY;

IMPORTANT: What does a Com'On Europe community facilitator need to provide?

Selected community facilitators will have the following tasks:

- to work closely with project coordinators involved on behalf of the partner providing local activities within the project;
- to participate in the Com'On Europe Facilitators Seminar in Torino, Italy between 19-23 March 2019 (seminar to be held in English);
- to engage at least 225 young people in their resident cities during April-May 2018 through consultation activities;
- to engage at least 300 young people in their resident cities during January-April 2019 through consultation activities;

The seminar will take place in English and individual reports towards project coordinators will also be provided in English. Local consultation activities can take place either in Italian or in English.

How many facilitators do we select under this call?

We are selecting **4 community facilitators for each participating city** under this call.

What does the project provide for selected facilitators?

First, the project provides a total salary of 642 euro (including all taxes) during the period of April-May 2018 and of 856 euro (including all taxes) during the period between January-April 2019. Contracting takes the form of two part-time employments on behalf of the local partner involved in the implementation of the project.

Second, the project covers all accommodation costs for the Com'On Europe Facilitators Seminar in Torino during the period of 19-23 March 2018. It is encouraged that local participants also stay together with community facilitators arriving for the seminar from all the other partner cities.

How can you apply? What is the deadline for applications?

If interested, please provide us the following documents until **24 February 2018, 17:00, local time**.

- a Letter of Intent regarding your motivation for willing to participate in this project and to become part of the Pool of Facilitators for Com'On Europe;
- a CV highlighting relevant experience in the field of engaging different groups of young people through training, facilitation or other kind of projects and activities.

Send the both documents to zeljko.milovanovic@mkc.si.



The local partner of this project may request additional information by e-mail during the selection period. Applicants will be notified about the results of the selection until 26 February 2018.

Who can you contact for further information in your city?

For any further details, please write to zeljko.milovanovic@mkc.si, or contact Željko Milovanović on the +386 70 893 528 phone number.



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