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## Call for partners

We are Institute Bob, a non-profit and non-governmental organization from Ljubljana, Slovenia, established in 2007. Our main activities are youth work, street work, non-formal education, adult education, theatre of the oppressed and training in specific areas of expertise. Our project and programmes activities are in majority targeted at youth and young adults, in some cases at communities as well (e.g. street work, outdoor youth centre). Activities for target population of youth and young adults are mainly at local level, at national level we are running networking activities and training courses and at international level we coordinating different projects for supporting development and innovation of our work at local level.

In the last few years we have detected **a need among population of young adults and adults** between 25 and 35 years old to be engaged in a way youth centre supports engagement of youth. Young adults that we come in contact with have in general all finished their formal educational process and are intensively working to develop their career, gain their emancipation (moving out of their parents homes, financial independence, social independence, etc.), but are no longer 'young', they are usually older than thirty. This population is becoming more and more involved in our activities, but we don't have the programmes to meet their needs. We have found that there is wide range of activities in the local environment targeting children, youth and the elderly, but there is a big lack of activities for young adults, activities that cannot be covered by the youth centre programs.

We see some potential factors for this current situation due to:

- period of youth is prolonging because non-linear transitions to adulthood;
- housing problematic caused by the lack of appropriate apartments to rent and high costs of rent, high prices of real estates;
- expectations that individuals are facing e.g. "at the age of 30 you should have it all figured out and be happy with it" and anxieties connected to this issue when these expectations are not realized;
- insecurity of employment amongst youth that prolongs into adult life.

All of the above led us to create a project where we could learn about, adapt and implement a good practice of activities/programme of working with the general population of young adults that some organizations have already developed. We want to create a partnership project where an example of good practices of working with young adults could be transferred to at least two other countries.

In this regard we are searching for partners. **Firstly we are searching for an organisation that has already developed a programme for this aim group** (young adults who have prolonged their “emancipation process” into adulthood) and evaluates that this is an example of a good practice. **Secondly we are also looking for at least one other organisation that is facing a similar situation as our organisation and is prepared to solve it through this partnership.**

We would like for the organizations to co-work on building a partnership and apply for funding by **Erasmus+ Key Action 2: Cooperation for innovation and the exchange of good practices in the Field of Adult Education.**

**The deadline for partnership organisations to apply is 8th of March 2019.** The public call deadline for Erasmus+ funding is 21st of March 2019. If you express the interest to collaborate in this project you can expect following steps:

1. We will send you a questionnaire to get to know your situation better (e.g. needs of your population, background and social context) based on the application form.
2. You will get the partner form information to fill out.
3. We will send you a mandate to sign and send us the original via post.
4. Until 15th of March you can expect a timeline of the project and detailed budget.

Due to a short deadline we expect your responsiveness.

Best regards,

Team of Institute Bob.