

★ Contribute to Change: *Young Women in Political Careers*

Romania

Romanian Society for Lifelong Learning (SREP), RO (Applicant)

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Context

During the last years we have witnessed considerable progress in what concerns women's participation in the political and social life, many countries have adopted laws that ensure equal opportunities for men and women. Besides all this, the mentalities and life styles do not allow an appropriate percentage of women participation in the political life.

At present, the difference between the number of men and that of women members in the parliament is considerably big. The percentage of women members of parliament varies between 19% in UK, 15% in Czech Republic and 9,7% in Romania.

Description

In order to contribute to the changing of this low participation of women in political and social life, the partnership aims at starting from changing the mentality of the target group, young women, who need to increase their self-esteem and their abilities of free expression. By means of participatory workshops, the target group will be supported in improving their knowledge on participatory democracy, the importance of their involvement in the political life at local and European level, but also the role of the voting process.

The project aims thus at increasing the participation of young women aged 16-35 in the political life and to the vote by increasing their trust in the own forces, with the help of workshops based on the scenarios and role play.

A group of 10-15 women from each country will be involved in a series of interactive workshops with the aim to prepare in the end a public debate moderated by themselves.

Means

Budget: 91,666 Euro

Human Resources involved: Managers, Trainers, Researchers, Technical, Administrative

Partners

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Ballybeen Women's Centre Ltd, UK

AKLUB Centrum vzdělávání a poradenství, CZ

Evaluation

The evaluation of the project will be undertaken at 2 levels: internally within the partnership and externally, by an external evaluator.

The evaluation will cover both the quality of the envisaged project products and the project process.

Process evaluation refers to the process of transnational cooperation within the partnership.

This involves: the defined goals and tasks, the transnational project meetings, the cooperation and communication between meetings, the project coordination, progress made towards the aims of the project, the personal and organizational learning process of the people and institutions involved.

Assessment

Within the final public debates the young women were able to express themselves freely, as an exercise of democracy that can represent the starting point for an active participation to the social and political life.

Democracy and freedom are European values that were promoted in the project at the level of the young women who learned what democracy is and what means they have to benefit from their rights (through the workshops): the right to speak freely (through debates) and to participate to the social and political life of the community.

Also, the young women manifested their interest in further getting involved in the political and social life.

Target group

Young women aged 16-35

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