

**Call for participants for the
Training of Trainers DemocraSEE the Change
12-18 July 2023
Ohrid, North Macedonia
Deadline for applications: 25th June 2023 23:59 CET
Applicationform [here](#).**

We are pleased to inform you that the call for the Training of Trainers DemocraSEE - The Change is open! The training will take place in Ohrid, North Macedonia, from the 12th (arrival day) to the 18th (departure day) of July 2023.

About the event

DemocracySEE the change is an international activity co-funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe, aimed at empowering young trainers and facilitators to be able to contribute to the fight against extremism and to foster democratic spaces for young people, especially secondary students.

We see three main reasons behind this activity and why it's necessary:

- A polarisation of any debate happening at the time among young people, as a response to a polarised debate in Europe
- Post-covid 19 group dynamics in international groups have changed and can be challenging for trainers
- The shrinking space for participation and democracy in all spaces where young people are involved.

Objectives

Our aim with this activity is to fight extremism and promote quality debate among young people to foster democracy and participation and revitalise democratic spaces, especially within young people in secondary education.

Objectives:

- To critically analyse the changing nature of the role of trainer and the facilitator in a polarised political scenario
- To equip young trainers and facilitators with skills and competences in non formal education and Education for Democratic Citizenship
- To learn methods and techniques for facilitation to manage debates and conflicts in a proactive way to foster the practice of democratic participation

The training of trainers will also focus on building the capacities of young trainers and educators in:

- facilitating discussions on topics that are polarising and different facilitation methods
- active listening and how to ask questions
- intercultural competences, in particular when it comes to group dynamics in the post-covid-19 scenario
- building strong and diverse teams of participants
- creating and maintaining a safe space for the participants to share as many different opinions as possible, within the boundaries of respect and human rights
- facilitating heated discussions, ensuring unbiased objectivity and human rights perspective to the conversations

- conflict management and debriefing, with specific attention to the dynamics of working with very young participants

Profile of the participants

We are looking for 20 youth trainers and facilitators both among the Pool of Trainers of OBESSU and trainers and facilitators from OBESSU's Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations.

Participants are expected to:

- Have some experience in non-formal education and facilitation, but we do not require a senior profile
- Attend the full event
- Have a willingness to develop as trainers and facilitators
- Have at least a medium level of English, since the event will take place fully in English
- Contribute to the manifesto "Trainers for Democracy"

What is included?

- Accommodation in the Scout Center in Ohrid
- 3 meals a day and 2 coffee breaks
- Transportation (according to the reference prices provided by the OBESSU Secretariat)
- All materials, sessions and external trainers

Timeline and activities for the PoT

- **Apply until the 5th March 23:59 CET by answering the application form**
- On the following week, the OBESSU Secretariat will communicate you the selection results and send you the reference prices for your transportation tickets
- Once you get the confirmation that you are selected, buy your tickets as soon as possible.
- Get ready for the event in July :)

Apply by filling [this form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Dragana at dragana@obessu.org