

# Rethinking Gender Equality in Youth Organisations

## Training Course

Brežice, Slovenia 19th – 25th of March 2023

**INFOKIT**

Dear future participant,

How are you dealing with gender equality in youth work settings? Are these just words and narratives that open calls want from us or is it something that you think about and integrate in your working environment?

**This training course is for you if you would like to step out of the declarative words and start to work on gender equality in everyday youth work and create a document that will help you work with the topic in a meaningful way in the future.**

The training will also be a part of the international conference on the Importance of Gender equality, where there will also be a space for networking with several Slovenian organizations and getting to know the programme Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values, which places Gender equality and Gender Mainstreaming in high priority.

**The training course will be implemented in non formal education methodologies, that acquire active participation, explorative and experiential learning and will bring you concrete results (you will be guided in creating the guidelines for gender equality in your organisation).**





## **ABOUT PiNA - The hosting organisation**

PiNA is an association, established in 1998 at the initiative of the Open Society Institute, which has been promoting socially responsible practices and strengthening the culture of dialogue for over 20 years. Since its establishment, PiNA has served as a point for meeting, providing information, exchange, connection and collaboration in the field of societal challenges. In 1998, PiNA was the first internet café in Slovenia, and by 2016, it has operated as a multimedia and youth centre, member of Slovenia's Europe Direct information centres, partner in the Eurodesk Regional Information Point network, a hub for NGOs of the Coastal-Karst Region and an organisation operating in the public interest in the field of youth.

PiNA's activities are supported by programmes, such as European territorial cooperation, Erasmus+, Europe for Citizens, European Social Fund and Norwegian Financial Mechanism, and are being developed, some even presented in the association's 240 m<sup>2</sup> premises in the heart of Koper. The premises consist of office space, event facilities, a conference room, a room for meetings, a kitchen and a library.

Learn more at [www.pina.si](http://www.pina.si).





## **Trainers of the activity will be the Head of education at PiNA - Maja Drobne**

Maja holds a bachelor in Political science and has been working in the youth sector for the past 15 years. She is a member of the Pool of trainers for the Slovenian national agency of Erasmus+ and an alumni member of the Pool of trainers of the Slovenian National council. She has been dealing with topics like Inclusion, Global education, Human Rights, Project Management, Fundraising and functioning of NGOs. She is an experienced trainer working for several international organizations such as Plan International, WeMove.eu and several National agencies of Erasmus+, such as Finnish, Austrian, Estonian, Bulgarian, Czech and German National Agency. She was a facilitator of the European Youth Conference in Slovenia, Intercity Youth Conference 2022 and several others international events. Gender equality is a concept, that she has been using during all of the events and bringing the importance of how to be mindful about that, so she is looking forward to exploring the concept with other participants as well.



## **and Simona Muršec**

Simona holds a bachelor in international relations and is working as a freelance trainer in Human Rights Education and Global Education for the past 15 years. Currently, she is the president of Ljubljana Pride Association and manages a team of 10 staff and full-time volunteers, all coming from LGBTQ+ community. In the past 3 years she has led large scale projects on developing an intersectional approach to inclusive organisations and co-authored and edited several educational manuals on transformation of hate speech and inclusive organisations. She bases her work on non-formal education, anti-racism, non violent communication, restorative practice, empowerment of vulnerable groups through storytelling and intersectionality. She is an experienced international trainer and facilitator, taking up roles like being the lead facilitator at the World Youth Conference in Sri Lanka in 2014 or the Facilitators and Rapporteurs Coordinator at the 3rd European Youth Work Convention during the German Presidency to the Council of the EU in 2020, where she coordinated large teams of facilitators and rapporteurs in very intense conditions.





## ABOUT THE TRAINING COURSE

**Dates:** Arrival day 19th March, departure day 25th of March 2023

**Location:** Youth center Brežice, Slovenia

Main working space will be in the Youth center, next to the Hostel.

**Aim of the training:** to strengthen the understanding of the principle of equality and encourage organizations to prepare guidelines for better integration of the principle into work and projects

**Participants profile:**

- youth workers,
- representatives of youth organisations,
- experts in youth work, interested in the field of Gender Mainstreaming,
- at least 18 years old,
- resident of an EU member state or associated country.

**We will accept 22 participants.**

**Qualitative learning goals:**

- bring the understanding on the broader concept of the principle of equality and what it encompasses,
- to present how to apply the principle in projects and in practice,
- to prepare guidelines for organizations for better application of the principle of equality in practice

**Language:**

official training language will be English.



## TIMETABLE

	<b>Sunday, 19th of March</b>	<b>Monday, 20th of March</b>	<b>Tuesday, 21st of March</b>	<b>Wednesday, 22nd of March</b>	<b>Thursday 23rd of March</b>	<b>Friday, 24th of March</b>	<b>Saturday, 25th of March</b>
9:30 - 11:00	<b>Arrival day</b>	Getting to know each other and why are we here?	Diving deeper into gender equality	What do we need to do?	Public event: The importance of gender equality	Creating the guidelines	<b>Departure day</b>
11:00 - 11:30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11:30 - 13:00		Team building - gender and us	Sharing the practices - what do we already do?	How to use gender equality in youth projects?	Public event: The importance of gender equality	Next steps	
13:00 - 15:00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15:00 - 17:00		What is gender equality?	Presentation of the CERV programme	How to create the guidelines and what to be mindful about?	Free afternoon	Evaluation and celebration	
17:00 - 17:30		Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection		
19:00		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	



## WHICH COSTS ARE COVERED

- Accommodation in a hostel
- Food (3 meals and 2 coffee breaks per day)
- Reimbursement of the travel costs (the amount will be calculated based on the travel distance of the participant)
- Each participant is responsible to arrange his/her own health and travel insurance for their stay in Slovenia in addition to the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

## WHAT ABOUT THE INSURANCE ABROAD?

If you don't already have insurance abroad, we recommend applying for European Health Insurance Card which is a free card that gives you access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 27 EU countries (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland or the United Kingdom under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country). The benefits covered include, for example, benefits provided in conjunction with chronic or existing illnesses as well as in conjunction with pregnancy and childbirth.





## ACCOMODATION

You will be staying in the **youth hostel in Brežice**, which is not far from Brežice Castle and it's near Slovenia's largest natural health resort. It's also near the second largest Slovenian tourist centre Terme Čatež and the pearl confluence of the Krka and Sava rivers.

**Participants will stay in the rooms up to 3 people per room.** Rooms will be divided by gender. Bathrooms and toilets will be shared among all the participants. Beddings will be provided by the hostel.

**Address:** Gubčeva 10a, Brežice, Slovenia.

[Location](#) of the hostel.





## USEFUL NUMBERS

**113** Police

**080 1200** Police (anonymous crime reporting)

**112** Emergency Reporting Center (fire and rescue station)

**1188** Information about telephone subscribers in Slovenia

**1180** Information about telephone subscribers in other countries

**1987** Traffic information and roadside assistance

(provided by the AMZS, the Automobile Association of Slovenia)

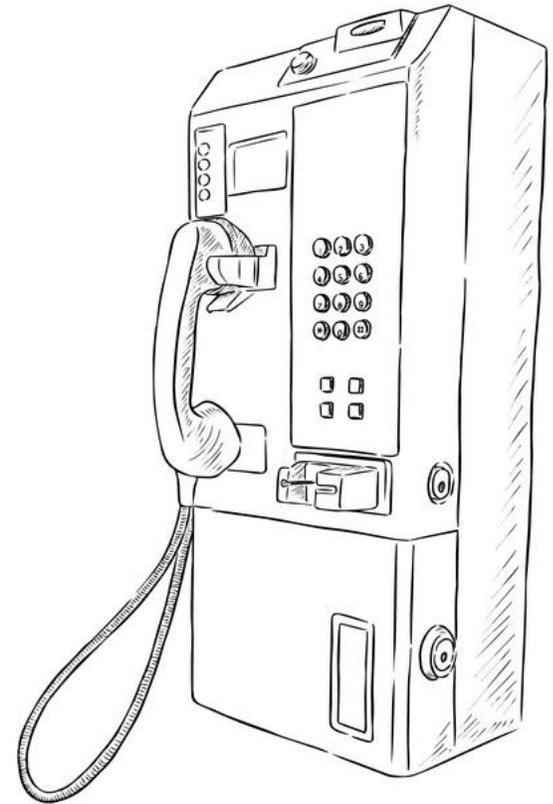
**198 10** Wake up service

**115** Operator-assisted domestic and international calls

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## ABOUT SLOVENIA

**Capital City:** Ljubljana

**Official Language:** Slovenian

**Population:** 2,061,085

**Slovenia** is a **green**, **creative** and **innovative** country; it is a full member of the European Union while remaining fully capable of retaining its own identity. Is on the 38th place in Europe regarding the size of the country. You would need around 3 hours of driving to come from wherever you are to wherever you want to go. Our neighbouring countries are Hungary, Croatia, Austria and Italy. Slovenia lies at the intersection of the Alps, the Mediterranean, the Pannonian Plain and the Dinaric Alps. The great diversity of the Slovenian landscape is matched by its well-preserved natural environment; more than half of Slovenia is forested and over one-third of its territory is included in the Natura 2000 network. Slovenians are known as a kind but can be a bit reserved like Alpine people, open like Mediterraneans or good-hearted like Pannonians. Since there are not that many of us, we often joke that in Slovenia everyone knows each other. One of the things we are proud of is our landscape. You can swim in the sea, stand on the peak in the Julian Alps, explore caves, swim in lakes, observe our agricultural areas, get lost in the forests or visit spa centres within one day.

We are the only country in the world that has love in its name: sLOVEnia. We are a young country (got independent in 1991) with our own language, culture and history.





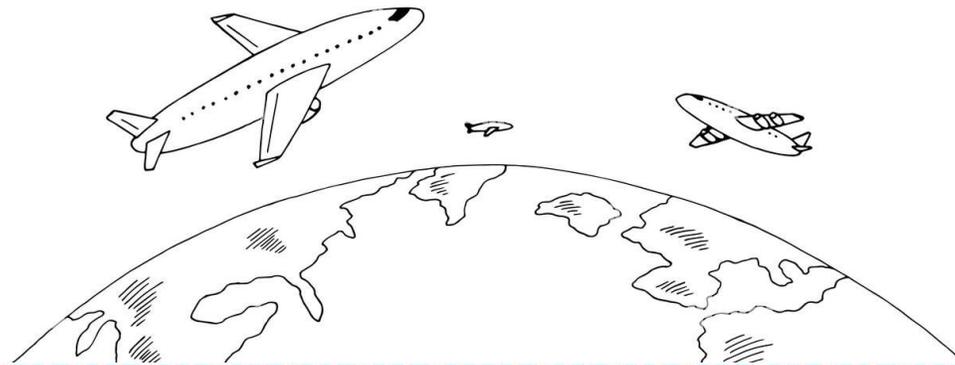
## TRAVEL

We suggest you use the airport of [Zagreb](#) (Franjo Tuđman Airport) or Ljubljana as an option, but you will need to travel from the airport to Brežice by [bus or train](#). [Here](#) is another option for traveling with the train from Ljubljana to Brežice.

From the airport in Zagreb the best way to reach Brežice is [GoOpti](#), a low cost shuttle. The ticket has to be booked in advance on their web page; as a release position you have to choose Hostelling International (MC hostel Brežice, Gubčeva ulica 10A, 8250 Brežice, Slovenia).

If you are willing to travel, using transports which are “greener” (not flying), please contact us and we will find some extra funds (if needed), to cover that kind of travel, since the Erasmus+ program is making that possible.

Reimbursement of the travel costs will only be done upon the full attendance in the Erasmus+ activity and presentation of original tickets with boarding passes and receipt/invoices. You will have to send us the original tickets and boarding passes proving your trip back home from Slovenia to your country. We will be able to reimburse you after we will receive all the documents (invoices and boarding passes).



## APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fill in the online [application form](#) latest by the **22nd January 2023**.

The training course is supported by the Erasmus+ program, within the action Mobility projects for youth workers.

**If you have any additional questions you can contact [terminal@pina.si](mailto:terminal@pina.si).**



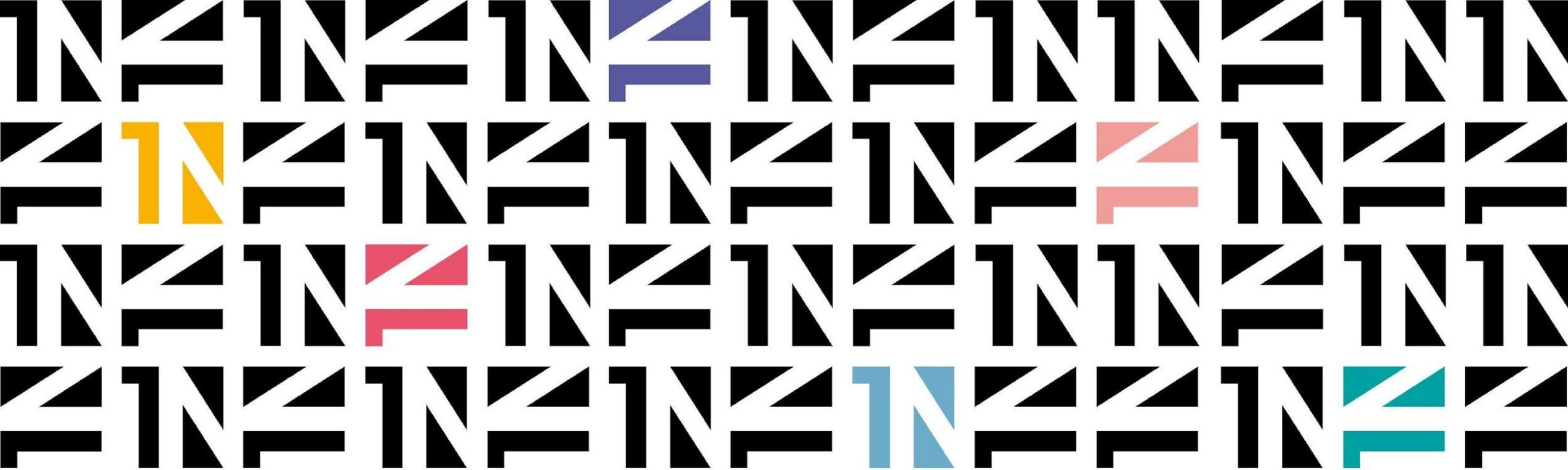
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