

Evaluation letter Development and Initiative NGO

We wish to reflect on our engagement in the "ReSPECTRUM" project, titled "cREating a Safe sPacE for inClusiviTy, sexual and ReprodUctive non-forMal education for youth workers," which took place in Pissouri, Cyprus, from June 19th to June 26th, 2023. This initiative aimed to explore sexuality, devise strategies to prevent and address bullying, enhance the role of educators, refine emotional education and soft skills, and elevate the quality of youth centers. The central objective was to develop tools for non-formal education on inclusive sexual and reproductive health for youth workers, fostering a secure environment for young individuals within local and international communities to learn about this crucial topic. These aspirations were primarily realized through heightened emotional awareness and empathy-building methods, fostering values of tolerance and responsibility, and reinforcing self-assuredness and psychological resilience.

We underline that communication across all phases of the project, from initial planning to its execution, flowed seamlessly and transparently. In the project's early stages, all partners convened for an Advance Planning Visit to collectively strategize the preparatory phase. A dedicated Facebook group was established to facilitate idea exchange and progress updates. As the project evolved, this group expanded to encompass all participants, allowing them to acquaint themselves with one another before the project's commencement and forge connections with fellow teams and organizers.

Within the framework of "cREating a Safe sPacE for inClusiviTy, sexual and ReprodUctive non-forMal education for youth workers: ReSPECTRUM," our Ukrainian delegation, comprising four enthusiastic members selected for their keen drive, represented our NGO. Following their selection, the organizers engaged in in-depth discussions with the participants regarding the forthcoming project preparations. Each participant entered into a contract and received a comprehensive InfoPack detailing the project's day-by-day schedule and specific activities. Additionally, participants were encouraged to provide personal insights, enabling us to gain a glimpse into their backgrounds and objectives. This set an appropriate tone for the project's thematic focus.

The project itself was meticulously crafted, presenting a well-balanced itinerary encompassing icebreakers, group endeavors, introspective sessions, cultural engagements, reflections, and urban experiences. This well-structured schedule allowed participants to absorb new knowledge, engage in peer discussions, and internalize the content before their departure. Every participant felt embraced and confident in seeking guidance or counsel whenever necessary. Our contentment with the project's execution is evident, and we are actively pursuing dissemination initiatives at present.

In summation, our participation in this project has left us gratified and positioned us to label it a triumph. The project's intended objectives were met, and the outcomes will soon permeate local platforms through dissemination efforts. We extend our appreciation for the support and insights our organization gained along this journey. Our enthusiasm for future collaborations is unwavering, and we eagerly anticipate the prospect of partnering once more.

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