

Recognise It! - Develop strategies for recognition of youth work!

Training Course

A 5-day training course that brings together the representatives of NGOs and local youth officers to develop strategies to foster recognition of youth work and non-formal learning at national and municipal level.

The training course aims to strengthen and support the recognition of youth work at local level in participants' countries - led by the regional cooperation of NGOs within the South Med and Europe.

Recognise It! Develop strategies for recognition of youth work! aims to bring together representatives of organisations (NGOs) (who are active in youth work locally in an NGO) and local youth officers (who are working with or for young people at municipal level). They will come together from Programme countries and South Mediterranean countries in order to develop strategies to support the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning at municipal level. In this sense, youth work refers to engagement and activities, which are implemented by NGOs/groups of active people focusing on young people and on how to make the situation of young people in their context – mainly at local level-better.

The course focuses on:

- sharing good practices, realities and experiences from municipal/local level,
- exploring concepts and research related to recognition,
- analysing individual situations,
- developing concrete action plans for the future, and
- implementing the Youthpass process.

This training course is part of a long-term strategic project that started in 2016 initiated by SALTO -YOUTH EuroMed, SALTO-YOUTH Training and Cooperation Resource Centres and the Italian and German National Agencies for Erasmus+: Youth in Action. Three editions of the training course have been realised until 2020.

The training course makes further contributions to processes already ongoing in participant's countries – taking into account the different socio-political realities within the participant group.

The organisers aim to co-create a space for debates about concepts, topics and issues related to recognition, including sharing the results of research carried out during the project. The publication [Unlocking Doors to Recognition](#), that focuses on recognition developments at local level, has been one of the starting points for the long-term cooperation and is addressed during the training course.

Background of the **Recognise It! Develop strategies for recognition of youth work!** - training course

In the context of the Recognise it! project a first seminar took place in Jordan in 2016, which focused on gaining knowledge about the situation based on participants' experience and views. It was completed by a mapping exercise based on interviews and a literature desk review whose core topic was the recognition of youth work and non-formal learning in South Med countries. These first two steps were very important in order to plan the next strategic steps for the Recognise it! activities planned for 2017/2019. The overall aim was to support the development of strategies of recognition of youth work at national and municipal level and to strengthen the role of youth work in both dimensions taking into consideration the different socio-political conditions in each country. The main perspective was the one of NGOs and their actors.

The long-term cooperation project involved two training courses (realised in Jordan and in Germany), plus a research and a consolidation seminar (realised in Italy in 2019).