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### ***Creating Bridges for Europe.***

Qualification training, 24.7.2017, 18.00 -28. 7.2017, 13.00

in the frame of the project "*Open Doors for Danube Countries for All (ODDA)*"

Strengthening social cohesion in the Danube countries and in Europe through education and international understanding has been the objective of the educational Network Danube-Networkers since it has been founded in 2008. Europe is for us a common house under which roof a multitude of people of different national, ethnic, social, religious or cultural origins should meet and live peacefully together.

With our international projects we want to promote an open society based on values of solidarity and democracy.

Concrete encounters create motivation to get to know the others' "worlds", to reduce mutual prejudice and fears, to introduce and establish new role behaviours and forms of civic engagement and to experience Europe as being the home of us all.

Experiences from previous projects in general adult education, especially in the Danube Region, have shown that many people are reserved when it comes to programs that include international meetings or travel to the West or the East. This applies especially to people with low education, but also to people, who have large knowledge about their own culture. This reserve comes from the lack of knowledge of languages – the national languages of the other Danube countries or English, the lack of experience with the cultures of the Danube neighbours and the resulting fear of getting into difficult situations. The reason for this is the long division of Western and Eastern Europe and the different social systems. The consequences of this division are especially marked in the Transdanubian sphere.

This cross-national training and its results are therefore a part of comprehensive capacity building for social behavior and engagement, it contributes to fostering intercultural education and to reducing stereotypes and prejudices, to raising awareness of the cultural diversity in European countries and strengthening European consciousness.

Upon this background, the participants of this Workshop, including participants of the Project ODDA, will create low-threshold methods and materials.

Communication will be initiated through use of key words and sentences, gestures, images, music, dance, etc. and this also in situations when there is no common language knowledge. Confidence will be developed in situations of everyday life (what to do and not in greetings, eating, other daily situations).

Given will be lectures about the European idea, the importance of civil society and its strengthening through new activating methods in adult education, about the use of social media for networking and empowerment. Offered will be a wide range of workshops in which the participants will actively take part in preparing themselves for their tasks and challenges. Examples of workshops are for example: intercultural competence training, training of non-verbal communication, dancing and singing workshops, various creative workshops with drawing, presentation and design. In the media workshops, basic knowledge of how to make simple videos, or to use translation programs will be trained.

In the accompanying program over the whole week, the participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the culture and the people. At the beginning, the participants will experience the so called Schwörmontag (Pledge Monday) in Ulm as part of the city democracy. During sightseeing trips the participants will be able to learn more about Bad Urach, some can take part in a traditional bread and pastry event. In the evening program, the participants will get to know each other better in conversations and other activities.

All those who want to become “bridge builders” for a united and peaceful Europe are welcome to participate.

Expected to take part are representatives of civil society organizations from all Danube countries as well as other countries of Europe from the areas of education, culture, social and environmental areas. Main communication language is English, translation help will be given in different languages.

Cost of bed and board and the seminar is 110,00 EUR, plus travel expenses.

The Workshop is free of charge for participants from the national teams of the ODDA project.

Registration: Please fill in the attached form and send it to us **by 31.5.2017** to the following address:

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