

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY

PEJA, KOSOVO from **26th of November till 5th of December 2016**

“Youth for nature, volunteering and inclusion”

GAIA Kosovo is organizing a networking activity for partnership building between organizations, volunteers, youth workers and activists, focused on voluntary and youth projects in nature protection.

The partnership building activity (PBA) will take place in **Banja e Pejes**, situated close to the town of Peja, in western part of Kosovo and surrounded with the beautiful and wild Rugova Mountains.

The meeting will focus on 3 main topics:

- nature conservation in theory and practice
- strategic planning in youth and voluntary programs in nature conservation
- project cycle management in nature conservation

The aims of the PBA are:

- To create space for developing new and strengthening existing strategic partnerships for nature protection projects through youth and voluntary work
- To give opportunity to the participants to share good and bad practices in their work on the topics
- To give an overview and details on the possibilities of the Erasmus+ programme
- To serve as a place for setting up future projects and initiatives between the participants.

During this training course, we will learn, experience and discuss some of the following topics:

- SCI & nature conservation / climate for peace program
- different youth & volunteering programs in nature conservation
- opportunities and role of youth organization for working in nature conservation
- good and bad practises in nature conservation strategies
- stakeholders in nature conservation
- defining needs in nature conservation and initiating programs/projects
- social inclusion and nature conservation
- project cycle management in nature conservation
- developing pilot programs ([i.e.NP Sharr](#))
- Erasmus+ and other programmes



We are looking for 28 participants from 19 different countries, interested in the topic, willing to create strategic partnerships and long-term projects for nature conservation, and interested in reconnection with people and nature. Advantage will be given to activists, volunteers and staff of SCI branches and partners of the project.

Suitable participants could be:

- Project coordinators
- Decision makers in the organizations
- Activists and volunteers with some experience in the field of nature protection, voluntary and youth work
- People aware of the strategic plan of their organization
- Active members of the organizations with long-term project ideas

Partner organizations can send the number of participants indicated bellow.

organization	number of pax
VCV Serbia	2
VUK Croatia	2
DEM Macedonia	1
CID Macedonia	1
CVS Bulgaria	1
SCI Hellas	1
KEAN Greece	1
SCI Italy	1
PVN Albania	1
Youthart Turkey	2
"Hope For Children" UNCRC Policy Center Cyprus	1
European Youth Centre Břeclav Czech Republic	1
Eurocircle France	1
AMSED France	1
JuBuK Germany	2
SDMC Lithuania	1
TSD Sport Poland	1
"H2O"-Assoc. de Jovens de Arroquelas Portugal	1
S4YD Romania	1
Zavod Voluntariat Slovenia	1
PINA Slovenia	1
ASOCIACIÓN DIAGONAL ESPAÑA	1
GAIA Kosovo	2

The application form can be found below and should be **sent no later than 5th of October!**

Selection of participants will be done by 15th of October!

Practical aspects:

Accommodation and food will be covered through the project. Food will be **vegan** with **vegetarian** option, seasonal and domestic as much as possible.

Travel costs will be covered 100 % for participants who come by land, and 60 % to participants who travel by plane (unless really necessary), but we still strongly advise travelling by planet-friendly means of transport.

This partnership building activity is the closing event of the project “Youth for nature, volunteering and inclusion”.

The project included the following activities:

1. Training Course: Quality volunteering projects for nature conservation in rural areas in Peja, Kosovo 25th of June till 4th of July 2016
2. Youth Exchange (YE), which will take place in Brezovica, National Park Sharr, situated on the south of Kosovo; partner organizations (VCV Serbia, SCI Hellas, DEM Macedonia, CVS Bulgaria, VUK Croatia, GAIA Kosovo)

We are looking forward to receiving your applications...



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For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us to gaia.kosovo@gmail.com

The prep-team :)

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