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CALL FOR
PARTICIPANTS
FOR THE JECI-MIEC TRAINING SESSION

Today's students=Tomorrow's responsables! Capacity
building for students' NGOs in Europe

5th – 12th September 2021



Dear friends and partners,

We have the great pleasure to invite your organization to nominate candidates for the JECI-MIEC Training Session “Today’s students=Tomorrow’s responsables! Capacity building for students’ NGOs in Europe”, which is taking place **in Marsaxlokk, Malta 5th – 12th September 2021 (including arrival and departure day).**

This Training Session is designed for **members of JECI-MIEC and other student organisations in Europe**. This means that participants in the meeting should be actively involved in projects at national / local level or to be members of the national / local board of the organization. Participants should have a good knowledge about their National Organization, be motivated towards the given subject and be willing / able to function as multipliers back in their organizations.

Moreover, participants have to

- be young people (students), active members of their National Organizations;
- be 16-30 years old*;
- be able to work and communicate in English;
- be motivated to participate actively in the Training Session;
- be willing to transmit their experience and the outcomes of the Training Session to their National Organizations;
- be able to participate for the whole duration of the activity.

In order to apply for this activity, you have to fill-in the application form (you can find it [here](#)). **The application deadline is 20th July 2021**. After receiving the applications we will inform your movement of the confirmed participants and we will send them all relevant information in the “Participants’ Info-Pack”.

In case of travel restrictions, the training session will be converted into a hybrid or virtual activity and the participants should be available to participate.

*A few participants over 30 years old could be accepted exceptionally



Training Sessions

- Gather 40 young people engaged on local, regional or national level in different European youth organizations (among them around 30 from JECI-MIEC) to share their experiences and reflections around a subject of common concern. It is held every three years.
- Promote exchange on the work and engagement of the participants and their organizations and to deepen their knowledge about each other.
- Analyse different aspects of a social, political or cultural theme coming from a diversity of viewpoints and backgrounds in a European perspective.
- Initiate common formation processes around a subject in an interorganizational, inter-confessional and intercultural context.
- Develop common reflections about the possibilities and motivations of young people to engage in society and the common challenges arising from the theme for them and their organizations.
- Define possible lines of action for the concrete reality on all levels (local-national-European), by encouraging collaboration as an important dimension of changes.

This Training Session is financed by the [European Youth Foundation \(EYF\)](#).

What is our Training Session about?

The training session on student capacity building addresses students aged 16-30 who are actively involved in key positions of student organizations (including the European Coordination JECI-MIEC, its respective national member organizations and preferably other European student NGOs) and who are willing to analyze, reflect and transmit opportunities for themselves as well as their respective organizations from a European perspective and in a European context.

With a training session on student capacity building in Europe JECI-MIEC responds to both structural and current challenges for students as individuals, for their respective organization(s) and for the quality of European activities. Starting from focusing on one's own situation in a student-led organization and the best practices that exist to successfully run such an organization, the training session will result in creating an interactive digital timeline of best practices and planning at least one European activity to be followed-up with.

To achieve this, the participants will be accompanied by a preparatory team and facilitators of the partner organization ["STEPS Project Malta"](#) through an educational approach ranging from analysis via reflection to action. This approach will be participant-centered and embrace the training session's entire project cycle from preparation to follow-up.

Youth organizations take on an important responsibility for society. As a Catholic student organization JECI-MIEC provides a special space for its national member organizations to learn about the value of



this responsibility. As European organization JECI-MIEC encourages its member organizations and their individual members respectively to carry out this responsibility not only at national, but rather at European or international level - i.e. in an intercultural context.

In this context JECI-MIEC's training session on student capacity building will provide its participants with competences (knowledge, skills and mindset) to become key figures in the governance of their respective organization(s), their immediate local surroundings and to influence even European policies. For JECI-MIEC as well as other student organizations in Europe to be able to fulfill this role to call for European responsibility, it is vital to ensure the continuation of organisational best practices including their constant review and improvement. Since the identity of a student organization is however shaped by its activities as well as its individual members, the focus on organisational matters should neither neglect the personal wellbeing of the students involved nor the quality of European activities, which the training session, therefore, intends to address thoroughly.

What do we want to achieve with our Training Session

The aim of the training session is to build capacities through analyzing, fostering and innovating best practices of student organizations for the benefit of young people in Europe - as individuals, as members of their respective organizations and therefore as contributors to civil society and beyond.

The training session will pursue three objectives which can be considered most beneficial for this aim:

1. to empower, encourage and recruit young people willing and able to volunteer as responsables;
2. to achieve, maintain or foster long-term organisational stability;
3. to organise qualitative European activities.

CONDITIONS OF THE TRAINING SESSION

Travel Expenses:

According to our Reimbursement System, the **travel expenses** of the participants will be **80% reimbursed**, according to the following criteria:

- Participants must attend more than 80% of the activity;

- Originals or copies of ALL travel tickets indicating the price, as well as (when available) a copy of its invoice/receipt, must be provided;
- The following travel costs of the participant from his/her permanent residence to the activity venue are considered: Plane tickets– for distance above 750 km; Train tickets (2nd class) – for distance less than 750 km; We advise you to book refundable tickets.
- Local public transport (tram, bus, metro, train...) – (Taxi expenses will not be refunded).

Notes:

- When travelling by train, participants must get two-way tickets and make use of all kind of reductions (student, <26 card...);
- When travelling by plane, participants must hand in their boarding passes as a proof of travel;
- Participants whose travel costs exceed 400 EUR need to inform the European Coordination JEI-MIEC before booking;
- Participants should not write on the original receipts! Explanations should be made on an additional paper.

Participation-Fee:

Participants will have to pay **a participation fee** (please, consult the list below), which will be deducted from the travel reimbursements. The participant fee is matched to the different economic situations of the participants' countries of origin.

E.g. A participant's ticket from Poland costs 300 euros. The travel reimbursement is 240 euros from which 100 euros for the participation fee will be deducted.

Albania	100	Italy	130
Austria	130	Lithuania	100
Belarus	100	Luxembourg	130
Belgium	130	Malta[1]	130
Bosnia and Herzegovina	100	Moldova	100
Croatia	100	Poland	100



Cyprus	130	Portugal	130
Czech Republic	130	Romania	100
Denmark	130	Slovakia	130
France	130	Slovenia	130
Germany	130	Spain	130
Greece	130	Switzerland	130
Hungary	100	Ukraine	100
Ireland	130	United Kingdom	130

Such a list was defined in a solidarity basis, according to the Gross Domestic Product per capita, Purchasing Power Parity and Human Development Index of the country.

Participation fees for JECI-MIEC organizations (in Euro): If your country is not in the list, please write the European Coordination at office@jecimiec.eu to ask for the participation fee.

The payment or reimbursement (depending on the difference between travel expenses and inscription fee) will be done during the activity, being the **operations in Euro**. In case your inscription fee is higher than the travel expenses, please make sure the participants will have enough cash for the payment.

We remind that this system strongly takes into consideration that participants are attending the meeting as members of a national organization. Therefore, we raise awareness for the fact that the role of the organizations in supporting / encouraging participation in the meeting must be reinforced.

[1] Participants from the Maltese member organization are exempted from the participation fee as they are the hosting organization.

Before purchasing your ticket, ensure that your candidature was accepted by the organizers.



Note: In any case financial matters should not be a reason for non-participation. Please let us know if there is any problem and we will find a common solution.

Further Information:

For any further information, please contact the European Coordinator via e-mail: office@jecimiec.eu or by phone (mobile): +306976535619

We are looking forward to meeting many of you offline! :)

With best regards,

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