

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Training course:

"Bridges for ideas and practices"

22 - 31 August, 2014

St. St. Constantine and Helena Resort, Bulgaria



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Dear Partners, Friends and Participants,

First of all, we would like to **THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your really quick response in finding participants and the organization of their travel to Bulgaria.

Then we would like to apologize for our such a delayed communication. The reason for this is that the project was approved for funding by the “Erasmus+” Programme of The European Commission just two weeks ago. We lost a lot of time to find and book a suitable hotel in the top season of the Bulgarian Black Sea. Anyway ... now we hope everything is OK!

This will be an international training course which will include professional training of speech and language therapists (SLTs) from Eastern Europe, development of their cooperation for innovation and exchange of experience, skills and best practices.

During of this event you will have the chance to meet and to work together with speech and language therapists from 5 European countries - Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Bulgaria. We are confident that all this group diversity and experience with the support of great international trainers team will lead to 9 days of learning, discovery, making contacts, partnership building, networking... and many funs.

To get ready for the training we kindly ask you to read the following information attentively!

Hosting organisation

Organizer of this training course is the “**Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria**” /YMDRAB/ - <http://ymdrab.eu/>. We are a NGO created in 2008 which work on benefit of the Bulgarian rural youth including young people with communication problems. As a part of our commitment towards a more inclusive rural society, we would like to support the efforts of the SLTs who work in benefit of social inclusion of the children and youngsters with speech and language disorders. In this connection this is the third international project which we organize on this issue and which aims increasing the vocational capacity of SLTs from Eastern Europe.



Partner organisations in this project are:

- ❖ Latvijas logopēdu asociācija;
- ❖ Asociatia Specialistilor in Terapia Tulburarilor de Limbaj din Romania;
- ❖ Estonian Logopedists´ Union;
- ❖ Logopedines Pagalbos Centras – Lithuania.



Main aim

The main aim of the course is: professional training of Speech and language therapists from Eastern Europe, development of their cooperation for innovation and exchange of experience, skills and best practices.

The training objectives are:

- Learning about the essence and applicability of various methods and systems for work with young people with different communication disorders - hearing impairments, stuttering, specific comprehension impairments of oral and written language, dyslexia and others;
- Exchange of ideas, professional experiences and acquiring practical skills;
- Development of cooperation for innovation and best practices, aiming a better quality of the services offered to young people with communication disorders.



- ***It sounds so boring ...***
- ***Don't worry! Take it easy!***

These objectives are going to be achieved by the methods of non-formal education through a very nice time spent with colleagues from other countries at the Bulgarian Black Sea. The activities will include: icebreakers, presentations, workshops, working groups, field visits, thematic cultural evenings, discussions/debates on interesting SLT topics, etc ... and funs too, of course!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

- Brave speech and language therapists;
- Coming from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Bulgaria:
 - 17 participants from Bulgaria;
 - 10 participants from Lithuania;
 - 8 participants from Latvia;
 - 8 participants from Romania;
 - 7 participants from Estonia;
- Gender balanced group - it is strongly recommended the composition of the national groups to be gender balanced (the number of men to be equal of the number of women). We kindly ask you to do your best in this regard!
- Willing to meet and make new friendships with other European SLTs;
- Eager to learn more about SLT working methods in the other countries;
- Interested in the culture of others;
- Available to take part in the full duration of the training course;
- Able to communicate in English. The working language during the training will be English. Please, don't let this criteria to make you give up already!;
- **Not fearing to have fun!**



When?

From **22nd** (arrival day) to **31st** (departure day) of **August 2014**.

The venue

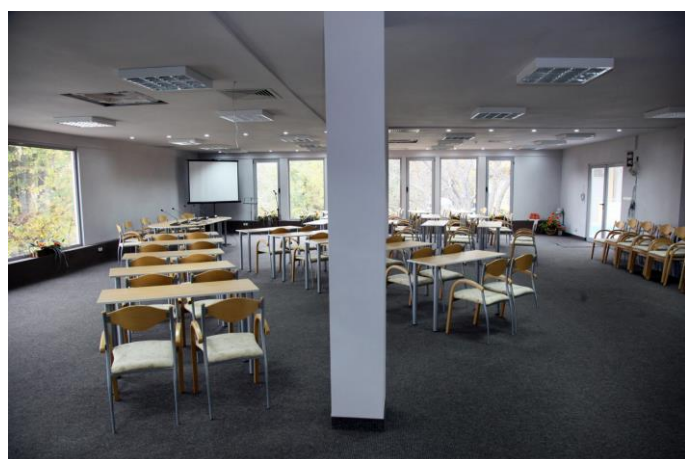
The training course will take place in the beautiful St. St. Constantine and Helena Resort. This is the oldest Bulgarian Black Sea resort situated only 8 km north of Varna and offering excellent opportunities for our international project.

Accommodation

During the training course we are going to living and working in hotel Koral. Its location and services turn this hotel into a very suitable place for our activities and stay. You can find more information on the hotel website:

<http://hotel-koral.com/>

The accommodation will be in double rooms (2 persons in one room). So we kindly ask you to choose one participant from your country with whom to share one room. Each room is equipped with a separate toilet and bathroom – bath or shower, TV, telephone, mini bar (filled upon request), personal safe and air-conditioning. Each room has a balcony.



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For our work we will use the conferent room in the hotel.

Meals are served in the hotel restaurant.

Bed-linens, towels and blankets are available in the hotel free. The hotel offers free of charge Internet, open swimming pool and fitness hall.

The hotel is near to the sea coast.

Please note, that we cannot reimburse any accommodation costs other than at the venue during the training course.

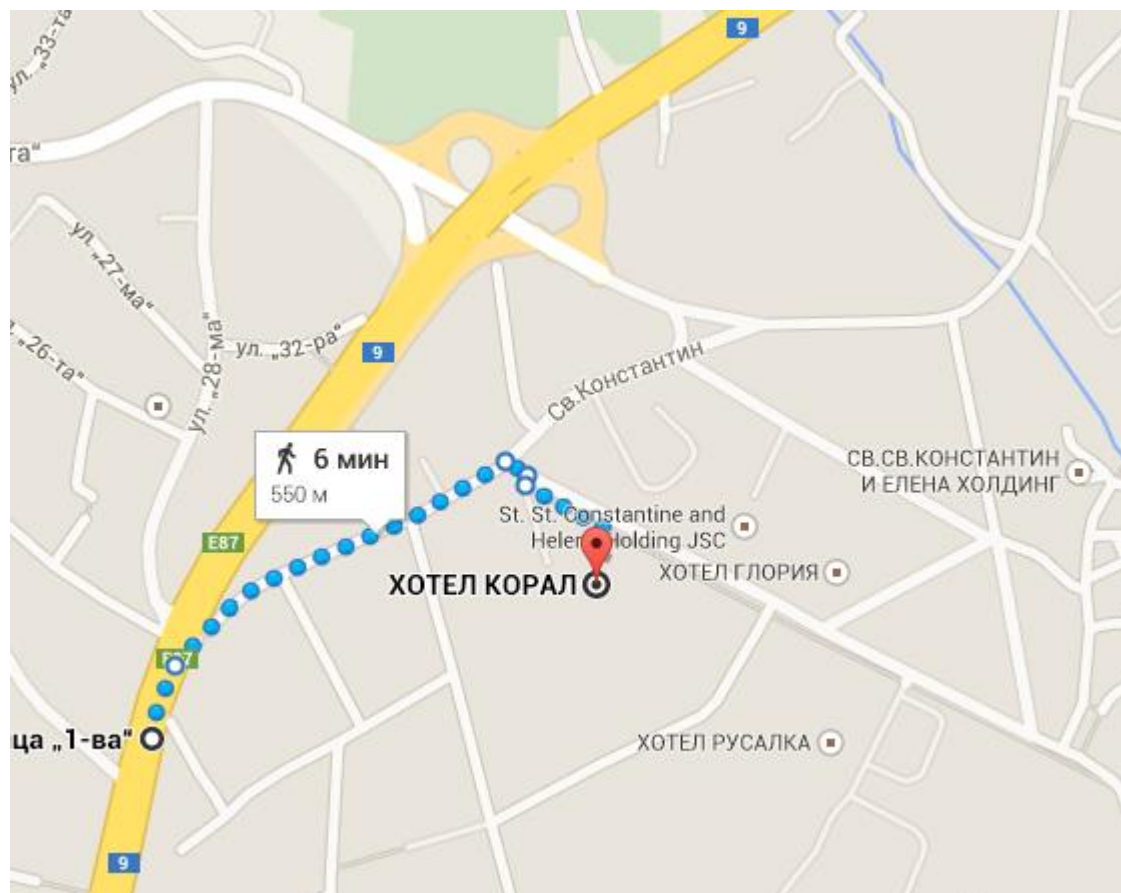
[How to get to the hotel](#)

You have to take Bus №409. The Airport Bus station is located just outside Terminal 1 of Varna Airport. This bus has also a station at Varna Central Bus Station. The bus ticket price is about 2.00 BGN (1 euro). Bus transport is available between the hours of 5:45 and 22:45, running every 15-20 minutes. Tickets are available from the bus fare-collector.

You have to get down of the bus on station “Balkan” (in Bulgarian “Балкан”) at St. St. Constantine and Helena Resort. This is a photo of the bus station:



Hotel “Koral” is located of 550 m from the bus station, according the follow map:



This is the main entrance of the hotel:



We will wait for you in the hotel. Please ask for Yonko at the hotel reception.

Preparation

Before coming to the training course we kindly ask you to prepare some materials:

- 1) During the first day the participants will be asked to present their organization. Each national group can choose how to present its organization. You should present your professional experience, expertise and practices. There is not template of this presentation. You are free to choose the method (Power Point, on paper, just speaking, ect) and to include information of your choice which will describe clearly your SLT work.
- 2) In the programme we have an International evening to get to know the European diversity. We kindly ask you to bring with you traditional food and drinks which to share with the other participants during this evening. It will be great if you present also some national music, dances, clothes and/or songs. You are free to choose the manner how to present your country and traditional culture ... but be creative and non-formal, please.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Travel costs

Only for Non-Bulgarian participants

On arrival you will be requested to fill in a “Claim for reimbursement of travel costs”. The reimbursement will be done only according to the rules given below:

- 1) Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.
- 2) In the project budget we have limit of the travel expenses so we will reimburse you 70% of your total travel costs (from your home to the venue and back). So we request you to arrange your journeys in the most economical manner possible and to make use of any available reduced tariffs.
- 3) Your travel expenses will be reimbursed only upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid:

✓ **Original invoice** for your tickets;

✓ Some **document showing the transfer of the money** for the tickets – bill, payment confirmation from internet or from the bank, credit card slip, ect;

✓ All travel documents you get during your trip: **all flight/bus/train tickets and boarding passes**, bills, slips, etc. Keep all travel documents you get during your trip because we completely need them;

✓ Relevance of the documents means that they must have the date, name of the traveller, destinations of the travel and the bill has to be completely clear for accounting (it must be readable and understandable).



- 4) Return tickets must be purchased before the start of the journey. We will do a photocopy of the tickets which you will still need to return and we will keep the originals of ones you have already used. All originals will need to be sent after the course to the organisers by land post for reporting to the “Erasmus+” Programme.
- 5) Electronic tickets will be reimbursed only on the receipt to a proof of payment (invoice, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, copy of credit card-slip or bank transfer showing the transfer of the money for the ticket, payment confirmation from internet) and on presentation of the boarding pass for the outward journey.
- 6) Note, that the booking paper alone is not enough to prove your travel expenses. You should present as well a bill, a slip of payment or print-out from your bank account to confirm the sum paid for your ticket.
- 7) We will reimburse only public transport costs. Taxi fares and traveling by private car cannot be reimbursed.

8) The travel expenses will be reimbursed by bank transfer in Euro to a bank account which you will write in the “Claim for reimbursement of travel costs”. The bank transfer will be done soon week after the end of the training course.

9) **There is NOT travel reimbursement for the Bulgarian participants.**

Health and Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend Non-Bulgarian participants to have a European Health Insurance Card. This is a free card that gives access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare during a temporary stay in any of the 28 EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland, under the same conditions and at the same cost (free in some countries) as people insured in that country. More information on the card and on how to obtain it is available at <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>

The obtaining a health and a full travel insurance are responsibility and at own expenses of the participants. You have own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.

Also, it is very important that you notify us of any health risk or possibly necessary medicines (in your Application form). Remember that obtaining a health and a full travel insurance is your own responsibility and at your own expenses. The information you provided on any special needs does not remove your own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.

Accommodation costs

The accommodation and the food for all participants will be provided and fully paid by the hosting organization YMDRAB.

Participant fee

There is NOT participant fee.

Dear participants,

Please find in attachments a **Draft program** of the training and an **Application Form**. All participants have to fill in this Application Form and send it back to us as soon as possible (**at least till 17 August 2014**) to e-mail: ionkododev@abv.bg . We kindly ask everybody to fill her Application form personally. Don't use copy/past for all of you please ☺!

Dear participants, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us to e-mail: ionkododev@abv.bg

We will be very happy if you take part in our training course.
Kind regards and see you really soon!

Yonko Dodev
/Project manager/

GENERAL INFORMATION TABLE

TIME ZONE	Bulgaria is located in the UTC/GMT + 2 hours.
CURRENCY	Bulgarian lev, BGN 1 Euro = 1,9558 BGN You can change euro in the Airport or in the banks. In most of the establishments and shops, credit-cards Visa and MasterCard are not accepted.
WHEATER CONDITIONS	Normally the temperature in August is more than 30°C. So bring with you some sunscreen cream and sun-protective agents.
VENUE	Hotel "Koral", St. St. Constantine and Helena Resort, Varna http://hotel-koral.com/
HOW TO GET THERE	By bus №409 from Varna Airport, Varna Central Bus Station and City Center.
ARRIVALS / DEPARTURE	Normally the participants are expected to arrive on Friday, 22 nd of August 2014 in the afternoon. Departure will be on Sunday, 31 st of August 2014 after breakfast. For any different schedules you must to inform us explicitly by e-mail.
EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS	Yonko Dodev: 00359887505544 Maria Peeva: 00359885052995
INSURANCE	The obtaining a health and a full travel insurance are responsibility and at own expenses of the participants.
WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Information (and materials) about your organization; ✓ Elements from your culture(s) to share with the other participants during the International evening (e.g. food, drinks, dances, clothing, music, short videos, games, presentations, etc.); ✓ Comfortable casual clothes; ✓ Swimwear, sunscreen cream and sun-protective agents.
INFORMATION	If you need further information do not hesitate to contact us: e-mail: ionkododev@abv.bg

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