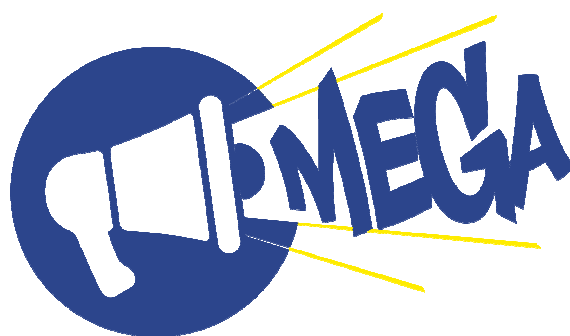


Blended Learning Course



Train-the-Trainer

An informal, playful way to address Europhobia in youth work

MEGA Pilot Training of Trainers

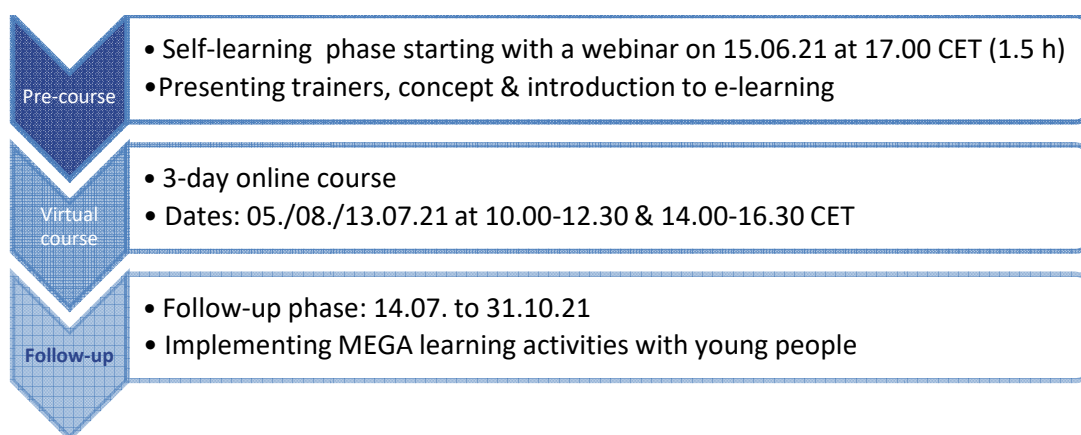
At a glance

Purpose

Train-the-Trainer for youth workers to address Europhobia in an informal, playful way in youth clubs and other places where young people meet.

Training elements

The MEGA pilot training consists of three phases:



Participants

The course addresses youth workers, trainers, facilitators and other relevant stakeholders that offer services and training for young people.

Venue

Due to the Covid-19 Restrictions the Train-the-trainer course will be facilitated online. To prevent having long day courses leading to a lack of participation, the course is divided into a preparatory e-learning phase and 3 days of interactive online course. To provide a good overview and make sure that participants are set to work with the self-learning materials, a Webinar will be held prior to the course. The link will be provided in due course.

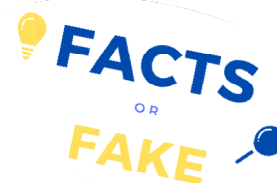
Course costs

The course is free of charge.

Introduction

For different reasons – Brexit, economic crisis, right-wing populist governments – Europe is confronted with a wave of europhobism. For many people European Union is the scapegoat for any difficulty and challenge arising from global trends and has to live with constant reproaches of bureaucracy and inefficiency. Young people tend to be a little more positive, as they profit from the mobility activities offered by EU programmes like Erasmus+ and others, enjoy travelling freely and choosing their preferred country of study or work. But this cannot be taken for granted.

MEGA seeks to strengthen young people as potential ambassadors of the European idea by helping them to unmask Europhobic, populist distortions of the image of the European Union. An informal, playful learning offer making use of the motivation power of gamification will foster critical thinking capacities and equip them with the knowledge and skills to counter Europhobic myths with undistorted European realities. In order to do so a Train-the-Trainer course based on a blended learning format of a combination of Webinar, Self-learning and Virtual course, is planned.



Objectives

The desired long-term outcome of the training is to enable representatives from organisations offering services and training for young to implement the MEGA approach. The course is a blended learning offer which enables youth workers to implement an innovative approach at empowering young people to critically analyse Europhobic distortions of the European Union and to learn to act as “European ambassadors”, i.e. to convincingly spread realistic images of the EU among their peers. Youth workers will learn to identify and unmask Europhobic myths, apply quiz-based learning and produce learning quizzes with and for young people and empower young people to act as “European ambassadors”.

In short, the main objectives of the MEGA training are to:

- bring about the concept of critical thinking, empowerment
- train participants in gamified online and face-to-face methods
- enable participants to plan, assess and evidence rather informal ways of learning in their youth working contexts.
- set up learning games with defined learning outcomes for the youth using the gamified platform.

Participants

The target group of the MEGA course are youth workers, trainers, facilitators and other relevant stakeholders that offer services and training for young people. As the course will be online, participants of all Europe are welcome.

To be part of this course, participants should:

- Regularly work in a context with young people or train others that work with young people;
- Have an intermediate/advanced knowledge of the English language;
- Be interested and commit to attend all parts of the training programme.

Participation is free of charge.



Structure and organisation of the training

The MEGA training is organised in a blended learning format consisting of three components: Webinar, Self-learning and a Virtual C1-Course.

1. Self-learning phase incl. inauguration webinar (15th June to 4th July 2021):

This phase will be initiated with a webinar, via ZOOM, devoted to present the MEGA project and concept, the training structure and programme in detail, including the objectives and activities foreseen for each of the components.

The webinar will take place on **15th June 2021 at 17 CET**. It also gives opportunity to get to know the MEGA development team and the other participants.

Following the webinar, the participants will access the on-line MEGA platform, where several learning resources are available for consultation, to assure a common level of technical knowledge on the topic of myths and Europhobia as well as the used Methodology & Technology to unmask fake news. It also introduces the youth workers into using the gamified platform itself. The online resources will be accessible upon registration. The respective link and access data will be sent in due course.

2. Virtual Training-Course on 5th, 8th, and 13th July 2021

The participants will meet to further explore the gamified platform, strengthen their knowledge on the concepts of critical thinking, quiz-based & peer to peer learning, and empowerment and to discuss open questions that may have emerged. In fact, during the three days, participants will be able to get to know the MEGA methodology in detail and to learn how to apply it in real youth contexts. Besides, participants will be encouraged to share own professional practice experiences and slip those in.

Training will be delivered through different methods such as group work, discussion and reflective rounds, seeking to promote the active participation of participants by inviting them to share their experience, knowledge and personal resources in regards to working with youth.

3. Follow-up component (14th of July to 31st of October 2021)

After the virtual training course, participants shall implement (elements of) MEGA training in their activities with young people in their own country. The participants will be offered the opportunity to continue to network, report on their activities and share experiences in the delivering of their activities in dedicated webinars or in the Forum of the online platform. The implementation process will be supported by the national partner organisation, who will also be contacting the participants to gather feedback and clarify potential questions.

At the end of the MEGA Train-the-trainer a certificate will be issued to all participants who completed all phases of the training programme.



Main topics of the training

The MEGA training comprises five main topics:

- **Module 1** (e-learning): Introduction: Relevance of Project, New myths coming up, Pros & Cons of EU, Key findings of MEGA Research
- **Module 2** (e-learning): Methodology & Technology: Unmasking fake news, Gamified learning, Using the Platform
- **Module 3**: Self Testing & Training: Playful start to get into the topic - testing knowledge, E-learning review, Embedding of topic in informal learning activities
- **Module 4**: Key qualifications to combat Europhobia & Learning approaches: Black stories, Critical thinking, Quiz based & Peer-to-peer learning, Empowerment
- **Module 5**: The game – Part1 playing it & Part2 using it in practice, Concepts and games

Training Plan

The tentative training plan of the three days is:



05.07.2021

- Welcome
- Get together
- Expectations
- Introduction
- Setting the ground: Eu-myths, critical thinking - MEGA approach
- Review of e-learning
- Fake news and how to unmask them
- Feedback



08.07.2021

- Q&A
- Gamified platform and its function
- Let's play! - experience with the gamified platform
- Quiz-based and peer-to-peer learning
- More games ... black stories, riddles ... and how to embed them in informal learning
- Feedback



13.07.2021

- Q&A
- Setting up own quizzes with the platform
- Practice transfer
- Setting up small learning projects to implement MEGA into youth work
- Evaluation Round
- Further planning

The sessions on each of the three days - 05./08./13.07.21 – are from 10.00 to 12.30 & 14.00 to 16.30 CET

Interested?

For any further information, please contact Sabine Wiemann at: info@mega.bupnet.eu