



## OFFICIAL INVITATION

### **Welcome!!!**

Dear Partners, we are glad to inform you that our project “Let’s give a helping hand!” was approved for funding by the “Youth in Action” Programme. We are very happy to welcome you to this international training course focused on the Evidence-based practices in the Speech and Language Therapy.

During of the training course your representatives will have the chance to meet logopedists/speech and language therapists from 5 European countries (Estonia, Latvia, Cyprus, Lithuania and Bulgaria). We are confident that all this group diversity and experience with the support of the international trainer team will lead to 9 days of learning, discovery, making contacts, partnership building, networking... and many funs.

***For getting ready for the training we kindly ask you to read the following information attentively!***

### **Hosting organization**

Organizer of the project is Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria /YMDRAB/ - <http://ymdrab.eu/>. It is a NGO created in 2008 which work on benefit of the Bulgarian rural youth including young people with communication problems. As a part of its commitment towards a more inclusive rural society YMDRAB would like to help the social inclusion of the children and youngsters with speech and language disorders. So this year YMDRAB prepared the current project “Let’s give a helping hand!”. This is an international training course for increasing the vocational capacity of European speech and language therapists.

### **The main aim**

The main aim of the training is: international expert team with great experience to provide logopedists from Estonia, Latvia, Cyprus, Lithuania and Bulgaria with knowledge and skills to create and apply Evidence-Based Practices in their work.

The training objectives are:

- The participants will receive a theoretical grounding on the Evidence-Based Practices in the Speech and Language Therapy;
- They will exchange experience and good practices and will gain practical skills to help overcoming the communication problems of the young people;
- Presentation of the opportunities offered by “Youth in Action” Programme for the European speech and language therapists and generating concrete ideas for joint projects with local and European impact.

### Target group

The participants will be speech and language therapists from national associations (or institutions) in Lithuania, Estonia, Latvia, Cyprus, and Bulgaria. We are inviting representatives from our partner organization according to the following table:

Partner organization	Country	Number of participants
Bulgarian National association of logopedists	Bulgaria	6
Estonian Logopedists' Union	Estonia	4
Latvijas Logopedu asociacija	Latvia	4
European University Cyprus	Cyprus	4
Lithuanian Logopedists Association	Lithuania	4
Alternative communication	Bulgaria	6
YMDRAB	Bulgaria	3

### The time of the training

From 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (including the arrival and departure dates).

### The venue

The training course will take place in the beautiful Municipality of Botevgrad. The participants will be accommodated in the comfortable hotel "Bojenishki Urvich":

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### FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

#### Travel expenses

#### !!! IMPORTANT !!!

70 % of your travel expenses will be reimbursed. You must present all documentary evidence of the sum actually paid:

- ✓ **original invoice or/and a copy of credit card slip** showing the transfer of the money for the ticket, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, payment confirmation from internet or from the bank;
- ✓ all travel documents you get during your trip: **boarding passes**, bills, slips, all **flight/bus/train tickets**, etc.

You must choose the cheapest travel option. Note that, only participants attending the entire training course can be reimbursed. We will reimburse only public transport costs.

All travel cost from your home place to Sofia and back have to be maximum:

- for Lithuanian people – 280 euro/per person;
- for Cyprus people – 310 euro/per person
- for Latvian people – 370 euro/per person;
- for Estonian people – 380 euro/per person.

**!!! Do not buy your ticket before to inform us and double check with us!!!**

**!!!There is NOT travel reimbursement for the Bulgarian participants!!!**

### **Accommodation**

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.

### **Insurance**

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.

Please find attached an Application Form and a Draft Programme. All participants have to fill in the Application Form and send it back to us as soon as possible (**before 28 May 2012**) to e-mail: [helping\\_hand12@abv.bg](mailto:helping_hand12@abv.bg) . When we receive all completed forms we will send to all participants more detailed Practical Information about the training. The working language during the training will be English.

Dear colleagues, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact with us to e-mail: [helping\\_hand12@abv.bg](mailto:helping_hand12@abv.bg)

We will be very happy if you take part in our initiative.

Kind regards!

See you soon!

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