



We are happy to invite 18 multipliers (NGO staff, teachers from elementary and high school background interested in civic education, trainers, activists, social sciences students, youth workers) from Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Poland and Germany, who work in the field of international youth work, to take part in the training “Democracy in Action – From Personal to the Political: Betzavta Course” in Krzyżowa, Poland from 13th to 20th May, 2017.

What is Betzavta?

Betzavta is a Hebrew word which means "together". The title of this method for learning about democracy, which was developed by the Adam Institute in Israel, makes up the programme and philosophical background at the same time. Betzavta questions the traditional and unsatisfactory paths of conventional conflict resolution with surprising seminar units and presents in its place the concept of **creative conflict resolution**. With the help of a special conflict dilemma method, it achieves the essential conditions for tolerant social interaction: the willingness to mutually recognize the right to personal freedom and other peoples' needs. On this basis, the four steps of democratic decision-making provide the conflicting parties with a valuable tool for dealing with conflicts in a novel way. **Betzavta is an internationally renowned democracy education programme used in schools and non-school educational institutions.**

Project overview

During the training course, 18 multipliers from Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Poland and Germany will get familiar with the Betzavta method. Through games and interactive activities they are going to explore the democratic decision-making process in a more personal way, and eventually get a more fundamental understanding of democracy. Also, the participants will have a chance to focus on the use of Betzavta in their own working context. The international composition of the training fosters the development of intercultural cooperation on the international level. In addition, the training offers the multipliers a platform for exchange of ideas on their understanding of democracy.

Organizer

Kreisau-Initiative, Germany

Partners

MODOM, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Youth Initiative for Human Rights, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Open Communication, Serbia

HERMES, Croatia

Krzyżowa Foundation for Mutual Understanding in Europe, Poland

Meeting place

The training course is going to take place in the International Youth Meeting Center Krzyżowa in Poland. Krzyżowa/Kreisau is a historical site. During World War II it was the meeting place of the Kreisau Circle, an important resistance group against the Nazi regime. Nowadays, the aim of Krzyżowa is supporting peaceful and tolerant existence of nations, social groups and individuals in Europe. The educational work in Krzyżowa builds bridges between the past and the present, between Western and Eastern Europe, and promotes dialogue between generations.

Details concerning the Betzavta training course

- **Date:** May 13th to 20th, 2017
- **Place:** International Youth Meeting Centre in Krzyżowa / Poland (www.krzyzowa.org.pl)
- **Number of participants:** 3 from each country (18 in total)
- **Countries:** Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Croatia, Poland and Germany
- **Language:** English
- **Fee for course:** (covers accommodation in double room in 3* hotel, training, all meals and one day excursion to Wrocław; a reduced fee for students, apprentice, and unemployed upon request)

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – 40 € (30 € reduced fee)

Bosnia and Herzegovina – 40 € (30 € reduced fee)

Serbia – 40 € (30 € reduced fee)

Croatia – 50 € (40 € reduced fee)

Poland – 80 € (60 € reduced fee)

Germany – 150 € (115 € reduced fee)

- **Travel Cost:** (costs will be reimbursed after the training)

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – maximum 275 €

Bosnia and Herzegovina – maximum 275 €

Serbia – maximum 275 €

Croatia – maximum 275 €

Poland – maximum 180 € for travel distance between 100 and 499 KM
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- **Application:** Please fill out the application form below and send to bubalo@kreisau.de

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The training is funded by the programme





Betzavta Training Course

May 13th to 20th, 2017
in Krzyżowa, Poland

- Deadline: April 15th, 2017 -

First name, Last name:

Email:

Address:

Phone number (mobile):

Occupation/field of study:

Organization:

Date of birth:

Vegetarian: y/n Vegan: y/n Food allergies: _____

Special requirements _____

I have been in touch with democracy education before: yes no

Please specify:

I accept the above mentioned terms of application and payment. The participation fee is due after confirmation of participation through the organizer.

Date, signature* _____