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**Global actors in
local actions**

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Welcome to TC GALA!

Dear Participant,

Through the following pages, we have gathered the information you need to know about TC GALA and about your journey to Finland.

Welcome to Kokkola and have a great time with us in Villa Elba!

General information about GALA

In autumn 2012 Youth Centre Villa Elba started new national Global education development project, which is supported by the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture. Project aims to develop global education methods at Youth Centres and to find means how Youth Centres could support youth workers and youth organisations to implement global education aspects at their work with youngsters.

During this training course we will introduce our work regarding global education and offer participants a chance to get to know different kind of working methods in practice. As working methods we will use practical workshops, simulation games, lectures and field visits.

This training course aims to support organizations in their activities within global education, offer participants new tools for their everyday work and offer a space for exchange of ideas and project proposals.

One objective of this training course is involving the idea of global education into our networks of organisations working with young people. We hope that during the training course we can build up a network of actors within global education. By creating such a network of global education it will be easier to stay in regular contact with each other's and this way we can also spread information, project ideas and also exchange ideas and working methods.

Background information about Villa Elba

Villa Elba is a National Youth Centre supported and observed by the Ministry of Education. We are specialised in youth work and our function is to develop the methods used in the field of youth work, to act as a centre for furthering the skills of the youth, and enable young people's travelling domestically and abroad. The centres are run under the Finnish law covering youth work and by the Ministry of Education.

In international work our goal is to offer youngsters the possibilities of learning in multicultural environment and finding their own strengths and abilities through international activity.

Our work consists of international camps and programs, education, practical training and voluntary work for young people, information and guidance about international programmes, projects and EVS co-ordination for hosting organisations.

TC GALA Details

Activity dates:	6th of February (arrival day)- 11th of February (departure)
Activity place:	Youth Centre Villa Elba Kokkola, Finland villaelba.fi
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Partnering countries and promoters, amount and profile of the participants:

Partner	Country	Number of participants	Travel grant per participant
Stowarzyszenie Centrum Wolontariatu w Kielcach	Poland	3	275
Associazione ONLUS Levitazione	Italy	3	360
Kammer für Arbeiter und Angestellte für Tirol	Austria	3	275
Sistem ve Jenerasyon Dernegi	Turkey	3	275
EURO-NET	Italy	3	360
Momentum World Community Interest Company	UK	3	275
Centrum volného času-Regionální centrum mládeže	Slovakia	3	275
AYUNTAMIENTO DE MURCIA	Spain	3	360
CITTA DI TORINO	Italy	3	360
Youth Centre Villa Elba	Finland	3	0

Reimbursement

The reimbursement of travel costs will be done through bank transfer after receiving all the travel documents, boarding passes etc. **Villa Elba has not the possibility to make any reimbursements by cash.**

Practical issues

Tips for travelling

To Finland

There are many flight possibilities come to Finland. Most of the flights come to Helsinki including several cheap flight companies like Air Baltic, Flybe, Ryanair, Blue1 etc.

There are also direct flights from Stockholm, Sweden to Kokkola but only on certain days.

In Finland:

The cheapest possibility to travel to Kokkola by train. Prices and timetables: www.vr.fi. You might also find cheap flights from Helsinki to Kokkola at www.flybe.fi

To Villa Elba

Villa Elba will organize transportation from Kokkola train station or Kokkola airport to Villa Elba. Costs of the transportation are covered from the travel grants of the participants.

Accommodation:

Accommodation is organized in Youth Centre Villa Elba in our cottages for 4-8 persons. Please visit www.villaelba.fi to find more information about the place. Towel and bed linen are included, so there is no need to bring them along.

Meals:

Breakfast, lunch, coffee break, dinner and evening snack is served. Inform about your special diets and allergies in the registration form. The kitchen in Elba makes special food only for those who order it, and that is why it is not possible to choose between vegetarian and other dishes (because then there might not be enough food for those with special diets).

Internet and tel.:

Participants have the possibility to use Internet for free at Villa Elba. We also have a wireless Internet connection in the main building.

Alcohol & smoking: Smoking is allowed only during free time but only at the smoking area. We do not sell either cigarettes or alcohol at the centre.

Preparations: All the participants should bring something for the international evening about their country and culture. It is not possible to cook in Villa Elba.

Please also bring a presentation about your organization and if possible, examples of how global education is done in your organization.

What to bring along: personal items
 medication
 swimming suit (optional for the sauna) + towel
 warm clothes

Registration form: Each participant should fill in the registration form. Participants should fill on line registration form in following address:

<https://www.webpolsurveys.com/S/5EFE79DB731F546A.par>

no later than Friday 19th of January to

About Finland



Finland, officially the Republic of Finland is a Nordic country situated in the Fennoscandian region of Northern Europe. It is bordered by Sweden on the west, Norway on the north and Russia on the east, while Estonia lies to its south across the Gulf of Finland.

Finland is low-lying in the south and center with mountains in the north. One quarter of its territory lies north of the Arctic Circle, and the country experiences long, harsh winters.

City of Kokkola



Kokkola is a charming seaside town in Western Finland with a population of about 47 000. The king of Sweden, Gustav II Adolf founded the town in 1620.

Kokkola is traditionally a shipping and trading town as well as a modern and vital provincial centre. The old part of the town, Neristan and the sea attracts visitors, as well as the versatile cultural experiences. For more information on Kokkola, visit: www.kokkola.fi

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