

PERMACULTURE AS A PATH TO PEACE

GAIA Kosovo & SAVA working group of SCI

Permaculture as a path to peace (3Peas) is 20 month long project which includes 15 partner organizations from Europe, from 14 countries (Croatia, Serbia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Turkey, Bulgaria, Hungary, France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Greece). The main topic of the project is permaculture as a tool for peace building, reconciliation and empowerment of youth. It will consist of several connected activities which aim is to build capacity of SAVA working group of SCI (responsible for exchange in the Balkans) in youth work within current challenging social and environmental concepts. Through this project, participants will gain diverse knowledge and skills to implement permaculture in peace work, but will also upgrade existing climate for peace toolkit, which will be tested through summer workcamps, youth mobility activities and finalized and concluded together with the video documentary. Expected tangible results include open education resource in form of online toolkit (permaculture for peace), printed versions in 4 languages, FirstAid permaculture kit and video documentary.

Specific objectives are related to youth workers and youth from partner organizations, but also local communities and SCI in general:

- Empowering participants, youth workers to thinking holistic way and to organize educational activities on permaculture in diverse social context and create permaculture pool of trainers in SAVA and SCI
- Inspiring participants, youth workers and youth, to think outside the box, to be creative and innovative as initiators of permaculture-based short term actions and long term projects in their communities
- Provide inspiration, tools, skills and knowledge for designing local solutions
- Prepare new edition of climate for peace toolkit 2.0 / permaculture for peace (online and printed) which will be used and promoted within SCI network as OER
- Produce video documentary of the project, which will be used for educational and dissemination purpose during and after the project
- Evaluate impact, results and changes achieved and to prepare at least one common Erasmus+ follow up project and establish platform for EVS exchange among partners

The project will empower youth workers and youth to implement holistic, intelligent and nature-based designs in different spheres within their organizations, networks and communities. It will create foundation for long-term cooperation between GAIA, local authorities and institutions of education. Finally, it will support creation of new long-term educational and volunteering program in Kosovo, where youth from Kosovo and Europe will have diverse opportunities for learning, experimenting, cooperating and growing. This program will become an example of multiethnic and cross-sectoral cooperation for sustainable, just and peaceful future.

ACTIVITIES

Training course Permaculture Design Training Course will take place in Recycled estate in Vukomeric (Velika Gorica), Croatia from 18th till 29th of October 2017 (12 full working days).

More information in the call for participants.

EVS in Kosovo – 1 volunteer – 11 months (nov 2017 - sep 2018)

Volunteer will take part in local permaculture initiative in Novo Brdo Municipality, run by GAIA and local partners. The volunteer will be experimenting knowledge and skills, observing, designing and documenting the natural process.

Sending organization: SCI France

SAVA permaculture pool of trainers workshop will take place in Novo Brdo, from 16th till 20th of March 2018 and will gather 12 representatives. During this meeting, participants will develop new tools and methods for permaculture education and actions in diverse local contexts, but within SCI strategic frame. Main guidelines will cover introduction to permaculture, one day workshops, one day actions (permablitz), study parts on workcamps and practical tools for organizations. This toolkit will be focused on topics related to post conflict areas, ethnically divided communities, social inclusion and refugee crisis. This manual will be explored and implemented during YE in Mitrovica and at least 14 summer workcamps during summer, in rural areas, divided communities and along the 'Balkan route' in refugee camps.

Sending organizations (1 representative): VCV Serbia, VUK Croatia, Zemljani Bosnia & Herzegovina, SCI Italy, SCI France, SCI Germany, CVS Bulgaria, CID Macedonia, Utilapu Hungary, PVN Albania, SCI Catalunya, GAIA Kosovo

Youth Exchange in Mitrovica, divided city in Kosovo, 18th till 26th of May 2018, will gather 25 participants from 5 countries (Kosovo, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Bulgaria). Mitrovica is ethnically divided city, with lots of existential problems which are neglected due to political tensions and manipulations. During this YE participants will exchange knowledge and skills, discuss and create proposals for solutions within local context.

Sending organizations (4 pax + group leader): VCV, CID, VUK, CVS, GAIA

Permaculture4peace summer workcamp campaign (June - September 2018) in cooperation with Climate for peace team. At least 14 workcamps (Western Balkans, EU) will implement study and/or practical part (workshops, permablitz, study visits etc) on permaculture based on guidelines from the manual. These workcamps will be labeled as climate for peace workcamps and will be asked to fill in specific evaluation forms afterwards.

200 euro will be available for each organization implementing permaculture in their activities.

Final evaluation & follow up meeting, from 2nd till 5th of October 2018, Novo Brdo in Kosovo
This meeting will gather 15 representatives from all partners and will also include experiences of EVS and other long-term volunteers. During the meeting, participants will do the situation assessment and analyse data from evaluation of previous activities.

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