



Report of the Kick-off Partner Meeting in Stuttgart

20 – 21 September 2018

OBJECTIVES

On the 20th and the 21st September, BAG EJSAT together with SKA Darmstadt and YES Forum hosted the kick-off meeting of the project *“Attitudes and Approaches Towards more Gender- Sensitivity in Youth Work!* at the Youth Hostel Stuttgart International.

The goal of the project is to **contribute to the achievement of gender equality and equalisation in different countries within the EU through:**

- Leading European discourses in 5 different countries
- **Increasing knowledge about the diversity of adolescent life situations**, the appearance of gender stereotypes, the overlap of different forms of discrimination.
- **Expanding the scope of action for young people in their personal development**
- **Developing methods for working with disadvantaged young people** of all sexes.
- **Formulating minimum standards and extension of practical implementation strategies** in order to be able to implement gender-related pedagogy in practice

ACTIVITIES



On the first day, partners took time to get to know each other and introduce their organisations. Therefore all participants did a small **speed dating**.

Afterwards, Susanne Käppler from BAG EJSAT explained the motives for the creation of the project:

- Gender focus is disappearing
- Politicians should see gender work with youth as important

With the collaboration of all of the partners BAG EJSAT seeks to **make a difference in gender sensitivity!**



Before having the partners share their opinions on Gender Sensitivity in their milieus, the most recent numbers of the **Gender Equality Index** were shared, showing that EU has 66,2 points in a scale from 0=no gender equality to 100=total gender equality.



Following the statistical data, **Flavie Singirangkabo** took everybody through a **journey of questioning and debating around the gender topic**. She left the group some key messages, which inspired everybody for the next tasks.



Afterwards it was time **settle some ideas for the project**. So the second part of the first day and the second day were dedicated to it. All partners were actively involved in the brainstorming and group activities that facilitated the generation of conclusions and ideas:

Regarding the context and experiences of the partners:

- Gender stereotypes are a reality in all countries.
- Social media and right wing movements are perpetuating gender issues.
- Their organisations treat employees equally.

Regarding their aims and expectations

- The partners' goal is to spread gender sensitivity and to share knowledge and best practices.
- Some partners have projects of gender related topics.
- The partners want to connect the results to daily work.

In what concerns involving young people and making them stay connected

- The possibility of addressing external organisations was discussed.
- Using technology to reach and maintain youngsters in the project

Possible challenges and solutions

- Drop-outs - regular contact
- Funding for extra activities - involving facilitators
- Language barrier - language expert in the group

The meeting in Stuttgart aimed to set the ground for a common ground for the project. Partners will **meet again on the 6th and 7th March in Athens** hosted by the IEKEP.



See you there!