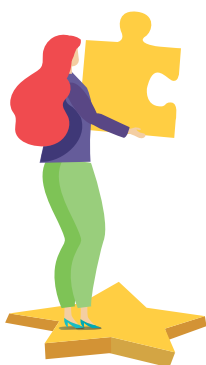


## EUROPEAN ACADEMY ON YOUTH WORK - WORKSHOP REPORT

### Trainers Library

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#### TOPIC DISCUSSED



The topic of discussion was the project “Trainers Library – the future of competence development for trainers and youth workers”. The trainers library will be an easy to use and accessible website with resources for self-directed-learning, which will be aligned with the European trainers’ competence model. The library aims to support trainers and youth workers in increasing their own competences. The countries involved in the project include Germany, North Macedonia, Lithuania, Turkey, Poland and Italy.

We talked about the background and needs of the project, the research conducted, trends in youth work and the needs for a platform such as the trainers library. The content of the library and its link with the European Training Strategy were presented as well as how the information will be structured, easy to use, labelled etc., and what is its expected impact on the community, its outreach and future potential.

The participants chose some articles and tried them out. We had some group reflection to share opinions, suggestions and feedback.



## METHODOLOGY

The workshop was a mix between TED talk and lab presentation, including an interactive exchange with the participants. It further included testing of the intellectual output, feedback and suggestions.

## KEY ISSUES RAISED SUCH AS CHALLENGES

- How can be the library more optimised to the needs of participants?
- How it can reach more people?
- How can more people contribute to it in the future?

## INNOVATIVE RESPONSE(S) TO THOSE CHALLENGES

Personalised edition of a printed book (People receive a hard cover version and can then additionally add content according to personal preferences or when new contributions are published.)

It would be great to be able to highlight or save the relevant content according to personal preferences, possibly in a personal account (if there will be the opportunity to create accounts on the website).



## KEY TRENDS IDENTIFIED (COMMONALITIES BETWEEN COMMENTS/ PARTICIPANTS)

- Lack of resources for the development of one's own competences
- Lack of structured learning process
- Need for minimum quality standards for working with non-formal education methods
- Need for professionalisation of youth work

## FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

Participants recognised the library as a resource and were looking forward to using it for themselves and their colleagues.

They recognised the need for such a tool.

They were commenting and suggesting how it could be used more widely and how people could contribute to it.

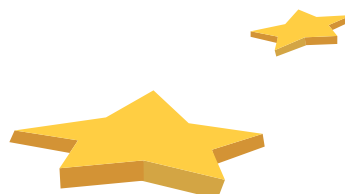
Some quotes from the evaluation:

- *"Very interesting tool. I'm curious about how it will look like at the end. And I think I will be able to use it for my professional development as a trainer but also as a source of materials that I can use when training youth workers or even ESC volunteers."*
- *"This was a great workshop, the idea is very relevant and useful. Can't wait for the Trainers Library to be launched! Hopefully it catches on and people contribute."*
- *"Congratulations on the work done so far, I am looking forward to using materials from the Trainers Library. I am sending you comments from the participants of the workshop. Have a look in "Creative Common (CC) license concept" and explore more out about communities (websites and publishers) that provide platforms for spreading the word about the Trainers Library."*

## LINKS TO FURTHER RESOURCES OR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT AVAILABLE ONLINE



[www.trainerslibrary.org](http://www.trainerslibrary.org)  
[www.facebook.com/trainerslibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/trainerslibrary/)



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