GRASSROOT YOUTH DEMOCRACY

Project Abstract:
The project is a global action aimed at fostering transnational capacity building. It will gather youngsters from two European countries toughly affected by the economical crises (Greece and Italy) and from other four different countries (Mauritius, India, Uruguay, Ecuador) belonging to different continents. All the 16 participants will be involved in a scheme of learning mobilities through non formal education opportunities (seminar, training, job-shadowing). The red thread of the project will be on water as a human right and commons good, where all the participants will implement a common campaign and several field researches in each country. The project outcomes will then be used to advocate, create awareness and be freely shared on an Online Education Resource (OER) Platform.

The project activities will be divided in several phases, from April 2015 to February 2016:

Phase 1/ Seminar – Montevideo / Uruguay (15/22 April 2015)
All the 16 participants of the project together with 1 member from each partner organization will meet in Montevideo (Uruguay). They will learn how to coordinate an international campaign, learn what a plan of action is, how to implement an effective campaign, what are the communication tools needed and how to monitor it and evaluate results. They will deepen the campaign thematic issues on water and sanitation as human right. They will get prepared for the job shadowing deciding how to carry on the field studies foreseen within it, (and thus how to collect and select materials) and the campaign methods.

Phase 2/ Media training - Rome / Italy (07/15 May 2015)
The 16 participants, the same of the seminar in Uruguay, will meet in Rome for a Media training, focused on new media and journalism, video making and video editing. The training will be aimed at promoting professional development to participants in ICT methodologies. Participants will learn how to use media in the field study foreseen during the job shadowing and to support the campaign at the centre of the project. The training will also include sessions of production of quality mini-video.

Phase 3/ Job-shadowing and field research (2 months)
=> From 15th May to 15th July 2015 in Greece or Italy (for participants from India/Uruguay/Ecuador/Mauritius).

=> From 15th July to 15th September 2015 in India or Uruguay or Ecuador or Mauritius (for participants from Greece and Italy).

4 participants will be hosted in Italy, 4 in Greece coming from India, Mauritius, Ecuador and Uruguay, from 15th of May to 15th of July. Then 4 participants from Italy and 4 others from Greece will go to India or Uruguay or Ecuador or Mauritius. All the participants with the knowledge of the seminar and the skills of training, will mobilize their fellows, and implement the project campaign. They will organize public activities to disseminate project content and to increase the impact, and they will carry on field studies on topics connected to the campaign, supported by the hosting organization.

**Phase 4/ Research and Campaigning (from September 2015 to January 2016)**

All the participants will concluded their filed research and collect all the media material of the campaign, to then enrich the OER Platform. All the material, the field study outputs, edited with contribution from all of the participants will merge and be published in multi-language in printed copies and in digital version. Several public meetings, to share the outcomes of the research and to financially support the project, will be organised.

**Phase 5/ Final conference – Rome / Italy (February 2016)**

The outcomes and outputs of projects will be presented during a final conference, that will increase the outreach of the project, of the campaign and of the field researches. It will be an opportunity to have a wider view, analysis and to create reflections on the issues of the campaign and researches with the involvement external guests.

**Partners of the project**
- SCI Italia - Italy
- Acqua Bene Comune Onlus – Italy
- Fundacion Chiriboga – Ecuador
- Retos al Sur – Uruguay
- SVI Mauritius - Mauritius
- SCI Hellas – Greece
- SCI India – India

**Institutional partner of the project**
- Municipality of Corchiano - Italy