

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



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**SIW70**

# PROVIDING CREATIVE AND ENGAGING FACILITATION SKILLS TO LEADERS IN INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

## Introduction

International Voluntary Service (IVS) offers youth all over Europe - and beyond - the opportunity to meet, work and live together. In the training programme FaciliCraft, all of those engaged with IVS can learn more about facilitation techniques, engagement and creativity - and how those are intertwined.

FaciliCraft is grounded in learning through active participation and engagement, known as non-formal learning. Participants will take part in various workshops and activities to learn. The programme will include sharing exercises and teamwork to make learning more effective. During these activities, participants will reflect on their own facilitation style, identify their strengths and areas for improvement, and receive feedback from their peers.

After completing the training, participants will have further developed their own personalised toolkit that suits their facilitation style and preferences. This toolkit will be a valuable resource, providing practical strategies and techniques for future facilitation tasks. Participants can refer to their toolkit to make facilitation decisions, adapt to different situations, and effectively engage their audience.

In the second phase of the program, participants will apply their newly acquired skills and toolkit in their own organisations and activities. This practical experience allows them to improve their facilitation abilities and see the impact of their approach in their professional settings. By connecting theory and practice, this phase enables participants to contribute positively to their organisations and effectively facilitate impactful sessions, workshops, or training programmes.



## Objectives

The objectives of FaciliCraft are to:

- Better understand what **facilitation** is and **which competences** one needs to be (come) a facilitator
- Gain **creative and engaging** facilitation skills
- Develop one's **own facilitation style** and **creative facilitation toolkit** that can be used in the context of IVS
- **Create videos** to express your point of view on the connection between facilitation, engagement and creativity
- **Test out** and **evaluate** the facilitation style and toolkit in the context of the participant and their IVS organisation

## Target Group

The FaciliCraft training programme is open to anyone:

- Involved in the field of IVS (volunteering, staff, board member, etc.), preferably through an organisation that is a member/partner in CCIVS, Alliance and/or SCI.
- Based in Belgium, Finland, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Türkiye or Ukraine. Applicants based in other EU Member States and third countries associated to the Programme may apply too.
- Interested in creative and engaging facilitation skills - to be explored through improvisation theatre, cognitive exercises, communication techniques and many more.
- Committed to actively participate in and follow-up in the second phase of the project as described above.
- Excited about the idea of spending a week with an international group from all over Europe.
- Minimally 18 years old by October 31, 2023.
- Able to speak sufficient English to be able to express yourself during the training as well as the (online) evaluation afterwards.
- Looking forward to a fun week in Overasselt, the Netherlands!



## Project Set-up

FaciliCraft is structured as follows:

- Phase 1: Training course in the Netherlands, from 30th of October (arrival day) until 5th of November (departure day)
- Phase 2: Testing out the gained competences, from November 2023 until February 2024
- Phase 3: Online evaluation, in March 2024

## Arrangements

- Accommodation and meals during the training course are provided
- There is no participation fee for FaciliCraft
- Travel compensation: actual bus/train/flight costs with a maximum (distance calculated from the place of residence to Overasselt on [Distance Calculator](#) | [Erasmus+](#)) as indicated below:

Distance travelled	Non-green travel	Green travel*
10-99 km		EUR 23
100-499 km	EUR 180	EUR 210
500-1999 km	EUR 275	EUR 320
2000-2999 km	EUR 360	EUR 410

\* This maximum applies if you travel at least one way by shared car, bus or train

- Compensation for visa costs for participants from Türkiye (capped by EUR 100 each)

**Please do not book any tickets until your participation in FaciliCraft has been confirmed!**



## About SIW



SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten (SIW International Volunteer Projects) is a Dutch non-governmental and non-profit organisation, founded in 1953. SIW's mission is to allow (young) people to discover their impact abroad. This is achieved by bringing volunteers into contact with different cultures. Every year, SIW sends approximately 150 volunteers abroad. Besides that, SIW organises around 7 IVS camps in the Netherlands every year in cooperation with Dutch organisations like the Dutch State Forestry, Emmaus (international charitable movement to combat poverty and homelessness) and asylum seeker centres. SIW is part of international networks like CCIVS, the Alliance and SCI.

## About FaciliCraft

FaciliCraft is a project that is supported by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. The project is coordinated and implemented by SIW in close collaboration with its partners. The training course will be facilitated by Csenge Fazekas, Liz te Hennepe and Rob van Leeuwen, who have various experiences in IVS, (international) project management, facilitating non-formal education learning experiences and creativity (drawing, theatre, etc.) and much more.



## What's Next?

Apply by 13 August through the [online application form](#).

Results will be shared by the end of August.

Any questions about FaciliCraft?

Contact Rob van Leeuwen through [rob.van.leeuwen@siw.nl](mailto:rob.van.leeuwen@siw.nl)!



And here are some quotes from participants of previous SIW Erasmus+ training projects for you!

"Our facilitators were super positive and professional, they made everything going smoothly. I am very satisfied with overall experience we had, it was unique and very different from anything I've experienced before."

It was a great experience. working and cooperating with people from different countries and with different cultures is exciting. it is an experience that must be done at least once in a lifetime and after the first one you will want more!"

"I've learnt so many tools to resolve problems in creative ways. Also I gained more confidence, self-awareness and I feel empowered."