

FAME – Fake news and sAfe use of online Media

Training Course

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The European Union identified the citizens exposure to large scale disinformation, including fake news and misinformation, as one of the main challenges of our societies. Disinformation - or fake news - consists of verifiably false or misleading information that is created, presented and disseminated for economic gain or to intentionally deceive the public, and may cause public harm.

The spread of disinformation often leads to side effects threatening our democracies and the development of tolerant societies by hampering the ability of citizens to take informed decisions, causing increasing mistrust in institutions and in traditional media as well as often supporting radical and extremist ideas and activities. For this reason, it's necessary to improve the critical thinking and critical reading skills of the youngsters and promote their e-participation to combat intolerance, racism, hate speech and extremism, as well as give them the tools to be active actors in changing the current narratives on various issues (e.g., migration, Europe, etc.). In this context, youth workers play an important role in empowering and engaging youth in e-participation processes and critical thinking approaches.

In this framework, *FAME - Fake news and sAfe use of online Media* project aims to support youth workers and provide them with innovative methodologies and tools useful for the promotion of media literacy and critical thinking among young people helping them to fight against disinformation, particularly online, and its side effects, such as the spread of hate speech, raise of intolerance, risk of radicalisation and mistrust towards democratic institutions.

The FAME project aims at:

- Equipping youth workers with competences and methods to better work with young people enhancing media literacy, critical thinking, e-participation and preventing violent radicalization
- Counteracting the spread of fake news and disinformation by fostering active citizenship and participation among young people.
- Enhancing the capacity of youth organisations to promote non-formal education in the field of youth work as well as to strengthen cooperation with youth organisations in EU countries.

The FAME Training Course will take place in Marina di Cinisi, it will lasts 8 full-days and will involve a total of 30 (aged +18) youth workers, project leader, youth facilitators **with previous experience and/or interested in developing new skills for empowering and engaging youth in critical thinking approaches and e-participation processes**, coming from Italy, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, United Kingdom, Lithuania, Estonia, Romania, Turkey.

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