

# CALL for PARTICIPANTS



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## **FACILICRAFT II**

# **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 II all of those engaged with IVS can learn more about facilitation techniques, engagement and creativity - and how those are intertwined.

FaciliCraft II 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 II are to:

- **Better understand** what **facilitation** is and which competences one needs to be(come) a facilitator
- **Find creative and engaging ways to approach your own challenges or uncertainties** related to facilitation
- **Develop one's own facilitation style and creative facilitation toolkit** that can be used in the context of IVS
- **Test out and evaluate the facilitation style and toolkit** in the context of the participant and their IVS organisation

## Target Group

The FaciliCraft II training programme is open to anyone:

- Involved in the field of IVS (volunteering, staff, board member, trainer, etc.), preferably through an organisation that is a member/partner in CCIVS, Alliance and/or SCI.
- Based in an [EU Programme Country](#) or Ukraine.
- 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, focusing on improving the IVS experience and its outcomes for (future) participants.
- Minimally 18 years old by 25th of November.
- 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 Lage Vuursche, the Netherlands!



## Project Set-up

FaciliCraft II is structured as follows:

- Phase 1: Training course in the Netherlands, from 25th of November (arrival day) until the 2nd of December (departure day)
- Phase 2: Testing out the gained competences, from December 2024 to March 2025
- Phase 3: Online evaluation in April 2025

## Arrangements

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

Distance travelled	Non-green travel	Green travel*
10-99 km		EUR 56
100-499 km	EUR 211	EUR 285
500-1999 km	EUR 309	EUR 417
2000-2999 km	EUR 395	EUR 535

\*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 125 each)

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



## About SIW

SIW Internationale Vrijwilligersprojecten (SIW International Volunteer Projects) is a Dutch non-governmental, non-profit voluntary service organisation that was founded in 1953. The mission of SIW 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 II

FaciliCraft II 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. It is a sequel on FaciliCraft I, organised in November 2023, to allow the participants to dive deeper into their own facilitation challenges and have more space to test out creative and engaging facilitation.

## About the venue

FaciliCraft II will be organised in a [Nivon Nature House](#), run by volunteers, in the beautiful forests of Lage Vuursche, the Netherlands, in between Amsterdam and Utrecht. Participants will share a room with 1-3 other participants. Private shower facilities are available in the corridors. The meals and training room are provided at the same venue. If weather permits, activities will be organised outside.



## Facilitators

**Csenge Fazekas** is an intercultural trainer with over 14 years of global experience. She thrives on using creative, fun, and experiential methods to boost team dynamics, cultural fluency and she loves training facilitators too! She aims to make training joy- and impactful, no matter the context. Csenge is also a chocolate and Zumba addict.

**Elisabeth te Hennepe** has been a trainer and facilitator since her early twenties, passionate about empowering young people across the world. Over the years, she has been involved in developing training opportunities and workshops in the fields of intercultural youth work, well-being and mental health, leadership and mentoring in volunteer organisations, and productivity methods. She is an enthusiast half marathon runner and believes life is better with cinnamon.

**Rob van Leeuwen** has been involved in IVS for the past 20 years as a volunteer, coordinator and trainer. Intercultural learning and non-formal education junkie and always excited to bring in a dose of theatre in his projects. Rob is a fun, out of the box facilitator and he also loves cats.

## What's Next?

Apply by 11th of September 2024 through the [online application form](#).

Results will be shared by the end of September. Any questions about FaciliCraft II? Contact Rob van Leeuwen at [rob.van.leeuwen@siw.nl](mailto:rob.van.leeuwen@siw.nl)!



## Need further convincing?

Here are some quotes from the participants of FaciliCraft 2023!

"Thank you for an eye-opening experience, which has allowed me to explore what I have got to give as a facilitator. It has boosted my confidence and given me an entirely new perspective on leading activities for young people."

"A great experience to test your limits, tinkle your left and right side of your brain, expand your skill set, explore different cultural approaches, challenge yourself, expose in a safe way... and all that with a very nurturing team of facilitators and a diverse team of participants."

"Great experience with helpful trainers who are always ready to help."