

## Foreign participants lists – NGOFest 2015

Country	Organization Name	Organization Details	Organisation Description
Bulgaria	TimeHeroes Foundation	<a href="https://timeheroes.org">https://timeheroes.org</a>	TimeHeroes aims to build the bridge over the gap between potential volunteers and organizations, making the process of finding an initiative of interest fast and easy. It also works in the area of capacity building of NGO's and more precisely - their ability to work successfully with volunteers. The website TimeHeroes.org features all active opportunities for volunteers in Bulgaria in different categories - children, nature, education, animals, refugees, elderly, art, etc. Doing excellent PR/marketing TimeHeroes.org attracts the attention of potential volunteers and presents the volunteer initiatives of SCO's in a very attractive way making the process of finding the right one and the application fast and easy.
Bulgaria	National Patients' Organization	<a href="http://www.npo.bg">www.npo.bg</a>	The Bulgarian National Patients' Organization (NPO), with a head-office located in the capital Sofia, is the largest union of patient organizations in Bulgaria comprising more than 80 disease-specific member organizations. NPO is represented through its legal structure in all 28 regions in Bulgaria. Since 2010 NPO has been annually recognized by the State's Ministry of Healthcare as a representative legal entity of the Bulgarian patient movement. The representative status of NPO allows for transparent collaboration between the governmental structures and the patient organizations in regards to the latter, providing the official patients' views on state policy amendments and developments concerning healthcare legislation and provision of care. In 2015 an NPO representative sits on the Board of the National Health Insurance Funds and oversees governmental expenditures of public funds in healthcare. NPO is a full member of the European Patients Forum and the International Alliance of Patient Organizations.
Bulgaria	Federation of Societies for Spread of Knowledge	<a href="http://www.fssk-bg.info">www.fssk-bg.info</a>	Federation of Societies for Spread of Knowledge (FSSK) is network of non-governmental organizations in the area of non-formal education, vocational orientation, career development and vocational trainings for youth, youth workers and adults on the territory of Bulgaria. The network has 12 member organizations all over the country. It is a voluntary non-profit network that operates for public benefit

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			in terms of political, religious and ethnic independence. Federation supports local structures in the organization of trainings for children, youth and adults by providing quality and affordable education , combined with national traditions and European practices for improving the quality of human factors and support of his personal and social development.
Bulgaria	Sustainable Society Association	<a href="http://www.hrangoop.com">www.hrangoop.com</a> , <a href="http://www.organichno.com">www.organichno.com</a>	Sustainable Society Association is Bulgarian NGO, a pioneer in developing food-coops and farmers' markets in our country. Our aims are to raise public awareness about sustainable living, and to help society in setting up food cooperatives and farmers markets. We also develop long-term activities to impact children and young people to build sustainable habits.
Croatia	Centre for Peace Studies	<a href="http://www.cms.hr">www.cms.hr</a>	Centre for Peace Studies is a non-governmental and non-profit organisation promoting non-violence and social change through education, research and activism. CMS grew out of various forms of direct peace-building in western Slavonia (Volunteers' Project Pakrac, 1993-1997). It was founded in 1996 in Pakrac and formally registered in Zagreb the following year.
Greece	Mediterranean SOS Network	<a href="http://www.medsos.gr">www.medsos.gr</a>	Mediterranean SOS Network is a non-profitable, non-governmental organization active since 1990 that comprises of 120 full members in the General Assembly and approximately 3000 supporting members. Mediterranean SOS Network is registered in the Index of NGOs of the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Main objectives: public awareness raising and encouraging changes in citizens' - especially youth- everyday behaviour that impact on the environment advocating, lobbying and promoting cooperation among social partners, stakeholders and policy-makers at local, national, regional level, promoting active public participation in sustainable development strategies and demonstrating alternative solutions in local communities, promoting intercultural exchanges and balanced international cooperation among European - Mediterranean partners.
Greece	PROTASI	<a href="http://www.protasi.org.gr">http://www.protasi.org.gr</a>	Kinisi "PROTASI" is a NGO which started in 1988. It proposes another way of life, an alternative to the addictive behaviours. To achieve that, the organization works with children and young people, with parents, with teachers in schools, with the local community through many different projects and also stable groups. PROTASI is based on the voluntary action of the citizens.
Hungary	Mű-hely (Work-shop) Cultural Association	<a href="http://www.muhely.org">www.muhely.org</a>	Mű-hely Association has had several projects since 1994 in Hungary, mainly focusing on Roma communities, vulnerable groups, socially and economically excluded communities. Activists and members are researchers, media experts, teachers (in second chance secondary schools) and lecturers in higher education. For the last two decades, our activities focused in particular on Roma culture, on human dignity and civil rights. Now we are building a European website with high representation of Roma culture with the name "Culture and Commerce in order to support Social Inclusion".

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Latvia	Society Integration Foundation	<a href="http://www.sif.gov.lv">www.sif.gov.lv</a>	Society Integration Foundation (SIF) is a public foundation. Main objective of SIF is to financially support and promote integration of society. SIF also supports implementation of development programmes and projects by public and non-governmental sector.
Norway	NGO Kultur Bryter Grenser (NGO Culture Break Borders)		CULTURE BREAK BORDERS is a relatively new Norwegian NGO established by mr. Odd Erik Vatlestad and mr. Frode Barth. It is an open organization for performers and creative producers in the arts and cultural sector. CULTURE BREAK BORDERS focus on cultural cooperation across borders between Norway and other countries. Their purpose is to organize various cultural projects involving musicians, composers, actors, painters, dancers, writers, directors and choreographers. Each project of CULTURE BREAK BORDERS involves actual artists who are invited to take part in various productions. CULTURE BREAK BORDERS is not only focusing on high quality arts, but also aims to promote environmental issues, gender equality, disadvantaged, human rights/democracy and civil society.
Norway	The Norwegian Association for Adult Learning	<a href="http://www.vofo.no">www.vofo.no</a>	NAAL is the national NGO umbrella for adult learning in Norway. Their members are 14 governmentally approved adult learning associations with a member network of +460 nationwide adult learning NGOs. NAAL has a central administration in Oslo, and has autonomous regional offices covering all 19 counties of Norway. The purpose of NAAL is to: advocate the common interests of the associations and their participants towards the Government, the Parliament and the Ministry of Education; promote non-formal adult learning in the society in general; advice members and other third parties concerning laws and regulations; advice within the field of Adult learning theory and practice; counsel within the Educational planning; project coordination; advocacy and lobbying.
Norway	Change the World	<a href="http://www.world-changers.org">www.world-changers.org</a>	Change the World (CTW) is a non-profit organization which was founded in Oslo, Norway, in 1997. The founders are originally from Latin America and have been working together on sustainability issues since 1987. CTW's multidisciplinary team is now composed of professionals from a diversity of backgrounds and countries, including Chile, Colombia, Norway and USA. CTW's goal is to create and support alternative sustainable livelihoods. They support and work with local grassroots organizations with similar goals in Scandinavia, Latin America and Africa. They are part of the Global Ecovillage Network (GEN), Ecovillage Network of the Americas (ENA) and the global permaculture movement. The founders have more than 20 years of experience developing examples of sustainability and implementing them at the grassroots level throughout the world.

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Norway	Mangfoldhuset	<a href="http://www.mangfoldhuset.no">www.mangfoldhuset.no</a>	The main aim of the association is to become a meeting place where different groups of the society can discuss and resolve urgent problems arising in their daily life by establishing a constructive dialogue and an effective base, bearing in mind each group's features and characteristics. The association's headquarter is in Oslo but it also has local representatives in 5 other cities in Norway including Stavanger, Bergen, and Trondheim. Mangfoldhuset has a wide range of activities that involve young people. The association has contacts with the youth branches of nearly all important political parties of the country and they also promote the active political position as a citizen among the youth by arranging seminars, round table meetings, and organizing mutual projects with them.
Norway	Folkeuniversitetet Vestlandet	<a href="http://www.folkeuniversitetet.no">www.folkeuniversitetet.no</a>	Folkeuniversitetet is Norway's largest organizer of adult education. They have over 50 years' experience and offer practical and theoretical trade-related education, language instruction and courses in cultural and leisure activities. Their aim is to make leisure courses and further education accessible to all adults, regardless of social background. Decentralized instruction (22 member organizations, 8 regional offices and 70 local departments); Flexibility (flexible course programs based on the participants' requirements, their geographical location and their lifestyle); Available to everybody (the courses can be attended by everybody including adults who have not yet completed an approved course of study); The Norwegian state and municipalities provide Folkeuniversitetet with financial support to ensure the availability of adult education.
Norway	VOFO Finnmark	<a href="http://www.vofo.no/finnmark">www.vofo.no/finnmark</a>	NAAL is the national NGO umbrella for adult learning in Norway. Their members are 14 governmentally approved adult learning associations with a member network of +460 nationwide adult learning NGOs. NAAL has a central administration in Oslo, and has autonomous regional offices covering all 19 counties of Norway. VOFO Finnmark is one of these. The purpose of NAAL is to: advocate the common interests of the associations and their participants towards the Government, the Parliament and the Ministry of Education; promote non-formal adult learning in the society in general; advice members and other third parties concerning laws and regulations; advice within the field of Adult learning theory and practice; counsel within the Educational planning; project coordination; advocacy and lobbying.
Norway	Salvation Army	<a href="http://www.salvationarmy.org">www.salvationarmy.org</a>	Member of NAAL and part of the study group, Salvation Army is a global NGO founded in 1865 by William Booth. The movement has spread from London, England, to many parts of the world. It is a church and a major actor in social work throughout the world. The Salvation Army is an integral part of the Christian Church, although distinctive in government and

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			practice. The Army's doctrine follows the mainstream of Christian belief and its articles of faith emphasize God's saving purposes. Its objects are "the advancement of the Christian religion... of education, the relief of poverty, and other charitable objects beneficial to society or the community of mankind as a whole." The movement's partnership with both private and public philanthropy will continue to bring comfort to the needy.
Norway	VOFO Møre og Romsdal	<a href="http://www.vofo.no">http://www.vofo.no</a>	VOFO Møre og Romsdal is an umbrella-organization for adult learning in the middle of Norway. The office is located in Molde Town. VOFO Møre og Romsdal's mission is to make the days better for their members; They work with organizations in areas such as the law, financing, to build them and make them grow. They have 10 study-organizations as members. The study organization works with all types of adult learning, from general hobbies to studying in the university. One of the study organizations, Funkis, works with people that have different disabilities and need help on the day to day tasks. The Red Cross is involved in teaching first aid and rescuing. AOF is working with Health Safety and Environment for public and private business. FU is teaching people who lost their jobs. They also have organizations who work with old houses, old furniture and antiques so they can "live" longer. They are also organizing cultural events.
Norway	VOFO Nordland	<a href="http://www.vofo.no/nordland">www.vofo.no/nordland</a>	NAAL Nordland is the regional NGO umbrella for adult learning in Nordland region of Norway. Their members are governmentally approved adult learning associations, each of which consists of a number of learning NGOs that are located throughout our region. The purpose of NAAL Nordland is to: advocate the common interests of the associations and their participants towards the Government, the Parliament of Nordland and the Ministry of Education; promote non-formal adult education in the society at large; council members and third parties concerning relevant laws and regulations; provide advice in the field of adult learning theory and practice; counsel on educational planning; coordinate projects, advocacy and lobbying. NAAL Nordland has a central administration in Bodø and they have a close cooperation with NAAL Norway and other regional offices.
Norway	Fjellugla Komptenase AS	<a href="http://www.fjellugla.no">www.fjellugla.no</a>	Adult training organisation with strong ties to the NGO sector.
Norway	BALDRON	<a href="http://www.baldron.org">www.baldron.org</a>	BALDRON is a non-profit association whose purpose is to promote health, environment and research to inspire interaction between people and nature. BALDRON is an "Idealistic Association", that is a kind of Cooperative which funds non-profit projects relating to health and the environment. BALDRON Cooperative stands for information, research and networking with BALDRON Academy as the organizer of seminars, symposia and education, and participation in public debate on relevant issues. The Association owns "BALDRON Health retailer" which is engaged in business consultancy and sales

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			of health products, and “BALDRON therapy” that works to develop its own therapy network. The economic aspects of the business are to serve the ideal goals by creating a financial foundation for our projects. The academy aims at developing ideas through research, collaboration and networking.
Norway	Centre Party Youth	<a href="http://www.cuf.se">www.cuf.se</a>	Member of NAAL, the Centre Party Youth is the youth organization of the Norwegian Centre Party, which is one of eight parties in parliament in Norway. The party is not affiliated with any of the major political ideologies, but bases its policies on a set of “Centre-values”. These include decentralization of economic development and political decision-making, and a sustainable management of natural resources. Traditionally an agrarian party, the Centre Party and Centre Party Youth still work for improved conditions for farmers and food production. The Centre Party Youth is a fierce opponent to Norwegian membership in the European Union. The Centre Party Youth has nearly 1700 members in the age 13-30 years old, regional branches in all of Norway’s counties and about 60 local branches.
Norway	Norwegian Helsinki Committee	<a href="http://www.nhc.no">www.nhc.no</a>	The Norwegian Helsinki Committee is a non-governmental organisation working to ensure that human rights are respected in practice. They do this through monitoring, reporting, teaching and democracy support. The Norwegian Helsinki Committee works in the belief that documentation and organisations such as this are vital in enabling states to protect human rights in their own countries, as well as in others. The Norwegian Helsinki Committee particularly works on countries in Europe, Central Asia and North America. The Norwegian Helsinki Committee was established in 1977 and today has 15 employees, with a head office in Oslo. NHC bases its work on international human rights instruments adopted by the United Nations, the Council of Europe, the Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), including the 1975 Helsinki Final Act.
Norway	Folkeakademiet i Alta	<a href="http://www.folkeakademiet.no">www.folkeakademiet.no</a>	Folkeakademiet i Alta’s vision is to increase the individual's quality of life through participation in meaningful cultural activities, contribute to the culture being used actively in efforts to strengthen public health and to impart knowledge and attitudes regarding gender equality, tolerance and international understanding. Their goal is to provide the largest possible artistic and cultural experiences. It gives to the individual an opportunity to participate in a richer cultural life. They work towards the goals by: creating music, theatrical and literature related events, entertainment projects and exhibits, lectures, chats, discussion and more; support courses and study circles; promotes cultural works.
Norway	Norsensus MediaForum	<a href="http://norsensus.no">http://norsensus.no</a>	Norsensus Mediaforum is a non-profit media association located in Norway to enhance and improve the practice of media and information literacy, advocacy, and civic participation in society with primary focus on the empowerment of young people and socially deprived groups as well as

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			improving inclusion and diversity in media landscape. Their vision is a society where all people and communities have equal access to utilize any and all media tools to ensure equal social and economic participation and their self-expression within a diverse media landscape. Their activities and expertise include advocacy campaigning education, ICT, social media and journalism education, media and communication strategy, communication capacity building, curriculum development, research and design.
Poland	Foundation Western Centre for Social and Economic Research	<a href="http://www.case-research.eu">www.case-research.eu</a>	
Poland	Stefan Batory Foundation	<a href="http://www.batory.org.pl">http://www.batory.org.pl</a>	The Stefan Batory Foundation is an independent private Polish foundation established in 1988 by George Soros, an American financier and philanthropist, and a group of Polish democratic opposition leaders of 1980s. The mission of the Batory Foundation is to build an open, democratic society - a society of people aware of their rights and responsibilities, who are actively involved in the life of their local community, country and international society.
Poland	Roma People Association	<a href="http://www.stowarzyszenie.romowie.net">www.stowarzyszenie.romowie.net</a>	The Roma People Association in Poland was founded at the beginning of 1992. Our main aim is to create an opportunity for Roma people to take an active part in the life of the Polish nation that - despite our own specific identity - we feel a part of. The stereotypes cultivated for many centuries have rooted in the society a negative picture of Roma people. That is why we lead an active, multidirectional activity aiming at the improvement of the social, economic and cultural situation of our community. One of the main goals of the Association is to remind and commemorate the Roma extermination and Holocaust. We realize this goal inter alia by wide range of educational and editorial activities and by organizing various ceremonies and exhibitions. The scope of our activities covers the majority of Roma communities.
Slovenia	Peace Institute (Mirovni inštitut)	<a href="http://www.mirovni-institut.si">www.mirovni-institut.si</a>	Peace Institute - Institute for Contemporary Social and Political Studies is a private, independent non-profit institution founded in 1991 by individuals who believed in peaceful conflict resolution, equality and respect for human rights standards. It develops interdisciplinary research, education and awareness raising activities in areas of social sciences, humanities, anthropology and law, in five thematic fields: human rights and minorities, politics, media, gender and cultural policies.
Slovenia	PAJN INSTITUT	<a href="http://www.hisaizrocila.si">www.hisaizrocila.si</a>	Pajn Institute has developed a method on how to safeguard intangible heritage and transmitting it to young guardians of heritage. The sustainability and safeguard of the intangible heritage is important for Europe and the globe.



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Slovenia	Kulturno izobraževalno društvo PiNA	<a href="http://www.pina.si">www.pina.si</a>	PiNA - Association for Culture and Education is introducing innovative education in the field of active citizenship, inter-media arts and sustainable development on a local, national and international level. PiNA was founded in 1997 following the initiative of the Open Society Institute of Slovenia, with the aim to support the development of a civil society, democratic dialogue and public access to modern tools of information and communication technology (ICT). Since 1997 the mission of PiNA is to offer quality educational, cultural, artistic and research activities in order to promote social development based on individual responsibility, critical thinking and sustainable living.
Slovakia	People in need Slovakia	<a href="http://www.peopleinneed.sk">www.peopleinneed.sk</a>	People in Need Slovakia (PiN) is a branch of the Czech humanitarian and development organization People in Need, founded in 1992. In the Slovak Republic, the organization has been operating since 2004. PIN conducts its activities within 4 main program sections: 1. social integration programs, 2. human rights program, 3. housing program, 4. humanitarian and development aid program. PIN currently operates six community centres within the social integration program, designed to work with the people from socially excluded communities, particularly Roma minority. Activities that take place in community centres are focused on the work with children, youth and adults, and cover areas such as education, employment and direct provision of social services. As a part of its activities at the local level PiN also aims to promote community development, connecting the majority and minority population and building mutual respect and tolerance. In addition to direct field programs and services the organization also acts at the advocacy level within which it tries to set policies and mechanisms towards the integration of socially excluded communities and respect their fundamental rights and freedoms. Long-term activities in community work were awarded by the Gypsy Spirit in 2010.
Spain	Association for Studies and Gender Equality	<a href="http://www.redsevillanorte.com">www.redsevillanorte.com</a>	AESIM (The Social Studies for Women Equality Association) works from 1987 promoting actions in order to eradicate social inequalities. To make this, we have started public and private initiatives driven to improve integration of citizens and different groups. According to new social realities, AESIM works in formation, innovation and employment area. As part of the Board of Directors for the Federation of Associations SURGE, it operates in the Social Needs North Area Transformation of Seville.
Spain	NGO Ecos do Sur	<a href="http://www.ecosdosur.org">www.ecosdosur.org</a>	Since 1991, we are where high doses of humanity, professionalism and commitment are needed, confronting inequality with ambitious and innovative solutions. Providing comprehensive responses. We act decisively to turn around situations of exclusion affecting the most vulnerable people: unemployed, migrants, trafficked women, families at risk of eviction.. We are focused on Human Rights and Active Citizenship, working from Spain and all over the world.



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Spain	NGO Mestura	<a href="http://www.ongmestura.es">www.ongmestura.es</a>	The NGO Mestura was set up in 2003 in the town of Sada (A Coruña), in order to address the various problems affecting the group of immigrants and returnees / as migrants.