



Global Bubble Parade
2016

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Call: Europe for citizens - **Democratic engagement and civic participation** – Civil society projects

Project duration: 1st of May 2016 – 30th of December 2016.

Applicant: 100happydays foundation, Latvia

Countries involved: Portugal, Spain, France, Italy, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Poland, Denmark, Sweden, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, Czech Republic, Croatia, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Greece.

Short description: The Bubble Parade has been piloted by 100happydays foundation in 2015 with the mission to build more resilient, receptive, self-aware, open-minded and diverse local communities via active social participation of local people. The Bubble Parade is organized by people for people and can be hosted by anyone and anywhere as it spreads its mission across cultures, races and geographical borders. In 2015 the Parade covered 40 cities and reached over 100 000 people.

With this project we want to involve different groups of local people to go out on a peaceful parade in their city while blowing soap bubbles and to build social bridges by focusing on what's common among all of us – wish to be happy. All events are organized across European countries on the same day to create the feeling of being part of a bigger mission – within their city, their country and the European Union as a whole. Every event will focus on creating interactions across diverse groups of local inhabitants

The Bubble Parade will act as the catalyzer for creating the movement of socially active people who are willing to take action for increasing well-being in their local communities and who can activate local people around the cause beyond conversations. As part of the project, these community leaders will get coaching and leadership development programs online to increase their local impact and to facilitate organization of local events, campaigns and projects.

The last part of the project is the Ordinary Happiness Congress, where the results of these community leaders will be shown. It is planned to be a two day event with one day focused on sharing best practices of building local communities to be open-minded, resilient, self-aware, receptive and diverse. The second day is fully focused on going out of the Congress facilities, designing initiatives, projects and interventions based on learnt best practices and, finally, making them happen in real life the best practices in the host city of the Congress.

Obligations of the partners: to host a Bubble Parade in your country in May 2016, promote the project, send participants to the final congress, participate in final event, disseminate information.

If you are coming from above listed countries and are interested in collaborating on such a project please be free to contact us by email: dmitry@bubbleparade.org no later than 26th of February 2016.

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