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Ribaritsa, Bulgaria

## Art of Hosting Training

### "We all dream about strong communities. How do we engage people around a shared purpose?"

Strong and resilient communities are the foundation for a sustainable and prosperous future. Communities could help us overcome economic, cultural, business and environmental crisis in a fast changing world.

It seems, though, we have forgotten how to be in a community - what should we do, where should we start from? We live focused on the individual and not giving time to what matters - the people we share dreams with. In low-trust communities, such as Bulgaria, we hear that group efforts fail. That people cannot work together and success can only be achieved on an individual level. We would like to try to break these deep-rooted patterns, together with anyone who feels the need for sustainable communities.

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**We invite you to explore the individual and collective practices of a community and the techniques that could support us in building a community with a true purpose.**

This training is applicable to many contexts- non-governmental organizations, academia, youth, and government - as they all in some form work in or with communities.

Whether your role is to work with groups and teams, or you're just interested in the topic you are invited to participate in the conversation.



**The Art of Hosting is the practice of participatory leadership:** it enables groups to address complex challenges, using personal practice, dialogue, facilitation and innovative approaches to discussions.

**The Art of Hosting is a highly effective way of harnessing the collective wisdom and self-organizing capacity of groups** of any size. It blends a suite of powerful conversational processes to invite people to step in and take charge of the challenges facing them.

Groups and organizations using the Art of Hosting report **better decision-making, more efficient and effective capacity building** and greater ability to quickly respond to opportunities, challenges and changes.

People who experience the Art of Hosting typically say that they walk away feeling **more empowered** and able to guide the meetings and conversations they are part of.

**Register here!**

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The event is being organized according to the principles of Shared Economy - all costs (hotel, food, compensation for hosting team, etc.) will be transparent to the participants and everybody will be invited to contribute to covering them. There will be a suggested price, however we will follow the principle "Give what you can and a little bit more".

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