



# GAMCON

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## SECOND TRAINING ON „PROPOSAL PREPARATION“

### GAMCON YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

I arrived in Comrat in the afternoon on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018. The training started the next day, Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The training was attended by approximately 15 participants. We started with a rather informal discussion about their experience with projects and proposal preparation in the last two months. Two participants had submitted proposals within the first GAMCON call and their projects were approved. They were very happy to share their experience with the rest of the participants. It was a useful discussion since some members of the group did not know about the success their colleagues and they found it motivating.

We also briefly brainstormed on the possible project ideas. Three ideas were mentioned:

- Creation of a Youth Centre in Comrat
- Education of young people in the field of art
- Monitoring water quality in the region

The next part of the training was devoted to detail discussion about the GAMCON call. I handed out printed version of the call and we discussed all the important details:

- Call priority
- Eligibility (of costs and applicants)
- Limits and benchmarks

During this discussion I very often asked the representatives of the successful projects to present “how they did it” so their presence and willingness to share provided us with very useful case studies.

This discussion lasted until early afternoon and was followed by detail presentation of the Application form. I again prepared handouts with different parts of the application

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and the participants were making notes to each individual part. This part was rather methodological and we discussed all the details related to information contained in the application: Formulation of the Main Project Objective, Specific Objectives, Results, Indicators, information contained in the Questions and Answers, etc.

This part included a lot of revision from the previous training (methodology of *Project Cycle Management* and *Logical Framework Approach*) in December 2017 and also linking the methodological approaches with the call requirements.

I included a small exercise on planning activities (and phases) of a project. The participants had to determine minimum duration of a small project for which they were provided a handout (formulated activities and duration of each activity). During this exercise they understood how activities are interconnected and we presented an activity plan in a form of a simple Gantt Chart (as a suggestion how they can plan their project activities).

We continued with a short presentation and discussion on Budget preparation and we discussed the budget table published in the GAMCON call and made sure all participants understood the table and knew how to use it.

The first day was finished by initial work on the ideas for projects to be submitted. We started with identification of problems the projects plan to address.

This continued on the morning of the second day too and during the planning process the group decided to work on one project only: *Creation of Youth Centre in Comrat*.

This project idea was elaborated during the second day. Each participant received a template I have prepared. The template structure is identical to the structure of the Application form published within the GAMCON call.

We worked on the project idea using logical steps and presenting and discussing each step:

1. Formulation of the internal logic – main objective, specific objectives, results, activities
2. Formulation of target group specification, indicators and sustainability
3. Preparation of the budget

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By the end of the second day we have prepared a draft of the project, in the above mentioned structure, while the participants learnt about the details of the call and how to work with the information needed for the Application form and the Budget.

The participants left the training with plans for concrete steps as to “what to do” and “what to verify and finalise” in order to prepare a feasible and good quality proposal.

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