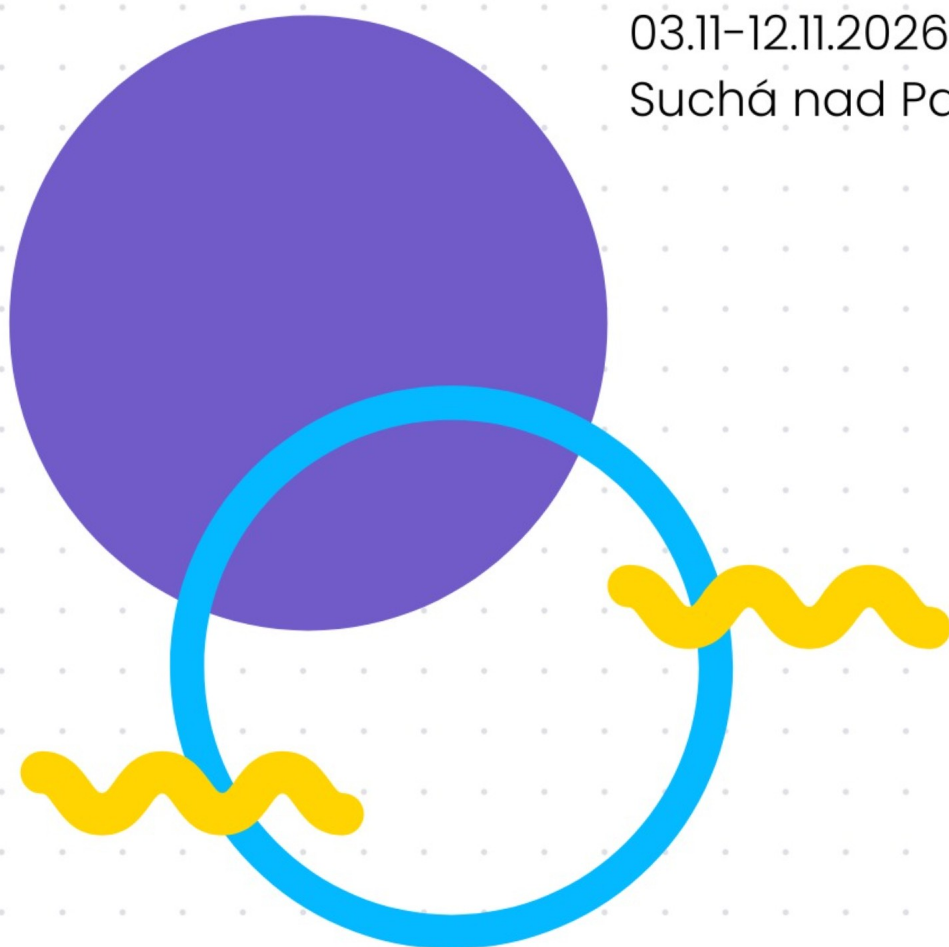


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Training of Youth Workers

03.11–12.11.2026

Suchá nad Parnou



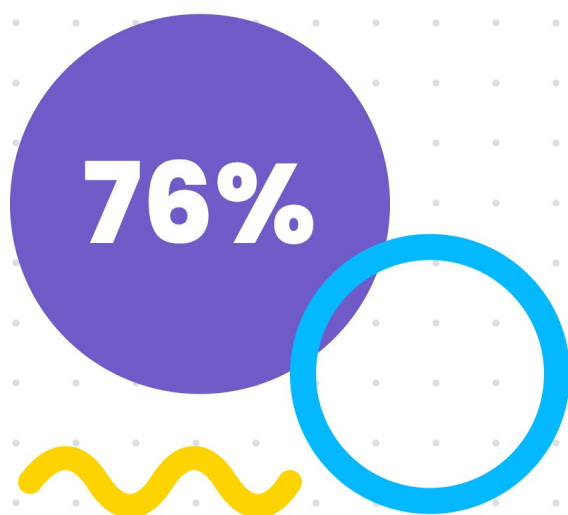
**FACT TO
FUND**



WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

Fact to Fund is a 10-day non-formal Erasmus+ training for youth workers about disinformation – and about doing something against it. Participants learn how disinformation works, then design crowdfunding campaigns for projects that tackle it in their own communities.

Instead of classroom lectures, participants learn by doing. First they dive into disinformation: what it is, who is pulling the strings and how to check before you share. Then they learn how crowdfunding works from people who have done it, and in international teams they turn their ideas into campaigns – with a story, a brand and a pitch, presented on the final working day.



of 16–30-year-olds in the EU say they have already been exposed to disinformation and fake news.

At the same time, 70% feel confident they can spot false information online.

European Parliament Youth Survey 2024
(Eurobarometer, Feb 2025)

That gap between exposure and real skill is where youth work makes a difference. Fact to Fund sharpens youth workers' own verification habits and gives them a way to act: projects against disinformation that their communities can understand, support and fund.

The training supports young people's **participation in democratic life** and the EU Youth Goals **Information & Constructive Dialogue** and **Space and Participation for All**.

WHO ARE WE?

Bratislava Policy Institute (BPI) is an independent not-for-profit think tank dedicated to fostering liberal democracy, human rights, the Central European region and European integration through analysis and debate – supporting and challenging relevant stakeholders at national and international level to make informed decisions based on evidence. Find out more at www.bpi.sk.

WHO CAN JOIN?

The training is for motivated youth workers, trainers, facilitators, mentors, volunteers and NGO staff aged 18+ who are comfortable working in English (B1/B2 or higher). 26 participants are expected from six countries: Hungary, Slovakia, Czechia, Romania, Türkiye and Spain.

We especially welcome participants with fewer opportunities and youth workers who work with them. If you need any support to take part, just tell us – we will find a way.

26

participants

6

countries

10days together



Moments from previous BPI trainings



TRAINING OBJECTIVES

- Understand how disinformation and propaganda work: mis-, dis- and malinformation, the techniques used and who is behind them.
- Build practical skills to check sources, spot fake news and respond to it in youth work.
- Learn how crowdfunding works – planning, storytelling, branding and pitching – from a real campaign.
- Design crowdfunding campaigns for projects that counter disinformation, working in international teams.
- Strengthen young people's participation in democratic life, in line with the EU Youth Goals.
- Make youth work on these topics more inclusive, so young people with fewer opportunities can take part and benefit.
- Look after wellbeing in youth work and build a cross-border network, recognised through Youthpass.

LEARNING OUTCOMES



By the end of the training, participants will be able to:

- Identify and categorise disinformation and explain the techniques propaganda relies on.
- Check sources and spot fake or manipulated content before sharing it.
- Explain how a crowdfunding campaign works and what makes people back it.
- Build a campaign around a project against disinformation: its story, audience, brand and funding goal.
- Pitch a project with confidence, and give and receive constructive feedback.
- Run non-formal activities on disinformation and active participation with their own groups back home.

METHODOLOGY

The training follows non-formal education principles and a learning-by-doing structure: three workshops a day – two in the morning, one in the afternoon – closed by a daily reflection. Methods include interactive workshops, disinformation games, case studies of real disinformation campaigns from participants' countries, design thinking, LEGO prototyping, storytelling labs, a study visit to Baterkäreň in Trnava and a session with a psychologist.

Our guest speaker, information security expert Tomáš Kriššák, will show how hoaxes are hunted and share the story behind the Kyra crowdfunding campaign. Participants work in international teams throughout, building their campaigns step by step.



FINAL OUTPUT

Each international team creates a crowdfunding campaign for a project that tackles disinformation: the idea, its audience, the story, the brand and the funding plan.

On Day 9, teams present their masterplans and face questions from the other teams. The campaigns are ready to take home and launch in participants' own communities.



DAY BY DAY



Day	Date	Theme	Focus
1	3 Nov, Tue	Arrival	Arrival of participants (from 15:00), Dinner and Introductions
2	4 Nov, Wed	Getting Started	Who is in the room?; The Survival Guide: BPI, Youthpass & practicalities; Teambuilding; Mind the Mind: boundaries, burnout & bystanders, with a psychologist; Intercultural night pt. 1: Disinfo campaigns from your countries
3	5 Nov, Thu	Disinfo Deep Dive	Mapping the Infodemic; Game On: Disinfo Edition; Before You Share; Intercultural night pt. 2 Disinfo campaigns from your countries
4	6 Nov, Fri	Funding Ideas	Pitch to the Crowd; Hunting Hoaxes with Tomáš Kriššák; Behind the Kyra campaign
5	7 Nov, Sat	Study Visit	Study visit in Trnava, Lunch in the city, Free Afternoon
6	8 Nov, Sun	From Idea to Project	Who's Pulling the Strings?; Project Design Thinking; Project LEGO
7	9 Nov, Mon	Let's Talk About It	Crafting the Story; Storytelling Workshop; The Reality Check
8	10 Nov, Tue	Building Projects	Brand It; Team work on the crowdfunding campaigns
9	11 Nov, Wed	Showcase	The Masterplan – Final campaigns presentations; Cross examinations; Youthpass ceremony and closing reflection
10	12 Nov, Thu	Departure	Check-out by 10:00 and departure of participants

Every working day ends with a reflection session.

DATE & PLACE

WHEN**3–12 November 2026****WHERE****Suchá nad Parnou****NEAREST CITY****Trnava, Slovakia**

Our 10-day training (2 travel days, 8 working days) takes place in Suchá nad Parnou, Slovakia. We will all stay in a cosy lakeside guesthouse, booked exclusively for our group, with plenty of space for activities and leisure.



GETTING THERE

The guesthouse is near Trnava, which has good train and bus connections (including FlixBus). Trnava is about 50 km from Bratislava, the capital, with frequent transfers between the two. From Trnava it's a short local bus ride to the accommodation – we will help you with this last part.

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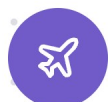


The easiest way is to travel to Bratislava first, then continue to Trnava.



BRATISLAVA AIRPORT (BTS)

Direct flights from many European cities, for example with Ryanair and Wizz Air. From the airport, take bus no. 61 to the Main Train Station (Hlavná stanica), then a train to Trnava. Bus tickets (around €1.20) are sold at ticket machines, kiosks or in the mobile app and must be validated on the bus. Train tickets are sold at the station.



VIENNA AIRPORT (VIE)

Vienna-Schwechat is only 40 km west of Bratislava and the main gateway for long-haul flights. Buses to Bratislava run every 30–60 minutes (slovaklines.sk, regiojet.com, flixbus.com) to Autobusová stanica Nivy. From there, take a bus to Trnava or – our recommendation – go to the Main Train Station and take the train.



BY TRAIN

Bratislava is connected to main lines from Prague, Budapest, Vienna and across Slovakia. Trains to Trnava leave from the Main Train Station (Hlavná stanica).



BY BUS

Bratislava has bus connections to many European cities. Buses arrive at Autobusová stanica Nivy, where you can also catch a bus to Trnava. Coaches between Bratislava and Vienna run every hour (slovaklines.sk, regiojet.com, flixbus.com).





BY CAR

Bratislava sits at the crossroads of major motorways: Prague is 330 km away, Budapest 200 km and Vienna 65 km. To drive on Slovak motorways you need a valid electronic vignette (diaľničná známka) – buy it online at eznamka.sk before you cross the border. Trnava is about 30 minutes from Bratislava on the motorway.

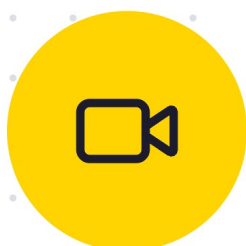
WHO PAYS FOR WHAT?

Accommodation and food, including snack breaks, are covered by the organiser.

Travel costs are reimbursed after the training, once you submit your tickets and travel documents, up to the maximum amounts below.

Country	Participants	Max. travel	Green travel
Slovakia	4		depending on travel
Hungary	5	€211	€285
Czechia	4	€211	€285
Romania	5	€309	€417
Türkiye	4	€309	€417
Spain	4	€309	€417

Maximum amounts per participant, based on the Erasmus+ distance calculator. Green travel means travelling mainly by low-emission transport such as train, bus or car-sharing.



Online preparatory call. Before the training, the coordinator will hold an online call to go through travel, accommodation, reimbursement, the programme and participation rules, and to help you get ready.

HOW TO APPLY

Registration deadline: 25 October 2026

Selected and confirmed participants will receive the registration form by email. Questions about the training or BPI? Write to **gyesko@bpi.sk**.

WHAT TO BRING

- Your passport or ID card.
- **All your travel tickets, receipts and boarding passes.** Keep the originals – we can only reimburse your travel with them.
- Valid health insurance for the whole activity (European Health Insurance Card or private insurance), and your own medicines if you need any.
- For the intercultural nights: examples of disinformation campaigns from your country, plus national snacks, drinks and music.
- Warm clothes and a waterproof jacket.
- A laptop or camera – not required, but useful for building your campaign.

WEATHER

November in western Slovakia is usually cold, grey and often rainy, with temperatures around 0–10 °C. Check the forecast at **meteo.sk** before you leave.

SEE YOU IN SUCHÁ NAD PARNOU!

