## **ART OF PARTICIPATORY LEADERSHIP 2021**

ONLINE TRAINING

The AoPL Croatia hosting team invites you to explore the following questions in the online training:

- How can we nurture the human and social fabric of working together even when we are not together?
- How do we lead ourselves and others through the times of change, complexity and crisis?
- How to unlock hidden potential in our organizations?

For more than 10 years we have been organizing the The Art of Participatory Leadership training in Croatia with an international hosting team and an international group of participants, focused on the corporate world, public administration and org. context in general.

We want to continue by offering an online training to support diverse organizations and many leaders in addressing challenges and finding solutions for new complexity in their working context.

Participatory leadership is used for engaging collective knowledge and innovative capacity of people, for strengthening collaboration and working across silos in both remote and onsite working mode.

Today more than ever it is important to build additional leadership capacity by nurturing self-organization and courage in people to step in and take charge of the challenges facing them.

## **BUSINESS CONTEXT**

Participatory leadership is an approach used in many organizations around the globe. It recognizes strategic dialogue and conversation as drivers for development and change, and is appropriate for remote and onsite work. It is particularly used in the following areas:

- Strategy design
- Stakeholder consultations and alignment
- Organizational & business development
- Leadership development
- Management alignment
- Team development
- · Staff engagement when working online and onsite
- Collaboration across levels and departments ("working across silos")
- Developing and engaging internal networks and communities of practice

## THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRAINING

- Explore how participatory
  leadership can be applied in
  an organizational context
  (corporate, private, public
  sector, institutions like
  Commissions, Ministries, Cities,
  Universities, Schools, State
  Companies, etc.)
- Experience and learn what is possible in a **virtual format**
- Practice facilitating (hosting) conversations as a powerful leadership competence
- Learn participatory methods and tools such as Circle, Appreciative Inquiry, World Café, Open Space, Chaordic design + virtual application
- Work with questions relevant to your specific context and design your projects where this approach will be applied
- Ignite your passion for more of this work – and maybe create new initiatives or projects that would not have happened without this training!
- Become part of practitioners' network around the globe
- Connect, share, learn and get support!

## **APPROACH**

When implemented in the right conditions, this practice has proven highly successful. It invites in relevant perspectives, creates focus on what really matters, supports an approach to deal strategically with complex cross-cutting issues and creates increased trust and engagement.

When practiced over a sustained period of time, participatory leadership can transform the working culture into a more open, innovative and collaborative space. The approach requires a shift in our understanding of leadership. Rather than the traditional leader pointing the way forward and driving the whole organization towards set goals, we see the leader as a host, convening the diversity of perspectives required to make sense of a certain context and designing solutions for wise action.