

INFORMATION FOLDER FOR PARTICIPANTS SELECTED TO
PARTICIPATE AT



EARTH CHALLENGE

ERASMUS+ FUNDED PROJECT

03 - 11 OCTOBER 2015, SIBENIK, CROATIA

Dear youth eco-leaders,

In this info folder you will find all necessary information to help you prepare for the international experience in Sibenik, Croatia. The info folder is divided in three parts:

- part 1 – information related to the project
- part 2 – information about what you need to prepare
- part 3 – travel information and tips

It is essential that you read them carefully so you will know what is expected to happen during this project. For any questions you may have please feel free to contact us via e-mail on earthchallenge@yahoo.com or via viber at +38970717567.

When you finish reading the info folder please fill in the application form and sent it to us lates by the 10th of September 2015 via e-mail at earthchallenge@yahoo.com. After we acknowledge your application and send you confirmation letter for being selected - you can start your preparation to join us in Croatia.

Looking forward to your applications,

Organizing team

PART I – INFORMATION RELATED TO THE PROJECT

Project summery

WHY?? Because we believe that YOU can make a difference. The Earth Challenge project will give an opportunity to 20 young leaders' to broaden their knowledge in environment protection and sustainable development and increase their own personal development and facilitation skills.

It is expected that at the end of the project these young leaders will be able to implement workshops in environmental area.



- to enrich participants knowledge about main elements in environmental protection and sustainable development by analyzing, role play and active participation in interactive educative workshops;
- to ensure development of skills of participants such as effective communication skills, presentational and facilitation skills and through this to ensure creating a strong network of young trainers;
- to arm participants with resources, methods used when learning about environment and environmental protection by presenting, explaining, and practicing methods of facilitation and analyzing non-formal methods of learning used in this area, motivating participants to adopt and develop new workshops, activities and methods and publish them in e-booklet;
- to empower youth leaders to become educators in youth field ready to take leading role in youth organization and transmit the knowledge through various projects;
- to provide them space to experience in practice facilitations by giving them a chance to organize eco-workshop for local kids;
- to straighten cooperation among our organizations and ensure capacity building.



Youth leaders' creative approach to environment protection will be tackled and we will help participants develop innovative tools for saving environmental wealth. Participants will get a clear picture about global challenges of sustainable development and climate change which are in front of humanity.

The project will raise questions of the values we share, of the nature we share, of environment we live in, of things that belongs to all of us and we will learn to respect them and appreciate what nature have given to Europe and to us.

Environment does not recognize borders and only international cooperation can lead to creating a green future for the generations to come.

Participants in this project will:

- **become educators in environmental field;**
- **use their fresh energy, ideas, and experiences to create new methods/ exercise, games, workshops for environmental learning;**
- **publish an e-book with new proposed developed methods;**
- **implement a local action with local kids focusing on environmental protection.**

WHEN? Arriving day = 03rd of October 2015 and Departure day = 11th of October 2015

WHO? Association ARGONAUTA from Croatia will implement the project together with partner promoters:

- Association KREATOR
Kumanovo – Macedonia;
- EYP Foundation – Romania;
- Experimentaculo – Portugal;
- La Terra Verde – Spain.



Each organization will select **4 participants** (2 female and 2 males) to join this project. And... in order to be selected you should:



- be age 18 – 28 coming from one of these countries mention above;
- to know English well;
- to be interested in environmental protection;
- to have previous experience in at least one international exchange / training.

In total **20 participants** will be selected to join the project in Croatia. **SO – DON'T WAIT UP** – fill in the application form and **apply ASAP !!**

WHERE? The project will be implemented in Sibenik, Croatia. Participants will be accommodated in a local hotel Sobe Mihovil in triple rooms with a bathroom. Here is the link for the accommodation. Full board will be provided by the hosting organization.
<http://www.rooms-sibenik.com/index.php?lang=en>



PART 2 – INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT YOU NEED TO PREPARE

After you receive your confirmation e-mail that you are accepted as a participant for the project YOU need to start your preparation:

- ✓ find out who else is coming from your country and get in touch !
 - ✓ decide how you will travel (please see Part 3 of the info folder regarding transport) and arrange your travel details ASAP;
 - ✓ as soon as you have a travel plan – sent us an e-mail with details on earthchallenge@yahoo.com and wait for our confirmation to buy the tickets (lates by 20 September);
 - ✓ make sure you have travel insurance for your stay in Croatia or take you EHIC card with you;
 - ✓ Start preparation for the project. (see below)
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What does – start preparation for the project means???

Before you come to Croatia there is some homework to be done ☺ Not much we promise:

- one of your tasks as a group representing one country is to organize and implement a research in your country on the topic of environment and environmental protection, methods used in school curricula and outside school doors, non-formal ways of learning about environment, possible resources that you can use, availability of this resources; positive practice and examples of actions implemented in their communities regarding this topics, how often environmental actions are undertaken and with which target groups?. Make a presentation on the results from the research. During

the project you will have the opportunity to share this information with the other participants;

- Think of energizers, ice-breakers, games that you might know. Write them down and bring them with you. Think of a possible link between them and environment – since during the project we will we will work on developing a booklet with activities we will need as much as possible resource to review and adopt for environmental learning;
- As National representatives, you will have a task to prepare a National evening and to present your country. Please bring your country flag, promotional materials, food, snacks, and drinks for this purpose, national music and songs;
- During the project one night will be a EuroVision night – please prepare a performance for the EuroVision. It can be traditional dancing, a song, whatever you think is suitable to present yourself in front of Europe 😊;
- Please bring a suitcase full with positive energy, enthusiasm for work, spirit for fun and energy to survive this once in a lifetime experience !!!

If you have any questions regarding preparations please do not hesitate to sent us an e-mail earthchallenge@yahoo.com

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever has
Margaret Mead

SO BE
THE *change*
you wish to see
IN THIS *world*
GO GREEN



PART 3 – INFORMATION ABOUT TRAVEL AND TRAVEL TIPS

Earth Challenge project is funded by National Agency for Mobility from Croatia and in the framework of the ERASMUS+ Programme. According to funding rules travel costs for participants will be covered by the project budget with specific limits as following:

- Portugal = max. amount in total for the group 1440 EUR
- Spain = max. amount in total for the group 2120 EUR

Travel for the groups from Macedonia, Romania and Croatia will be arranged by their own organizations.

How to arrive in Croatia?

We recommend using either Split or Zagreb airports as your final destination. At the airport take a shuttle bus to the city bus station and from there you can take a bus to Sibenik.

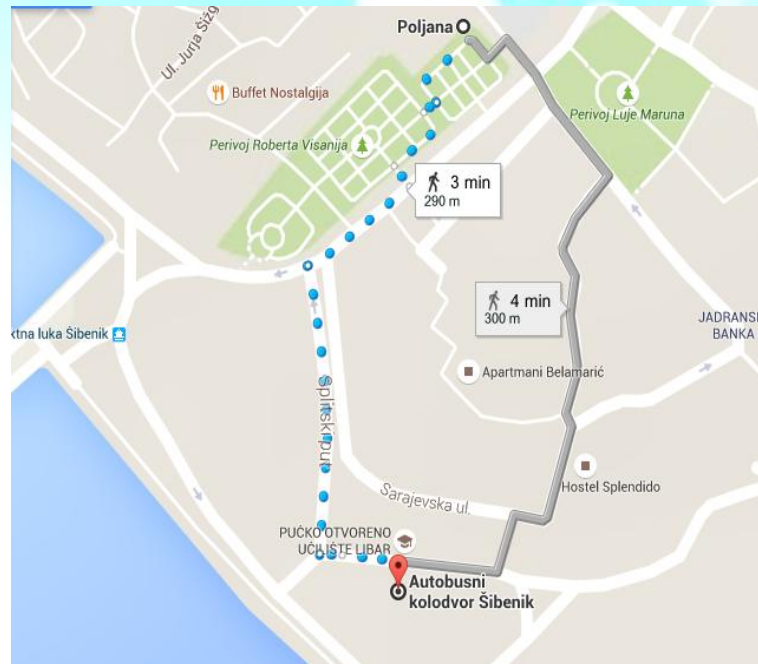
- If coming to Zagreb please find bus table link: <http://voznired.akz.hr/voznired.aspx?lang=en> here you can find information about buses that goes from Zagreb to Sibenik.
- If coming to the Split here is the link of the bus station <http://www.ak-split.hr/EN/vozni.red/index.html> where you can find information on buses that goes from Split to Sibenik.

Please note that the best way for buying bus tickets in Croatia is ON THE SPOT ☺ .

When you arrive in Sibenik bus station you should take the local city bus from station Poljana. See the map how to get from Sibenik bus station to Poljana walking. The city bus from Poljana station will take you to Dalmare (shopping center) which is very close to the accommodation Sobe. Sv. Mihovil (right next to Catholic primary school). Dalmare is the 5th stop of the bus from Poljana.

This is the time table for the local buses - 09:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:30, 17:30, 18:20, 20:20, 21:45, 23:00 and the ticket is 6KN.

You can of course take a taxi on your own expenses but what is the adventure in that???



In order to get your reimbursement you should:

- Use cheapest means of travel (economic class, local bus, train – taxi is not reimbursable);
- Save all boarding passes and tickets that you would like to be reimbursed;
- Save all bus tickets, train tickets, invoice from travel agency – we will need them to calculate your reimbursement.

Please note that: If you don't provide the bill – we will not be able to reimburse it.

Travel reimbursement will be done during the project if all tickets and documents are submitted properly. It will be a responsibility of the participants to send all original bills back to the hosting organization via regular post 1 week after the project if over.

Draft a travel plan and be ready to send it to us to earthchallenge@yahoo.com as soon as we confirm your participation in the project. We will review it and sent you confirmation to buy tickets.

Now, don't wait fill in the application form and do your best to be selected for this amazing experience!