



Erasmus+

Asociacija „Aktyvus jaunimas“

Languages: the Opportunity to beat Youth Unemployment

Erasmus+ youth exchange in Kaunas, Lithuania

October 19-27 (6 people / country). Travel days: 19 & 27.

LANGUAGES - THE OPPORTUNITY TO BEAT YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

SUMMARY

- **Place:** Kaunas, Lithuania;
- **Participating countries:** Lithuania (host), Greece, Italy, Romania, Spain, Turkey;
- **Youth Exchange Dates:** October 19-27. Travel days: 19 & 27. Activity Days: October 20-26.
- **Participants per country:** 6 (aged 18-30).



SHORT DESCRIPTION

The European societies are currently facing a lot of social problems such as unemployment. One of the ways to tackle this problem is encourage youth to learn foreign languages because it is a key asset when looking for a job, especially in an international company.

To promote this concept, a project “**Languages - the Opportunity to Beat Youth Unemployment**” will be hosted in Lithuania. The project is implemented by organizations from countries where youth unemployment and lack of professional foreign language skills are especially acute (Spain, Italy, Turkey, Greece, Romania, Lithuania). In the youth exchange, there will be 36 young people involved (6 / country).

The main objectives of the project are: (1) acquaint youngsters with the newest language learning methods and tools; (2) teach the unemployed youth on how to easily learn new languages, and thus get employed or create their own enterprises by using these skills; (3) reveal job opportunities in Europe and promote possible careers in the EU; (4) Motivate youth to learn (at least 1) new language so they could share their motivation in their community and increase youth collaboration within the EU. The project also aims to help the participants grow professionally, keep them active, involve them in multi-cultural discussions, develop a number of skills and competences and create new partnerships across Europe.

FINANCES & TRAVEL BUDGET LIMITS

Accommodation, living and other project / exchange related expenses: 100% funded by the EU. This includes everything except for travel costs.

Travel (flights, other means of transport) expenses are compensated (up to 100%), based on the distance from your location of residence to the location of the project. These distances must be calculated using the [distance calculator](#) supported by the European Commission.

Country	Compensation in €
Spain	270
Turkey, Greece, Italy, Romania	170

MONEY

Since 2015 the official currency in Lithuania is Euro. Change your money to Euros in your home countries and you won't have any difficulties here. The prices in Lithuania are not high as well (e.g. coke - 0.60 EUR, bus ride - 0.70 EUR, pizza - 4 EUR).

TRANSPORTATION

Firstly, you should find a flight to **Kaunas (KUN)** or **Vilnius (VNO)** airports. Flying to Riga (RIX) or Palanga (PLQ) airports may also be an option, albeit much less preferable. The **arrival day is October 19** and the departure day is **October 27, 2015**. Try to find a suitable option for the flights on these days.

- Coming to the venue from Kaunas airport is quite simple: there is a cheap and often city bus (no. 29 or 29E) connection. You can buy tickets at the driver and it costs 0.70 EUR per person.
- If you are coming from Vilnius, it is the best to first take a train from the airport to Vilnius train station and then change to the train going to Kaunas. Total cost: 6 EUR.
- The address of the main venue is **Papilio str. 9, Kaunas**. If you have troubles finding it, we will meet you in the city centre upon your arrival and take you there.

We will reimburse the travel expenses after the exchange by bank transfer, in accordance with the Erasmus+ framework. **In order to make the reimbursement, it is compulsory that you have all the necessary documents with you.** If your travel costs exceed the official limits, the reimbursement will be limited to the maximum amount of travel costs allocated for each country. If you fail to provide all the necessary travel documents, we will be unable to reimburse you. For plane travel, the original documents that we need are: **(1) Tickets and Boarding Passes; (2) Invoice / Receipt**. Keep your bus / train tickets as well! Travel by cars / taxis is not reimbursed.

ACCOMMODATION & FOOD

Venue: Domus Pacis Guest House. **Website:** <http://www.domuspacis.lt/en>. Located at the very city centre, next to a park (has a skate-park, football field, basketball courts).



Rooms: with 2-6 beds. Towels and bed linen will be provided. The **Main Activity Room** is located at the same building. **WiFi** internet connection is available. Organizers will provide participants with three meals per day and two coffee breaks. Food will be served at the guest house premises.

We strongly recommend each participant to inform the ORGANIZERS about any special dietary needs in advance.

ABOUT LITHUANIA / KAUNAS

Check the following websites to get to know more about our lovely Lithuania and Kaunas:

- <http://www.likeablelithuania.com/welcome/?lang=en>
- <http://lietuva.lt/en/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/onLithuania>
- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaunas>
- http://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Tourism-g274948-Kaunas_Kaunas_County-Vacations.html



PLANNED ACTIVITIES / SCHEDULE

To really get the most out of the exchange we will always start early! After socialising in the night we'll start at 9:00 in the morning with breakfast, strong coffee and some energizers! Each day we'll have two main activity sessions that will be based on non-formal education and learning by doing. They will all be targeted to intercultural exchange, socializing, having fun and, of course, our main project's topic – language learning and job search. If the weather is good we'll be doing as many activities outside as possible so that you could enjoy it to the fullest. Naturally, we'll leave free time for you to relax in the city. In the evenings we'll have cultural nights (each country have to prepare for that), which will be followed by further socialising and having fun in the city center ☺ .

The main activities include:

- Interactive workshops on language learning;
- Generation of new NFE methods & tools;
- Discussions in non-formal environment;
- Meeting multilingual speakers, human resource managers;
- Country presentations;
- Visits to start-up hub;

- Analyses of relevant video materials;
- Specialized group exercises, games, quizzes, and much more. Since the project goal is to reach the public and disseminate the results effectively: special photos & videos, as well as a website will be prepared by the participants.

If you have any ideas and suggestions for our activities – don't hesitate to tell those! We want everyone to enjoy the stay in Lithuania!



PREPARATION

The organizers will not provide the participants with any kind of insurance! Therefore, we strongly recommend every participant to acquire travel insurance at their own expense for the whole duration of the exchange. Also, please have a valid EU healthcare insurance card (if applicable).

Each of the participating countries should:

1. Bring all your travel documents as presented above;
2. Find interesting videos / games / exercises / educational activities for language learning. Prepare energisers that could be done in the morning.
3. Prepare for your country's cultural evening. Please, try to be fun and creative for this!:) No one likes regular .ppt presentations! Any kind of activities are welcome (e.g. video presentations, dances, songs, games, quizzes, posters, flyers etc.).
4. Prepare a presentation about a topic related to the objectives of the project (in country teams). We'll post the topics that you can choose from a bit later:). Follow the information!
5. Each of you individually have to bring an interesting cup or any souvenir (e.g. with your country design, creative, or funny). In the beginning of the project you will exchange these things with one another so that you would have a thing to remember!
6. If you have relevant experience connected to language learning - let us know:) If no - there's no problem, you'll learn everything here:)
7. Bring clothing and shoes that can be used for sports and/or strenuous activities (such as dancing).

8. Bring good spirit, joy and happiness!!! ☺

10. More preparation needed for the activities will be posted online after the participants are selected.

BASIC RULES

All the participants will be expected to be present and active in all the activities, unless being ill. Unauthorised absence from the activities and workshops won't be tolerated.

Smoking is prohibited everywhere inside buildings, thus all the smokers will have to go outside or to specially designated areas for a cigarette.

Stress, nerves and bad mood is prohibited everywhere. Bring your best mood and big smile with you and keep it through the exchange! Prepare for fun! Those who fail to do that will be expelled from the exchange.

LIST OF PARTNERS

Lithuania (host)	Asociacija "Aktyvus jaunimas"
Greece	FundacpejskichChance
Turkey	Future Europe Youth
Spain	Ticket2Europe
Italy	Associazione In Progress Calabria
Romania	"Tineret pentru Dezvoltare Durabila"

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THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO OUR PROJECT, PLEASE JOIN OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP.
LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!