

INTER-CULTURE-ALL



An Erasmus+ Co-Funded
Youth Exchange



YE: October 27 - November 5, 2019

APV: August 1 - 3, 2019



Amman, Jordan



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Cross-cultural competency has been named among the 10 most important skills for the future workforce by the Institute for the Future. In the near future in Europe, it will be hard to find a work-team that only consists of people from a single cultural background. Organizations of the future will be forced to work more closely with people and institutional partners from all over the world in order to bring as many different perspectives and areas of expertise together as possible.

Unfortunately, the “us” versus “them” thinking has been so strongly ingrained into our psyche due to history, and unfortunately it still prevails today. When we meet somebody from a different culture, we are more likely to unconsciously regard them as our enemies than as somebody to learn from. Even if we are not consciously aware of this tendency, it is nonetheless something that influences our thinking.

It is easy to see how this plays out in today’s modern, globalized society. Unfortunately many European youth are not exposed to diverse cultures and religions and then hold prejudices and stereotypes about other cultures that limits their own professional potential in addition to the potential of society.

When a group of people with cross-cultural competences come together, they help each other to question their assumptions about the issues at hand.

They introduce each other to completely new ways of thinking. They work together in order to solve problems in ways that have never been attempted before. For this reason, we have decided to make this project and unite youth from Germany, Jordan, Spain, Lebanon, and Italy from different backgrounds, cultures, countries, religions, and more to develop our cross-cultural competences together!

PROJECT AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The main aim of this project is to raise young people's awareness of cultural diversity and equip them with the basic cross-cultural and critical thinking competences (knowledge, attitudes, and skills) needed for the global marketplace.

Objective 1:

Participants will raise their awareness on the importance of cross-cultural competency. By the end of the project they will feel more comfortable and confident interacting with people from different religious, socio-economic, cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

They will be more inclined to accept and respect these differences.

Objective 2:

Participants will increase their knowledge about cultural diversity and critical thinking.

They will learn about Culture, Identity, Stereotypes, Prejudice, Discrimination, Inclusion, Intercultural Empathy, Critical Thinking, Communication, Community Impact, and more.



Objective 3:

Participants will develop their critical thinking skills about different cultures.

This will be for the purpose of both creating more inclusive societies in Europe, as well as preparing youth for the globalized and international job market.

Objective 4:

Participants will increase their intercultural communication and competences working in an international and multicultural team of 30 youth from Jordan, Germany, Spain, Lebanon, and Italy.



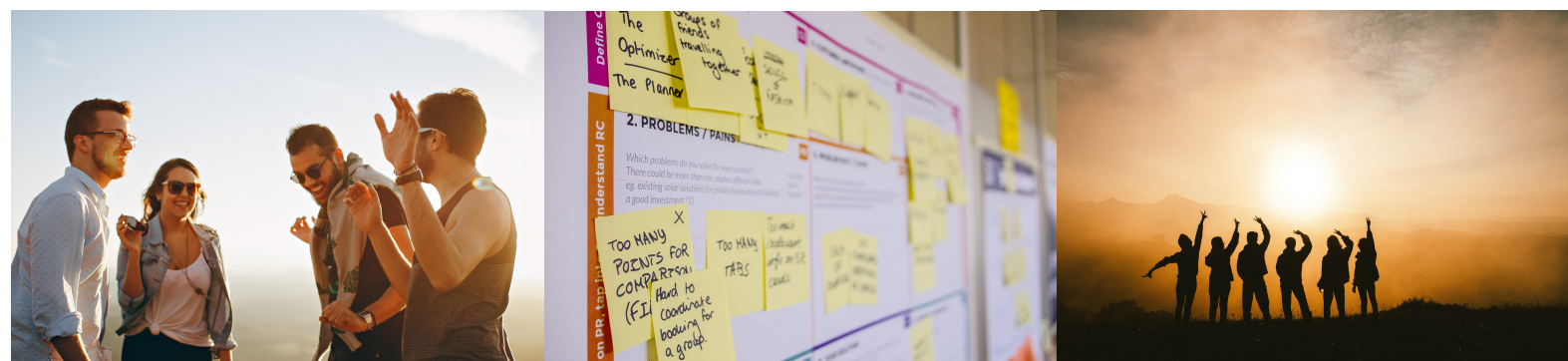
PARTICIPANT PROFILE

- Residents or citizens of Germany, Jordan, Spain, Lebanon, or Italy
- Youth between 18-30 years old (except for the group leader of each national group, for whom there is no age limit)
- High motivation and interest in the topic of cross-cultural competency
- Motivation and willingness to implement future activities/events in their own communities back home after the youth exchange
- Ability to speak English well enough to allow for smooth communication
- Committed to actively participate in ALL sessions (8+ hours a day)
- It is preferable if at least one member from each international team has some kind of photography or film experience.
Professional video-making experience is not required.

THE TIME TABLE*

	Sunday, October 27	Monday, October 28	Tuesday, October 29	Wednesday, October 30	Thursday, October 31	Friday, November 1	Saturday, November 2	Sunday, November 3	Monday, November 4	Tuesday, November 5
	Arrival Day	Team Building Day	Intro to Culture	Confronting Stereotypes	Intercultural Empathy	Cultural Exploration	Communication Tools for the Opposition	Radical Change	Evaluation Day	Departure Day
9:00 – 10:00	Arrival	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
10:00 – 11:30		Let's Get to Know Each Other	What is Culture?	Breaking Down Terminology 1	Learning Walk	Cultural Exploring	Hierarchy of Disagreement	Community Event Preparation	Erasmus+	Departure
11:30 – 12:00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
12:00 – 13:30		Let's Get to Know the Program	3 Cultures Simulation Game	Breaking Down Terminology 2	U-ME-WE	Cultural Exploring	Effective Communication for Conflict Management	Community Event Preparation	Future Plans	
13:30 – 15:30		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15:30 – 17:00		Team Building	Mapping My Culture	Religions of the World	Human Library	Cultural Exploring	Idea Time!	Community Event	Steps After I Return	
17:00 – 17:30		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
17:30-19:00		8 Key Competences of Erasmus+	Cultural Storytelling	Where Do I Stand?	Human Library	Cultural Exploring	Event Preparation	Community Event	Evaluation/ Feedback	
19:00 – 19:30		Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	Mid Program Evaluation	Reflection	Reflection	Reflection	
19:30		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	
21:30 +	Welcome Activity	Games Night	Intercultural Night!	Passion Night	Halloween Party!	Cultural Exploring	Movie Night	Cultural Evening	Farewell party	

*This is an example schedule, be aware that the final time table may change



Topics of this project: culture, identity, stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination, exclusion, intercultural empathy, critical thinking, communication for conflict management, community impact, and more.

Approach to the topics: We will use experiential learning in a non-formal educational context. Expect interactive and participatory methods such as simulation games, role plays, presentations, world cafes, creative and artistic expression, human library, stations, self-reflection exercises, group work, and more.

INFO ABOUT JORDAN



WEATHER:

During late October and early November, daily high temperatures are around 20°C, rarely falling below 11°C or exceeding 27°C. Daily low temperatures are around 7°C, rarely falling below 3°C or exceeding 15°C.



LANGUAGE:

The national language of Jordan is Arabic. Most Jordanians speak English, especially in urban area such as Amman and in areas that receive tourists and have more young people. French and German are the second and third most popular languages after English.

CURRENCY:

The currency in Jordan is Jordanian Dinar.

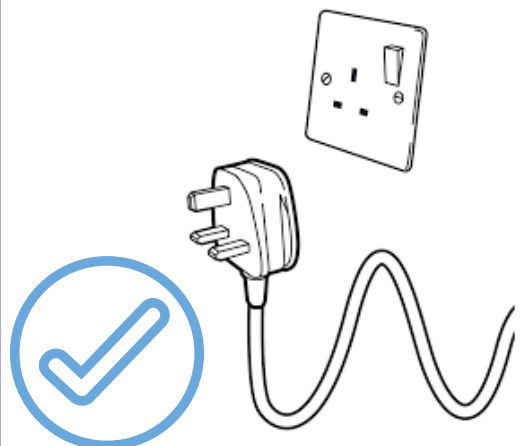
1 JOD = 1.25779 EUR

1 EUR = 0.795044 JOD



ADAPTERS:

The plugs in Jordan are the same as in the UK, so please make sure you bring adaptors!



VISA:

For EU Member States to enter in Jordan you need to pay for a visa, which will be reimbursed by the project. We recommend you buy the "Jordan Pass".

Please check the following link:

<https://www.jordanpass.jo/Contents/Prices.aspx>

(Lebanese participants do not require a visa).

ACCOMMODATION



For this youth exchange we will be hosted in Ammam, the capital, at Amman Hostel - Ministry of Youth on Sport City Street.

Participants will reside in rooms of 4-5 people from different countries, but the same gender.



HOW TO REACH THE VENUE FROM:



From Amman Airport:

From Queen Alia Airport there is a bus to Amman almost every 30 minutes from 8:00 AM - 12:00 AM and it cost 5 JOD

Please check the following site
<http://sariyahexpress.com/en/content/airport-express>

From Aqaba Airport:

From Aqaba Airport you can take a taxi (only if you are group) to Aqaba City - Bus Jett Area and it costs 14 JOD. Then a bus (Bus Jett) to Tabrbour Area.

There is a daily bus at 16:00 only with the price of 11 JOD.

Please check the following link
<https://www.jett.com.jo/en/schedule>

From King Hussein Bridge:

There is a daily bus (Bus Jett) at 6:30 AM and the same cost of 11 JOD.

Please check the following link
<https://www.jett.com.jo/en/schedule>

MAKE SURE YOU BRING WITH YOU:

Bed linens

Towels

Flip flops for the shower

Mosquito Spray

All medications you might need



BUYING YOUR FLIGHTS



This youth exchange is co-financed by the ERASMUS+ Programme.

Food and accommodation for 5 participants and 1 group leader from each country are covered by the project for the youth exchange (YE) in October, as well as for the group leader and 1 participant for the Advanced Planning Visit (APV) in August.

**Jordan:
20 euros**

**Lebanon:
180 euros**

**Italy:
275 euros**

**Germany:
360 euros**

**Spain:
530 euros**

Above you can find the maximum allocated funds for your travel (flights, train tickets, shuttle buses etc) per country. By traveling we mean public transportation to and from your home to the venue in Jordan. Please note that only the cheapest options will be reimbursed, therefore only economy tickets! Please be aware that the final grant can be lower depending on the participant's place of residence, so check the distance of your hometown to Amman, Jordan in the Erasmus+ Distance Calculator.

You are allowed to stay for an extra 2 days, either before or after the project, in Jordan, but you will have to cover the accommodation and additional expenses on your own.

*Please make sure that you get a receipt from ALL transportation.
You MUST keep all receipts and boarding passes to be reimbursed.*

Reimbursements will be made by pewobe, the German partner organization. The EU countries will be reimbursed by bank transfer. Only Lebanese participants might be reimbursed in cash if all the documents brought are approved.

Please note that there is a €45 participation fee to cover the costs of your visit to Petra and an overnight stay in the Wadi Rum Desert. These costs will be deducted from the travel reimbursement.

WHAT TO PREPARE



Before Arriving in Jordan, We'd Like You to Prepare & Bring:



1. Food, Drinks, & Creative Ideas for Intercultural Night



We'll have the opportunity to discover each others' culture and national delicacies during intercultural night. For this, you can bring traditional snacks and drinks from your country, as well as creative presentations of songs, dances, and more to share.



2. A Halloween Costume



We will also have a Halloween night on October 31st with traditional games and of course a costume party so be sure to bring one!



3. An Open Mind about Your Contributions



It is up to ALL of the participants to ensure the success of this project, so we'd like for you to think about how/what you can contribute to make it even better: video-making, photography, energizers, live music, amazing playlists, the sky is the limit!

STEPS TO PARTICIPATE



Step 1: Fill in the online application form

You must successfully fill in the participant online application form by July 14th
<https://forms.gle/zuYazHhV6nnWzRyN9>

Step 2: Wait to be Selected

Wait for our confirmation that you have been selected for this project.

Step 3: Search for Flights and Wait to Receive Approval

Search online for flights to Jordan then send your flight itinerary to us.
You **MUST** receive our approval of your travel plans first before you buy them

Step 4: Buy Your Flights

Proceed in purchasing flights.

After you purchase the tickets send us a copy of your flight info and receipt to:
inter.culture.all@gmail.com

GET IN TOUCH!

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact us at:

inter.culture.all@gmail.com



OR contact your sending organization for more questions:

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SPAIN - Ticket2Europe - Romy Solomon - romy.solomon@ticket2europe.eu

LEBANON - Youth Development Organization - Liiwa Almohtar - pr@ydo-lb.com

ITALY - L'Arca del Blues - Antonio Greco - Antonio@arcadelblues.it



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“I honour you for your unique expression,
your creative hands, your boundless compassion,
and your unwavering bravery to share yourself with the world.

In each moment that we choose love and connection over fear and separation,
we are healing our ancestors, the generations to come, and the earth on which we live.

Though our stories may be spoken in unfamiliar languages,
we may wear strange adornments and call God by a different name,
we are all woven together.

We are threads in the same tapestry,
sovereign yet supported, and made stronger and brighter by each other.

This is a co-creation, a grand masterpiece.

So keep faith beloved friends,
choose love, and together let's continue this Light Work.”

-Autumn Skye