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International Youth Exchange Project

EXPLORING CULTURAL DIVERSITY USING TRADITIONAL GAMES

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Dilijan, Armenia*

INFO PACK

THIS INFO PACK IS DESIGNED FOR
PROJECT PARTNERS, PARTICIPANTS AND
CANDIDATES

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The main aim of the project “Exploring cultural diversity through traditional games” is to unite the youth who encounter Geographical, financial and social privation from rural and remote areas of 8 different countries; Norway, Latvia, Romania, Spain, Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova. 40 young people will get together during 10 day exchange project.

The project will allow focusing on the emergency of providing necessary cultural awareness to rural young people who can further fight raising radicalism, discrimination and hate speech in Europe, making it a safe place for cultural diversity, tolerance and peace.

With this initiative we aim at improving peer to peer learning among participants, providing safe, informal environment of self-expression, likewise encouraging each participants' involvement in project conception, preparation, organization, and assessment.

We do think, that national games are a unique tool for self-expression and cultural education, that doesn't require any prior competencies and can insure involvement of every person despite of his/her education, gender, religion, race, etc.

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- To increase participants' consciousness of European multiculturalism, cultural values and tolerance;
- To foster mutual understanding, intercultural dialogue, social inclusion, and solidarity, between young people in different countries;
- To increase participants' awareness about partner sates' national games and their educational/cultural elements;
- To transfer national games into open access non-formal learning tools;
- To explore the possibilities of the Erasmus + program as a tool for cultural education and mobility;
- To identify the competencies that can be obtained through European non-formal learning projects and their certification by Youthpass;
- To view opportunities of Erasmus + program from mobility, cultural learning, and non-formal education angles, etc.



OUR PARTNERS

THE AWESOME PEOPLE BEHIND THIS PROJECT



YOUTH MIX
ARMENIA



ROHELINE
GEORGIA



NOIS
NORWAY



ASOCIATIA D.G.T.
ROMANIA



DOBROSVIT
UKRAINE



INSPIRATION BY MOTION
LATVIA



ADVIT
MOLDOVA



TICKET2EUROPE
SPAIN

TARGET GROUP

Our target audience is young people aged from 18 to 30 with a focus on 18-25 age group:

- a) Who are facing social, economic and geographical obstacles (at least 2 participants per group);
- b) Who are interested in the topics of traditional games, cultural and intercultural learning, peacebuilding;
- c) Who show a big motivation for participation and are available for the whole duration of the Youth Exchange,
- d) Who are residents of one of the participating countries: Norway, Armenia, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Latvia, Spain, Romania and come from rural/remote areas.
- e) Who can communicate in English.

Each partner country should be represented by 4 participants and 1 group leader. There is no age limit for the group leaders.

DATES AND VENUE



"POPOCK" GUEST HOUSE DILIJAN, TAVUSH REGION,

Kalinini street 12/1, 3903, Dilijan, Armenia

02 NOV - ARRIVAL DAY
13 NOV - DEPARTURE DAY

Participants will be accommodated in double/triple rooms. They will be provided with 3 time buffet food and 2 coffee breaks per day. The hotel provides bedsheets and towels as well.

We strongly ask group leaders to inform host organization about participants' special needs, such as allergy, special diet, food, etc. A separate menu will be prepared for vegetarians.

Please note, that organizers are not responsible for participants' accommodation, food and transport for extra days both before and after the project dates .

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

THIS SECTION INCLUDES COSTS AND TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

The Youth Exchange will be implemented in the frames of the ERASMUS+ Programme.

Accommodation, food, working materials & other project related expenses for the entire duration of the Youth Exchange will be fully covered by organizers.

The travel costs will be reimbursed for the cheapest and direct way of transport and only under the condition that the participant will take part in the whole project. The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the certain amount according to Erasmus+ rules. Only the tickets that were confirmed by organizers will be reimbursed.

Participants' travel from arrival places to the project venue on 02 November, as well as their departure from the venue on 13 November will be organized by the host organization. The cost of those trips (30 EUR) will be deducted from the reimbursement amount. Thus, the maximum travel reimbursement per person is as follows:

COUNTRY	MAX. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT IN EUR
Norway	500
Latvia	330
Romania	245
Spain	790
Ukraine	245
Moldova	245
Georgia	150
Armenia	0

Travel expenses will be reimbursed in Euro upon presentation of all necessary documents (see the next sections). All the reimbursements will be made through BANK TRANSFERS only.

All tickets' costs purchased in a local currency will be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month given by the European Commission (<https://goo.gl/HinFm6>).

Project participation fee is 35 Euro (to be paid at the youth exchange).

FURTHER RULES

BOOKING OF THE TICKETS AND REIMBURSEMENT

- The selected participants choose flight connections and send them to hosting organization or via the partners for confirmation. Please don't book any tickets without our confirmation.
- Only the cheapest tickets will be reimbursed. The tickets with deviation from the direct route, extra unnecessary stops and layovers will not be covered. Seat reservation fees, leisure plus tickets, flexible tariff tickets, extra travel insurances, priority boarding fees will not be covered. Only 1 piece of checked-in baggage of maximum 15-23 kg will be covered.
- Only tickets purchased online will be reimbursed. The travel agencies' fees can't be covered and their invoices for the flight tickets won't be accepted for reimbursement.
- Expenses for taxi or private cars, will not be reimbursed, only public transport will be covered.
- You can arrive before the activity and depart after if you want to spend more time in Armenia on your own, provided that the tickets on these days are not more expensive than on the official travel days.
- Eurowings, Ryanair, Wizzair tickets should be purchased only on the websites of the airlines. We highly recommend avoiding purchasing tickets via KIWI website.
- PRINT your flight tickets and invoices and give them to the applicant organization at the youth exchange. Online Check-in (per email in PDF) is highly recommended, then you won't lose the boarding passes on your way.



TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

International travel expenses can be reimbursed **ONLY** upon presentation of **ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS** stating your travel data and costs, namely:

1. Boarding passes (For round trip),
2. Tickets for plane/bus/train (also e-tickets),
3. Invoices,
4. Payment checks,
5. Bank statements (in case of online purchases).

Participants are requested to bring with them all mentioned documents, likewise any other payment bills, checks, tickets and payment proves that you will get during your travel. Regarding way-back tickets and boarding passes, they should be sent by post office.



INSURANCE

Please, be aware, that all participants are **self-responsible** for having a sufficient insurance covering personal accidents, illness, personal liability, cancellation, theft and etc.

Make sure you have a travel insurance valid in Armenia for the whole project duration.

VISA

Participants coming from project partner countries **DO NOT NEED A VISA** to enter the Republic of Armenia. Participants should only present a valid International Passport.

More information at
<http://www.mfa.am/en/visa/>

THINGS TO BRING

- Valid international passport for travel;
- Travel insurance valid in Armenia;
- All required travel documents;
- Comfortable shoes, outdoor suits, raincoats, backpacks which are needed for outdoor activities and trips;
- Laptop (at least 1 per national team);
- Traditional food, drinks, music, dances, songs, etc.
- Necessary equipment for your traditional game;
- Photo cameras and photo/video editing programs you may need during activities;
- Group activities and new ideas are welcome;
- Medicine you may need, etc.

HOMETASKS

The project is based on non-formal methodology and peer-to-peer approach, which highly prioritizes each participants' active involvement in every stage of the project. Thus, all national teams will be in charge of:

- Preparing a session dedicated to the topics of discrimination, its forms, schemes of its reduction, etc.;
- Preparing presentation of the current situation of discrimination and radicalism in their countries, likewise introducing their types, grounds and causes;
- Preparing national games and teaching them to other participants;
- Preparing a cultural evening;
- Presenting their organization/non-formal group;
- Preparing and running energizers, team building activities, name games and etc.

The exact tasks will be shared through the second info pack which will be provided as soon as all national teams are formed..

METHODOLOGY

The whole youth exchange will be based on non-formal education. Different methods, such as outdoor education, hiking trips, traditional games, simulation activities, co-operative games, individual work, small discussion groups, plenary work, group dynamics and etc., will be used.

PROJECT TIMELINE

TASK	DEADLINE
PARTICIPANTS SELECTION	SEPTEMBER 10
TICKETS PURCHASE	SEPTEMBER 15



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