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"Renewable Charge for Entrepreneurship"

24 Sep - 01 Oct 2021

Tsaghkadzor, Armenia

INFO PACK

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

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROJECT



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The growing efforts focused on the alleviation of adverse anthropogenic impact on the environment are significant. In this context, great attention is drawn on the use of fossil fuels, which is one of the major drivers of the climate change. “Renewable Charge for Entrepreneurship” project pursues to encourage active participation of youth groups from small communities and rural regions in processes of energy transition and environmental sustainability through social entrepreneurship in the field of renewable energies and rural development.

The project attempts to promote EU policies and objectives in the field of renewable energies among youth, simultaneously enabling development of rural communities. To this end, the project aims to equip young people with knowledge and skills required to stimulate their involvement in field-related activities and to launch their own initiatives. Social entrepreneurship is considered as a powerful medium for realisation of this goal.

Consequently, the project was designed to deliver fundamental capacities for two pivotal components, namely renewable energy and entrepreneurship. Furthermore, a comprehensive introduction on social entrepreneurship is considered, which will later allow young individuals to outline and implement own projects in native communities.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the project are as follows:

- Raise of participants awareness about field of renewable energies and their main characteristics;
- Encourage adoption of renewables through formulation and interpretation of environmental and socioeconomic benefits of their introduction in communities;
- Provision of essential competences for step-by-step implementation of a small scale entrepreneurial initiative;
- Facilitate development of successful renewable energy projects with a focus on community needs by revealing existing opportunities & challenges and demonstrating relevant case studies;
- Presentation of Erasmus+ Programme and importance of non formal learning projects. Introduction to various European instruments, funds and EU programmes regarding renewable energies, rural development and entrepreneurship;
- Establishment of a favourable ground for peer learning and active intercultural exchange among project participants.



OUR PARTNERS

THE AWESOME PARTNERS BEHIND THIS PROJECT

ARMENIA
Youth Mix

Romania
CSYD

SPAIN
Ticket2Europe

Lithuania
ASOCIACIJA TAVO
EUROPA

GERMANY
Association of
Foreign Students:
START

UKRAINE
Creative Youth
Centre

MOLDOVA
Mentor ME

GEORGIA
Independent Group
of Initiators

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

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

- Who are facing social, economic and geographical obstacles (at least 2 participants per group);
- Who are interested in the topics of renewable energy, social entrepreneurship, climate change and environment intercultural learning, rural youth empowerment;
- Who show a big motivation for participation and are available for the whole duration of the Youth Exchange;
- Who are residents of one of the participating countries: Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova, Germany, Romania, Lithuania, Spain and come from rural/remote areas.
- 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



"Alpina" Hotel

Yeghishe Charents Street
(Turn 7), 2310 Tsaghkadzor,
Armenia
www.alpina.am,
+374-77-730031

Participants will be accommodated in triple rooms. They will be provided with 3-time buffet food and coffee breaks per day. The hotel provides bedsheets and towels as well. Hair dryers are available in some rooms only. 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.

Arrival Day: 24 September
Departure Day: 01 October



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

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The maximum travel reimbursement per person is as follows:

COUNTRY	MAX. TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT IN EUR
Armenia	0
Georgia	40
Ukraine	255
Moldova	255
Germany	340
Lithuania	340
Romania	255
Spain	520

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 a certain amount. **Only the tickets that were confirmed by organizers will be reimbursed.**

Participants' travel from arrival places to the project venue on **24 Sep**, as well as their departure from the venue on **01 Oct** will be organized by the host organization. The cost of those trips (**20 EUR**) will be deducted from the reimbursement amount.

Travel expenses will be reimbursed in Euro **by February 2022** at the latest and upon presentation of all necessary documents (see the next sections). All the reimbursements will be made through BANK TRANSFERS only.

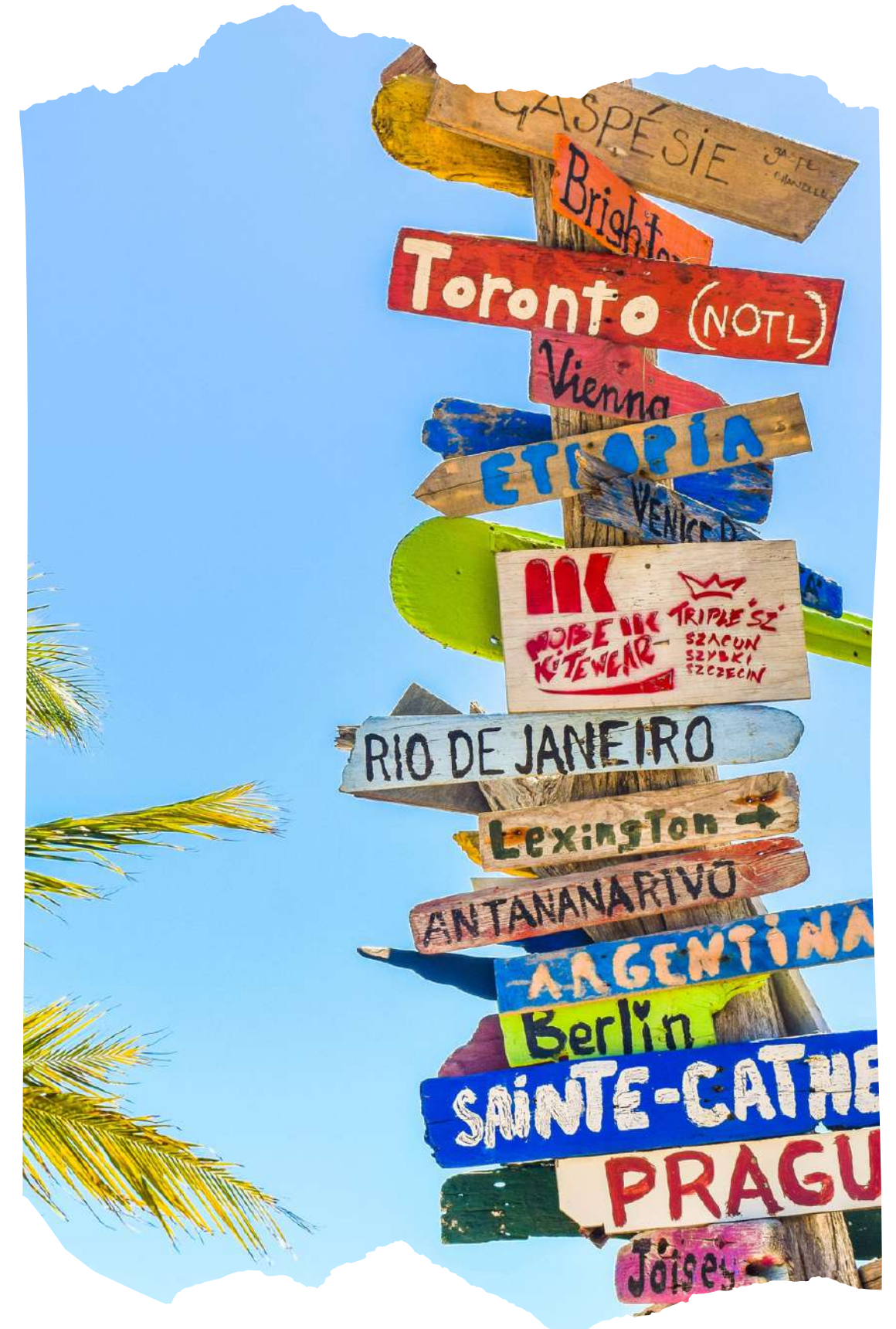
All tickets' costs purchased in a local currency will be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month given by the European Commission (<https://goo.gl/HinFm6>).

No participation fee!

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 a taxi or private cars, will not be reimbursed, only public transport will be covered.
- You can arrive **1 day before** the activity and depart **1 day after**, or take **2 days before or after the project dates**, 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.
- 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.



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 sufficient insurance** covering COVID-19, personal accidents, illness, personal liability, cancellation, theft and etc.

Make sure you have 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/>

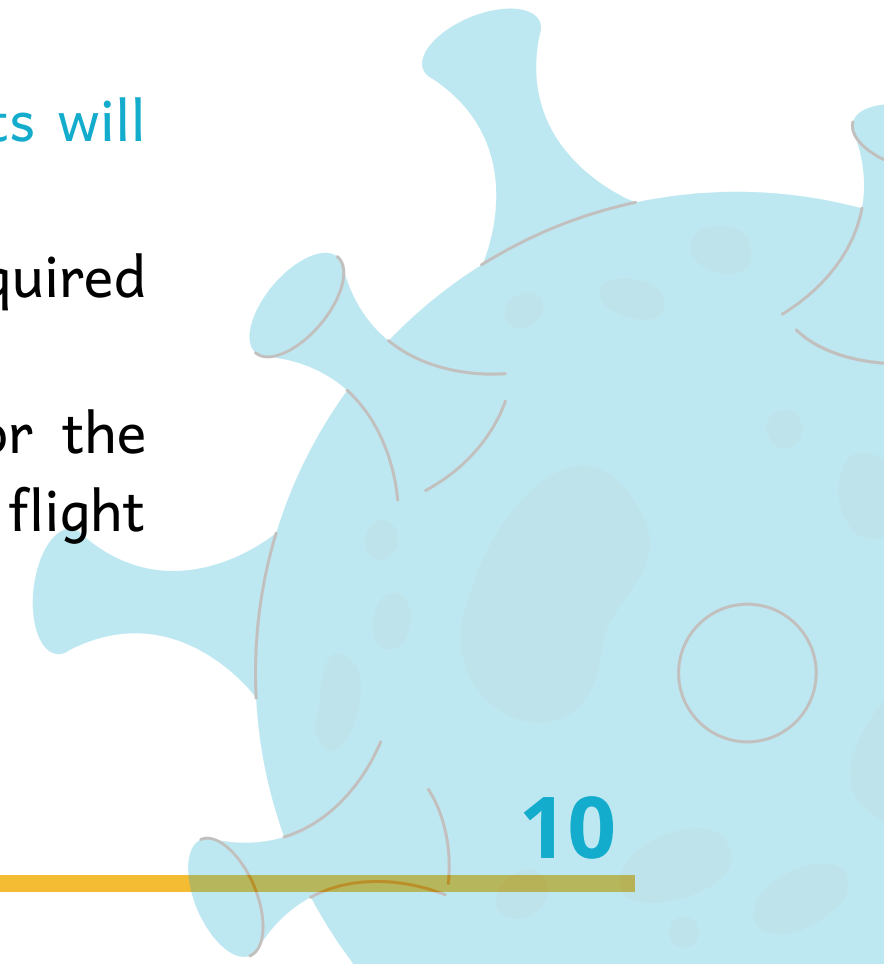
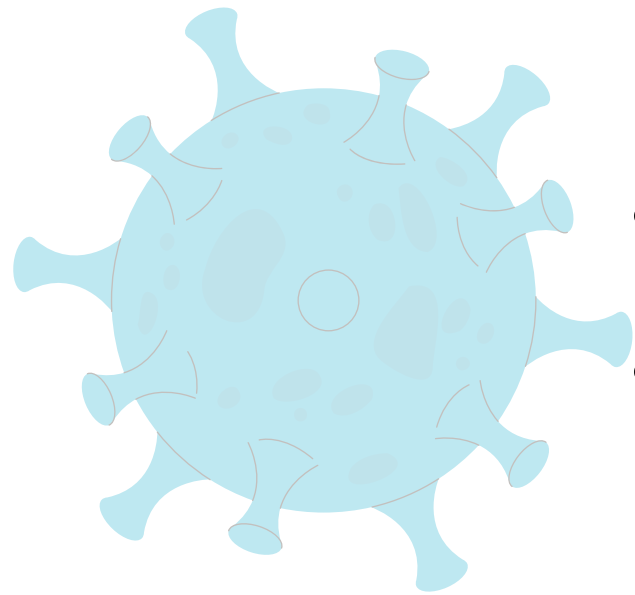
THINGS TO BRING

- Valid international passport for travel;
- Travel insurance covering COVID-19 valid in Armenia;
- PCR test results or a full vaccination certificate;
- All required travel documents;
- A mug for a big mug exchange activity;
- 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.
- Photo cameras and photo/video editing programs you may need during activities;
- Group activities and new ideas are welcome;
- Table games, musical instruments, and other things for entertainment;
- Medicine you may need, etc.

COVID-19 / PCR /

According to the current regulations, upon entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia via air and land borders travelers will be asked to:

- Provide a COVID-19 **PCR test certificate** with negative results taken within the previous 72 hours. The certificate should be in Armenian, Russian or English, include the name, surname, date of birth, and passport number of the examined person. (<https://www.mfa.am/en/COVID-19/2021/05/17/covid-19/10955>)
- Provide **certification of complete vaccination against COVID-19 with 2 dosages** and the second dosage taken at least 14 days before entering the country.
- Non-holders of the relevant certificate are subjected to PCR sampling at the airport or border checkpoint sampling points and to compulsory isolation until the negative PCR test result will be obtained.
- Participants are self-responsible for all the costs related to PCR tests. **PCR costs will NOT be reimbursed.**
- In several member countries, the PCR tests are free of charge or can be acquired through a visit to the doctor.
- Participants are **self-responsible for acquiring travel/health insurance** valid for the whole duration of the project, which also covers COVID-19 and flight cancellation/reschedule.



HOMETASKS

The project is based on a non-formal methodology and a peer-to-peer approach, which highly prioritizes each participants' active involvement in every stage of the project. This means that **the entire learning component is based on the sessions and activities prepared by participants for participants.**

Thus, all national teams will be in charge of:

- Preparing and running a session on the current state and developments related to renewable energies in their countries, level of introduction of renewable technologies in rural areas;
- Preparing a cultural evening, where culture, music, food, traditions and country peculiarities will be presented;
- 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 methods. Different methods, such as outdoor education, hiking trips, business simulation activities, cooperative games, individual work, small discussion groups, plenary work, group dynamics and etc. will be used.

Registration

All applicants are requested to fill in the following registration form: <https://forms.gle/2BqyqAixFuDBA4oF6> and join the project **Facebook** group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1373056776421820>

DEADLINES

PARTICIPANTS SELECTION	23 August
TICKETS PURCHASE	27 August
REGISTRATION FORM	27 August

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