



Cultures in Action

Brief Description of the Youth Exchange

If we talk about current situation in European Union, the level of cultural traditions is getting lower and lower. This on long term have a very strong effect on life of EU citizens, making them loose their feeling of identity. We believe that this situation needs to be discussed and the effects of this to be presented in a more interesting way in order that people pay attention and put in practice what they learn.

In our project we want to promote the traditions by using a more interesting method and we will welcome young people looking for uniqueness, interested in promoting culture and traditions through non-formal education. In our work together with our partners we want to connect the youngsters with the traditions in order to help them be more inventive and innovative in terms of keeping the traditions alive.

It is very important for the youngsters to be aware of the importance of traditions and cultural heritage. We work with these themes through creative promotion of culture and traditions. 30 young people from 6 different countries (Latvia, Italy, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania and Netherlands) will come together in Saulkrasti, Latvia to promote Europe through street art, music and street performances.

Goals and Methods

Youth Exchange "Cultures in Action" will drive in directions towards public places to perform for locals and also to spread information about different programs and projects that European Union is implementing in Latvia and in other promoters' countries. Overall the participants will have couple of performances coloured with different games, quizzes, competitions, etc.

For this we have set the following objectives:

- To create a space where young people from different countries will bring color to the local daily routine
- To support the development of their common European identity.
- To help youth to understand and embrace the idea of common Europe
- To have a strong local impact by involving young people from the local neighbourhood
- To encourage their active participation in decision making and shaping processes
- To make the efforts of European Commission visible
- To inspire local youth to be engaged in similar youth activities and to learn about Erasmus+ programme.



VERY IMPORTANT Profile of participants

Age limit of participants:

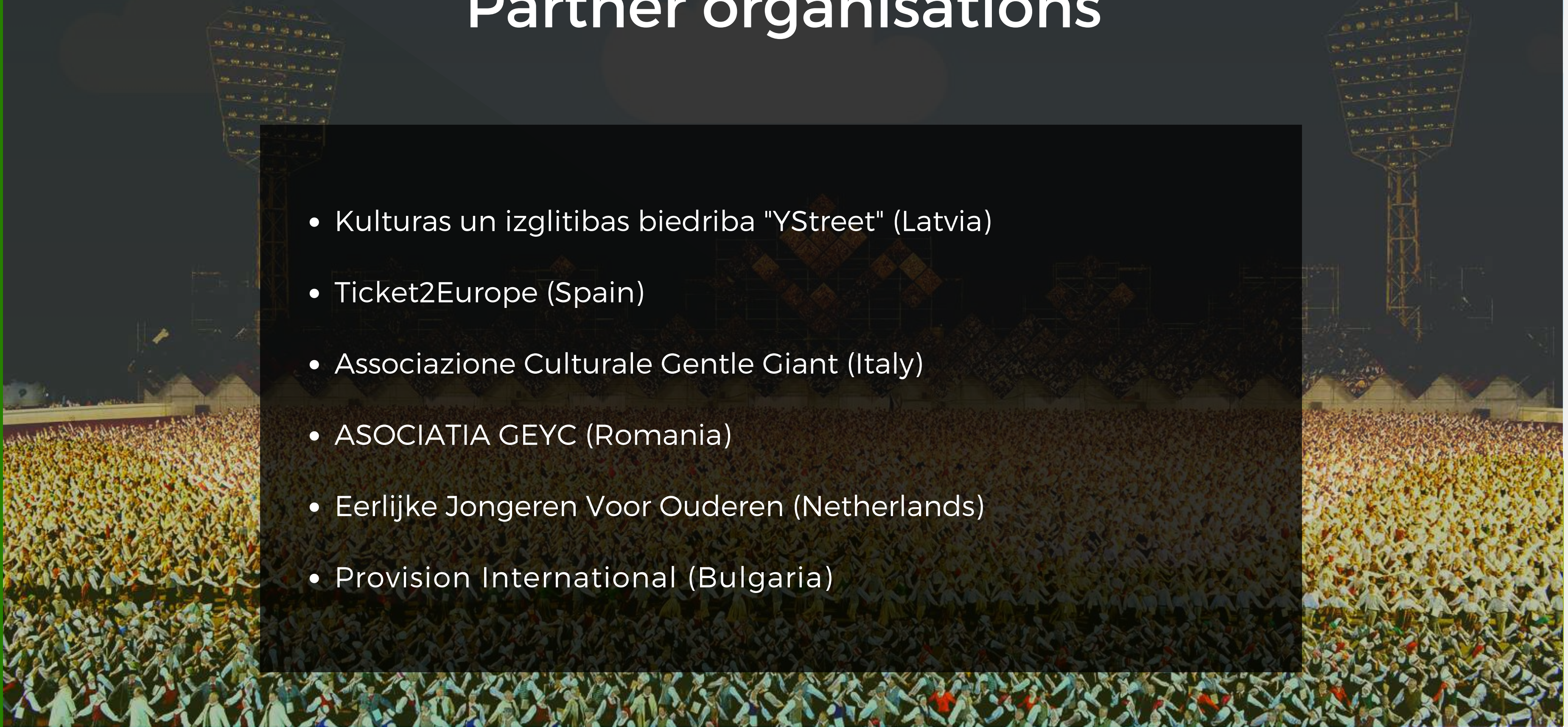
4 participants with age limit 18-30 from each participating partner + 1 group leader with no age limit.

Selection criteria:

Project "Cultures in Action" is about performance. During the project we will promote Europe through art, music and street performances. Basically, we need artistic people who can play music instruments, can sing, dance - we will do performances on stage in front of public. Please select applicants accordingly!

Partner organisations

- Kulturas un izglitibas biedriba "YStreet" (Latvia)
- Ticket2Europe (Spain)
- Associazione Culturale Gentle Giant (Italy)
- ASOCIATIA GEYC (Romania)
- Eerlijke Jongeren Voor Ouderen (Netherlands)
- Provision International (Bulgaria)



Dates and venue

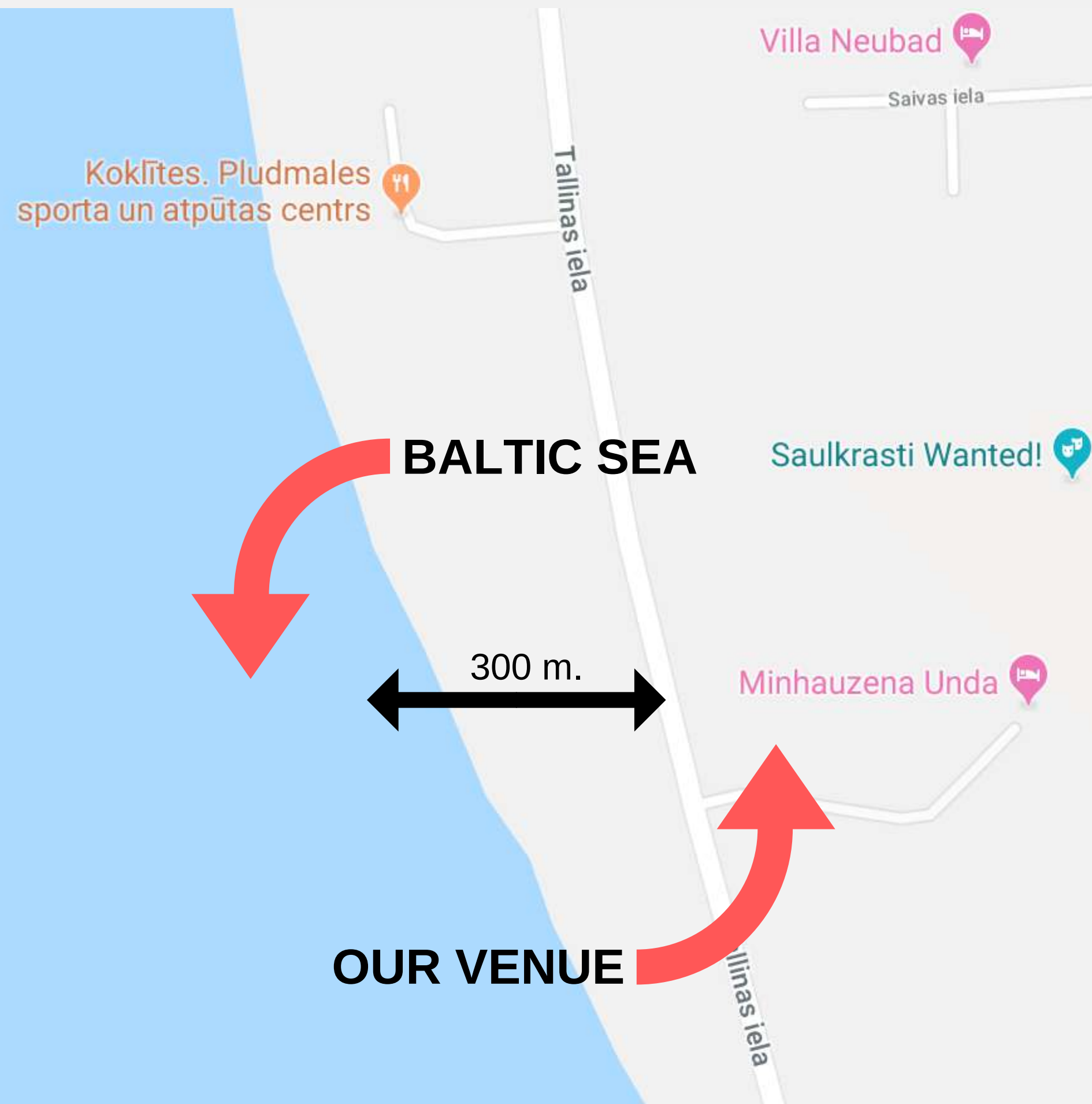
Arrival day: 29 August 2021

Departure day: 07 September 2021

Venue: Hotel "Minhauzena Unda",

City: Saulkrasti, Latvia

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



Accommodation

Venue: Hotel "Minhauzena Unda".

Participants will share gender-separate rooms.

Each room of the venue provides bathroom (toilet, shower cabin). Participants will be provided with 3-times meals and a coffee break per day. A special menu will be prepared for vegetarians, vegans, etc.

The venue provides bedsheets, towels and free WIFI.

Please be aware that due to high amount of people WIFI signal can be unstable. For personal use please take a 4G backup, if needed.

For more details, please visit its webpage or check it on Booking.com.



How to get to the venue

If you travel with your team, the most comfortable way to get from Riga Airport to the Riga Central Train Station will be with **BOLT** app - this Taxi app provides cheap service. Even if you share cost between 2 (to Riga center it will be about € 7-10). Here is how the app looks like:



You can also get a **FREE RIDE UP TO 5 EUR** if you enter the following promo code as soon as you download the app and register your Visa or Mastercard: **Z3YYL**

Since, unfortunately, according to the Erasmus+ rules, we cannot reimburse expenses for Taxi, we highly recommend using this opportunity with a promo code.



MORE ABOUT FREE RIDES AND DISCOUNTS

From Riga Airport to the venue address **BOLT** will drive you for approx. 35 EUR. Use the promo code **Z3YYL** and get 5 EUR off from your 1st ride. It means that the trip will cost you 5 EUR less. It will also save a lot of Your time due to skipping waiting time for bus / train / pickup. If you are group of 3 or 4 persons, it can make sense, **You are welcome :)**

How to get to the venue with public transport

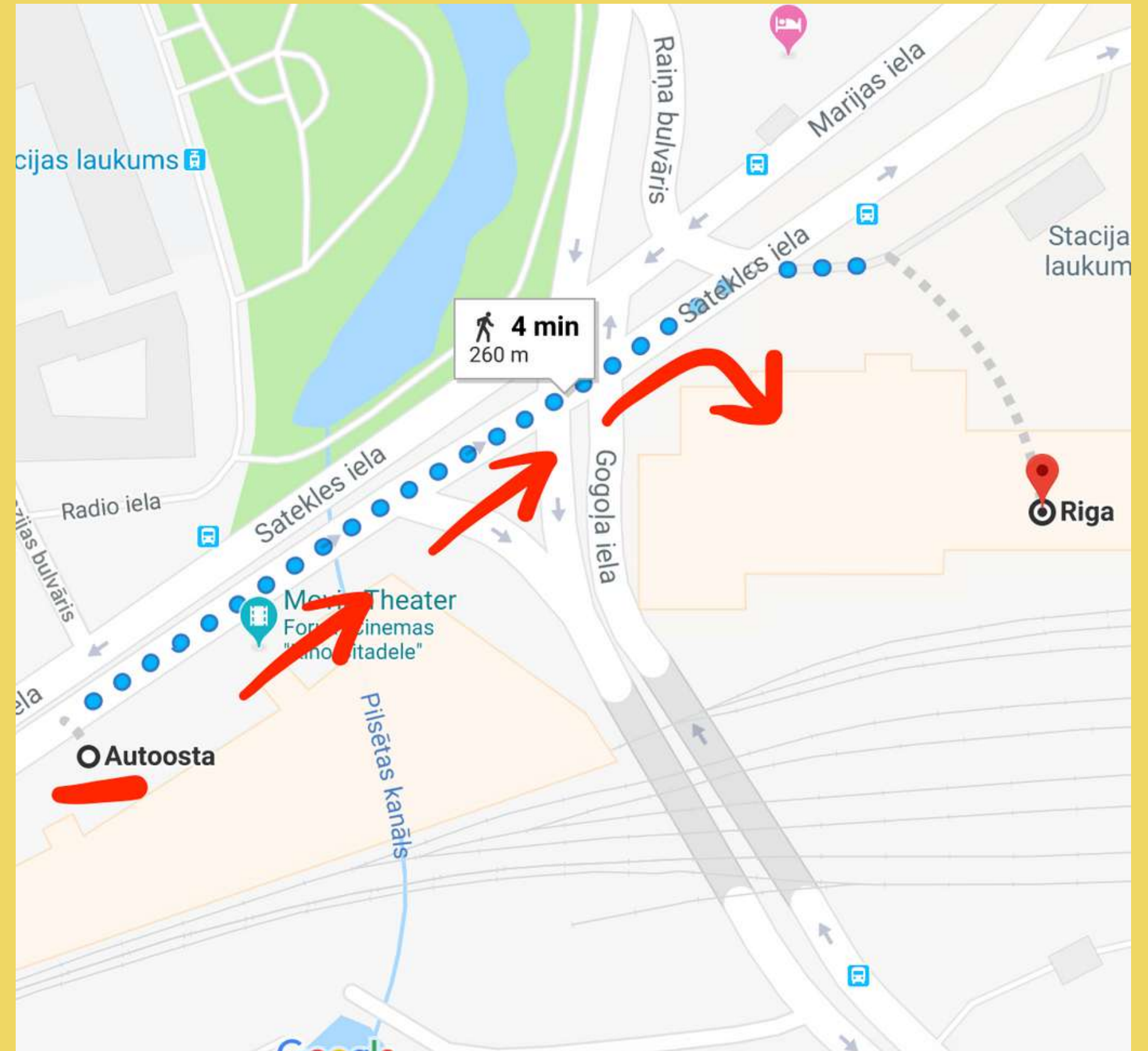
From Riga Airport to the city center you have to take a bus or minibus 22 and get out at the stop "Autoosta". Ticket price: 2 EUR

From the stop "Autoosta" you have to walk about 4 minutes (260 m.) to the central Train Station.

At the train station you buy a ticket to Saulkrasti. Trains go every hour, so you won't need to wait long time. And the road time will be about 1 hour.

Ticket price: 2 EUR

Attention: Let us know **when you depart**, so we will be ready to **pick you up** from Saulkrasti train station and bring to the project venue.



Travel Reimbursement

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 (Also e-tickets),
3. Receipts (In case the tickets are bought by cash),
4. Invoices **and** card payment history (In case the tickets are bought by bank card),
5. Payment checks / Bank statements.

Participants are requested to bring with them all mentioned documents, likewise, any other payment bills, checks, tickets and payment prove that they will get during the travel.

Regarding way-back tickets and boarding passes, they should be sent by international post service to "YSTREET" in Latvia (example: check-in at airport) or by e-mail (if they were issued through online check-in). **SCANS / PHOTOS ARE NOT ALLOWED!!!**

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Reimbursement for ALL COUNTRIES will be made by BANK TRANSFER after we have all original tickets and relevant documents. Anyway, cash refund on spot is also available.

Reimbursement Limits

per participant

- LATVIA 20 EUR
- BULGARIA..... 275 EUR
- ROMANIA..... 275 EUR
- NETHERLANDS..... 275 EUR
- ITALY..... 275 EUR
- SPAIN..... 360 EUR

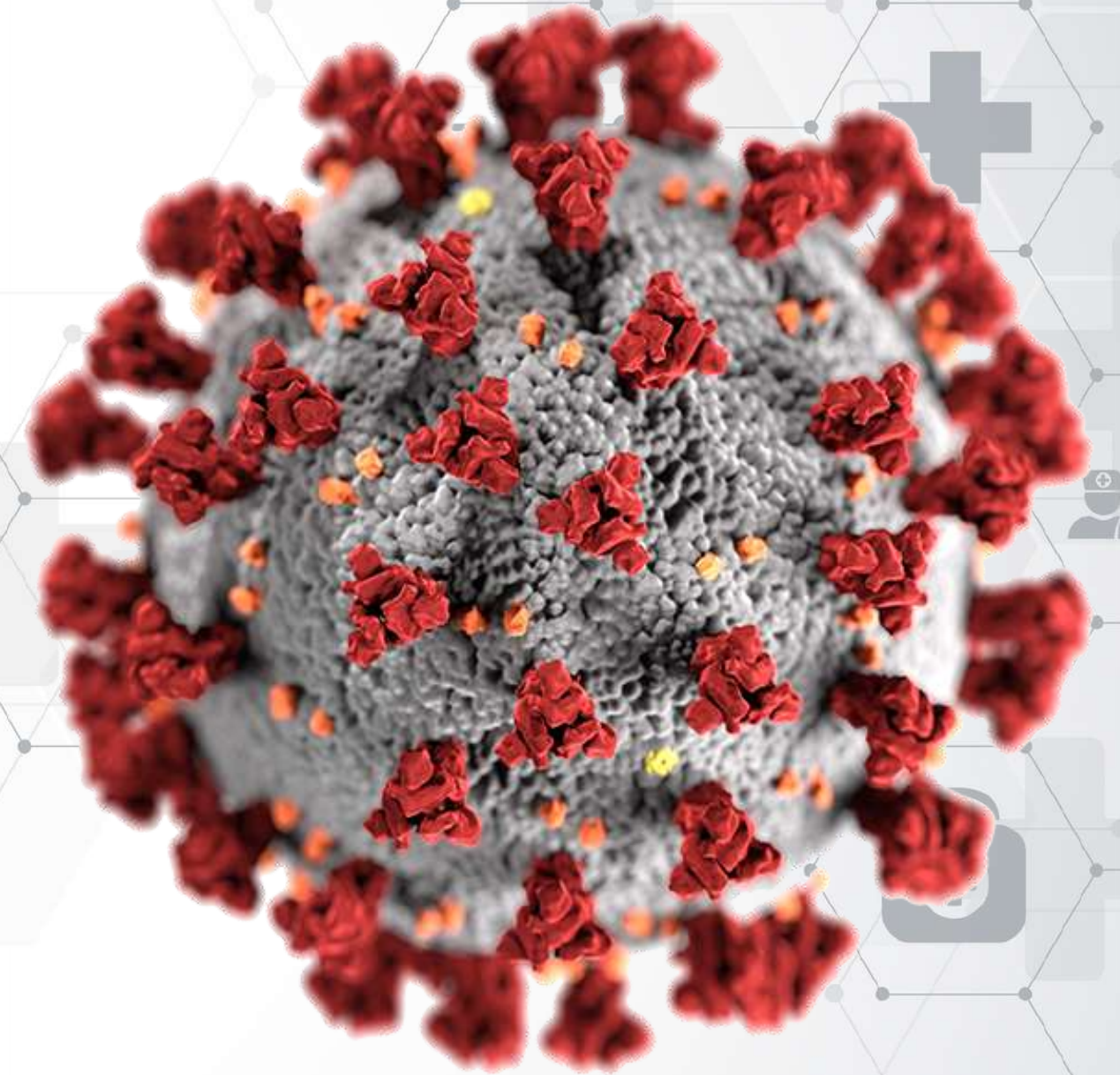
COVID-19 RULES

PLEASE READ THE FULL INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LATVIA:

**[HTTPS://WWW.MFA.GOV.LV/EN/CONSULAR-
INFORMATION/NEWS/66019-EMERGENCY-SITUATION-IN-
LATVIA-TO-RESTRICT-THE-SPREAD-OF-COVID-19](https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/consular-information/news/66019-emergency-situation-in-latvia-to-restrict-the-spread-of-covid-19)**

PLEASE NOTICE THAT EACH PARTICIPANT HAS TO ASSUME ITS OWN EXPENSES FOR COVID TESTS.

PLEASE REMEMBER ABOUT TRAVEL INSURANCE WHICH COVERS COVID-19 RISKS.



THINGS TO BRING

- Valid passport for travel;
- All required travel documents;
- Travel insurance which covers COVID-19 risks;
- Negative PCR test;
- Comfortable shoes or sneakers, outdoor suits & raincoats which can be needed during outdoor activities;
- What could entertain participants during free time, eg. games, music, musical instruments, etc;
- Group activities and new ideas are welcome;
- Traditional food, drinks, music, dances, songs, etc;
- Medicine you can need, etc.



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