

”EXPLORE YOUTHPASS”

EXCHANGE: 21-30 July 2016

Topola, Serbia

Dear partners and participants,

We are glad to welcome you to the APV/Youth Exchange ”EXPLORE YOUTHPASS” and we are looking forward to meet you in Topola very soon. Please, read all the provided information carefully and don’t hesitate to contact us with anything related to your participation in the project.



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About the project

As many countries are reforming public education and considering the fact that, no formal education and intercultural learning are key elements in this transition, it is always more noticeable the need for recognition of non formal competences. Perhaps, such issue is one of the most debated in the youth field, among youth workers and policy makers. One of the main steps related to the topic was the launch of Youthpass in 2007 with the aim of supporting the validation and recognition of non-formal learning in Europe within the framework of the Youth in Action programme.

Objectives

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- To familiarize participants with the concept of Youth Pass as an educational program and its possibilities within and on the outside of Erasmus +
- To explore the 8 key competences and to give participants an understanding of what each competence refers to
- To give participants a clear understanding of Youthpass and how it works
- To develop participant's competences in intercultural learning
- To contribute to young people's personal development,
- To help them to set up learning and career goals by creating a safe atmosphere for non-formal learning,
- To develop participants' life-long learning competencies, self-awareness and promote active and creative participation of young people in processes and events around them.
- To set up strategies for the better recognition of youth work and non – formal education in YE context

Participants

YOUTH EXCHANGE: 47 participants from 9 country: Germany, Serbia, Spain, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Slovakia, Turkey and Latvia.

5 participants per organization; 1 group leader + 4 participants

As this is a youth exchange participants will be 18-25 as the pillar topics we estimate are most appealing to this age group.

Participants of this exchange will be young unemployed people who are still deciding about their goals, still exploring their carrier opportunities. Exchange will help them to become more self-aware and gain skills and knowledge that can be easily transferred to other educational and working contexts and help them in search for job or applying for studies.

Participants should be ready for an intercultural experience. and interested in becoming agents of change in their organizations and communities.

The participants should be:

- Be able to work in English
- Fully participate in all the workshops and activities on the Youth Exchange.
- Share the newly acquired knowledge with members of their sending organization once they

get back from the exchange, and take part in the follow up activities.

- Be able to attend the entire duration of the Youth Exchange

**THE PROJECT YOUTH EXCHANGE WILL START AT 7 PM (DINNER TIME) ON JULY 21th.
PLEASE MAKE YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY !!!**

Finances

The youth exchange is implemented by support of the European Commission programme ERASMUS+ and the German National Agency. Travel Expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget. We will reimburse travel costs as listed below on the basis of the *cheapest* possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc. by bank transfer after the training and the receipt of all ORIGINAL tickets, bills, invoices, receipts, boarding tags/cards etc. Following the guidelines of the Erasmus + programme the travel back must be realised by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Please, keep the original tickets in order to get money back.

Maximum travel costs for each participant is from home town to Topola (Serbia) and back:

Country	Number of persons/YE	Costs per person
Germany	6	170.00
Serbia	6	20.00
Albania	5	80.00
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5	80.00
Slovakia	5	170.00
Spain	5	170.00
Estonia	5	170.00
Turkey	5	170.00
Latvia	5	170.00

IMPORTANT: PLEASE KEEP ALL YOUR ORIGINAL TRAVEL INVOICES AND BOARDING PASSES.

Accommodation

The project will be held at Hotel Oplenac (Oplenac BB, Topola, Serbia).

It is near the center of the city just 5-10 minutes walking. Surrounded by greenery it offers a relaxing and panoramic view.

Full board: rooms with 2, 3 and 4 beds, bathroom, toilet.

Accommodation includes all the meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.

People from the same country can not be in the same room.

During the exchange, costs for board and lodging are covered by the project. Extra expenses, such as drinks in the bar in the venue, extra days have to be paid by participants.

During the workshops there is 2 coffee break; during this break we will provide nes coffee and tea, also some kind of jus and sweets. This is for free for participants.

How to get there:

When you arrive at the Belgrade airport have direct bus (Line A1) which takes you to the train and bus stations. You must buy a ticket on the bus itself. The ticket price is 300 RSD.

From BAS (name of bus station) bus stations have direct bus to Topola

If arriving by train just to move the bus station. Railway and bus stations are next to each other.

With BAS (name of the bus station) bus station we have direct bus to Topola

Here you can find timetable for bus: http://www.bas.rs/basweb_eng/RedVoznje.aspx?lng=en

Ticket price is from 530,00 – 630,00 RSD.

Please do not by return tickets.

In any case, please send us as fast as possible before your departure an e-mail and inform us about your arrival time in Topola.

Food

The provided food (3 meals a day) may differ from the food you are used to from home.

However, we will try our best to accommodate your needs and dietary requirements. Please make sure, you indicate any special needs in the application form!

What to bring

Insurance - Travel Insurance

- To bring necessary things for representing your country, because we will have **intercultural evenings** and this mean that you will have your own space (around 15 min) to present your traditions, cultures or whatever you think represent your country to whole group. Try to make

something interactive for people, make them participate, try to show culture but please, don't play long videos from Youtube because this is something we can do at home, we would like to really experience your country in live ;-)

- And for sure, don't forget to bring food & drinks from your countries!!

-Good Mood

Some tehcnical suggestion

- In the room there is only one socket, if you have a home, bring with you a plug with more sockets.

Where is Topola?

Topola (Serbian Cyrillic: Топола) is a town and municipality situated in the Šumadija region of Serbia. Topola is 80km far from Belgrade, 220km to the south is Niš and 280km to the north is Subotica.

Money

The domestic currency is the RSD (Dinar). The dinar exchange rate in relation to the euro is constantly changing. You can exchange money in any bank, and exchange office too.

Before APV We will inform you about the dinar exchange rate.

(Exchange office we have at the airport and bus station. Dinar will you be required to purchase bus tickets.)

If you have any questions concerning your participation or need additional information please feel free to contact us anytime !!!

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SEE YOU SOON IN TOPOLA

