

Info Pack

Project title: RAISE - Raising the Advantages of Youth through Innovation and Social Entrepreneurship

Summary

Activity 2, Youth Exchange - A Youth Exchange for young people to experience entrepreneurship education in an intercultural, international context, to be held in Durres, Albania, in 1-10 December 2016. Each partner should send 4 participants and 1 youth leader.

The main aim of the project is to improve the employability and competences of young people in partner organization through youth work and non-formal educational methods. The project will help participants to understand how to turn ideas into actions (lots of practical examples), how to be creative and innovative, to take risks, to plan and manage social projects, to be aware of different working contexts and being able to optimally use given opportunities for own development, as well as to be aware of ethical values. By using a participant-centred approach that allows the participants to structure their learning process based in their own needs and abilities; additionally, we will review different learning tools and methods used in youth work practice, so that participants can identify which ways of learning suit them best and which are best for the young people they work with;

Specific objectives of the project are:

- Developing youth workers' social entrepreneurship skills, including exchanging experience of young people's entrepreneurship initiatives implemented for the benefit of their communities and their peers,
 - using the 'See a Game' handbook and the Living Lab methodology – the ToT course will focus on how to use the manual, what competences are used etc.
- Developing youth workers' innovation skills – the project will be based on innovative and creative non-formal activities, including games and social theatre
- Fostering a sense of responsibility and initiative in young people through social entrepreneurship and innovation – we will discuss active citizenship principles and practice and how social entrepreneurship can help young people to address local and European problems

- Building a network of organisations and projects developing innovation and social entrepreneurship using ‘See a Game’, Living Labs concept and opportunities presented by the Erasmus+ Programme – we will present Erasmus+ Youth, assist participants in developing projects and also help in networking

Methodology:

In all our activities, we will follow the key principles of non-formal education:

- voluntary learning – participants attend the project because they are interested in the topic, which increased their active participation and motivation to achieve the planned objectives; participants will use the knowledge gained to pursue their career as youth trainers;
- participatory – all project participants will be actively involved in project planning, delivery, evaluation and follow-up after the project
- learner-centred – the project programme and activities are designed around the needs and expectations of participants
- self-governed – participants will be delivering substantial parts of the programme themselves (including several participant-led activities during the ToT)
- inclusive – no formal exam or certification system is in place when selecting participants; selection will be made by partners based on participants’ experience and capacity to implement projects and activities in their communities and organisations;
- flexible – the programme will be adapted to individual needs of participants;
- practical – the main stress of the learning process will be on the practical applicability of proposed methods and networking tools, not on academic or theoretical debates or methods that are not relevant or appropriate for young people

Participants:

Selection criteria or the Youth Exchange:

- Only participants over 18, no upper age limit
- Willingness to participate fully in the programme and its follow-up
- Basic English (translation will be provided by group leaders)
- Gender balance will be assured
- at least 2 young people with fewer opportunity background

Activity 2 – YE, December 2016

Themes and issues:

- Day 1: arrivals and getting to know each other
- Day 2: Team-building activities
- Day 3: Erasmus + presentation, Country realities and Intercultural learning activities



- Day 4: Career paths - employment, entrepreneurship, education, training – what is the difference, rights and stories
- Day 5: Trip to Tirana town, Visit a social business
- Day 6: Social enterprise – young people generate ideas for businesses to change their reality
- Day 7: Human library – meeting entrepreneurs, seed funders, families, supporters. Working in future project ideas
- Day 8: Photography work – looking for problems to solve in the community, innovative idea generation
- Day 9: forward planning, evaluation, Youthpass audit; departures

Please note: All participants should arrive of 1st of December 2016 and leave on 10 December 2016. If you plan to stay longer, BBA will not cover any of your expenses.

Location

The seminar will be implemented in Durres, in Albania which is located on the Adriatic coast, 40km away from Tirana. The hotel in front of the sea, in a very picturesque area is equipped with all the facilities necessary for the activity. The hotel offers accommodation, 3 meals per day plus two coffee breaks per days. The working room is spacious and offers all facilities of work. There are also lots of outdoor spaces to have open session if proper during the training program. The hotel is near to the city center by public bus and the city is a very safe place with good spots to explore the local culture of the area.

About your trip to Durres city

Local Transport from Tirana airport, Tirana bus stations to the Hotel and back will be organized from the staff of the project. For participants coming by plane to Tirana airport or by bus our volunteers will wait for you in the airport or at the bus station and arrange the local transportation. The coordinator will be in contact with all the selected participants to arrange their travel especially local one.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

If you are arriving earlier or leaving later from the training dates, you have to take care of the accommodation by yourself on your costs. If you organize your flight out of the activity dates, please contact us in advance.

Info about your accommodation



The hotel where you will be accommodated is very nice, called “**AS Hotel in Durres, Albania**”. You will be sharing rooms between two or three people, gender divided and mixed nationality. The breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served in the hotel, covering your needs (vegetarians etc.). The training room is in the hotel as well. The hotel, comprising of two buildings facing each other is equipped with all necessary facilities and offers wireless connection as well. Hotel it is near Durres city providing easily accessible facilities such as shops, clubs, public transports etc. For more information please check: <http://www.harmonia-hotels.com/>

Regarding the prices in Albania

1 euro = 136 leke (Albanian money). You could bring euro with you and can change in leke currency in city. There are exchange offices and banks in town that are open till 6 p.m.

A beer costs 150 leke, a coffee 100 leke, a big pizza 500 leke, a coca-cola 150.

What should you prepare in advance?

Please prepare a short description of your work in your NGO, some of its projects, main areas of work in English to present them the other participants. Bring with you any type of promotional materials that you would like to show.

Be ready to participate in an NGO fair with other partner organisations

An **intercultural evening will take place**. Please bring some typical food, drink, national specialties, songs, instruments, brochures etc. to present your culture to the rest of the group. Good mood and enthusiasm

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