

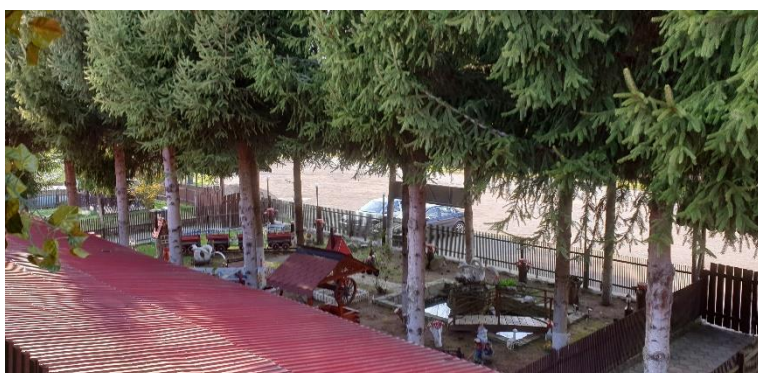
InfoPack

KA1 – Youth Exchange, 1 – 10 September 2021

Brebu, Caras-Severin County, Romania

2019-3-R001-KA105-078068

PROMOTING INCLUSION AND EMPLOYMENT THROUGH ART



Erasmus+

READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING FOR THIS YOUTH EXCHANGE!!!!

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Aim of the project is to foster inclusion of migrants, refugees coming to Europe, including asylum seekers on transitory legal procedure, to create bridges between the migrants and local communities through culture, art and education, as well as presenting Europe's culture and its values, for ensuring a two directions inclusion process in the local European society. Furthermore, to increase the employ-ability of migrants and refugees by developing their skills to attend a job interview and to create a European CV, in the same time by learning about the job market in Europe.

Objectives:

- to capacitate 48 young young refugee, asylum seekers, youngsters with migrations background from 8 European countries in identifying communication tools and how to use them in order to create connections to the local community;
- to increase the employ-ability opportunities for refugees and migrants by learning about Europass CV, how to attend an interview and what are the requests in the labor market in the 8 European countries;
- to empower 48 participants coming from 8 European countries in organizing "Living library" events in their communities, to provide a safe space where participants can share their life stories and create a bridge between them and the Brebu village/Resita young community;
- to create awareness about the importance of accepting, including and supporting refugees, asylum seekers and migrants in Europe, by using several artistic tools: theater, music, handcrafts.

The main methods used will be based on non-formal education activities such as: treasure hunt, presentations (oral, power point), study visits, world cafe, forum theatre, living library, storytelling, role play, open space, facilitated discussions, public event - each one with specific exercises, aimed to fulfil the objectives proposed.

Public event and Living Library (or Human Library) : - during the working days we will prepare 2 events, one in Resita (Living Library – where we kindly ask for volunteers to be the “books”), and a small public event in Resita, using Forum Theatre technics, where people around the city will be invited to participate. The objective of the event is to raise awareness about the situation of Refugees in Europe nowadays and the hate speech against this community. Participants will create themselves the artistic moments and the participation in the public event is at a voluntary base. (but is mandatory to get involved in the preparation of the event).

PARTICIPANTS

From each country will participate 1 group leader (youth worker experienced in non-formal education, aged 18+) and 6 participants aged 18 - 30 (coming from refugee, asylum seekers, migrant background groups).

Participants need to be interested on how to fight discrimination towards disadvantaged groups, with a focus on Refugee and migrant community, in their country.



PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

Kreativ Research Association Romania - coordinator (www.mediapedagogy.eu)

Active Bulgarian Society (ABS) - Bulgaria

InclusionGo - Italy

United Society of Balkans (USB) - Greece

Regional Roma Educational Youth Association (RROMA) - The Republic of North Macedonia

Oasis Cardiff - Wales (UK)

Tavo Europa association - Lithuania

Bridge of Cultures Training and Youth Association - Turkey

ACCOMMODATION

For this YE, the participants will be accommodated in **La Padure Hostel**, in Brebu village near Resita, in 2 - 4 bed rooms, mixed international, but NOT GENDER 😊. Each room has its own bathroom.

The hostel has internet, video projector, conference room, own dining room with restaurant and a big green yard to enjoy the free time. It is located near the main road but surrounded by forest. It is a very pleasant rustic place. **You should bring your own hygienic products, flip flops, house shoes, including towels (masks, sanitizer).** Bed sheets are provided by the hostel.



FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- Accommodation, food and materials during activity days as well as visa costs (if needed) are fully covered by the project.
- Travel costs for the meeting will be reimbursed when invoices, e-tickets, boarding passes and other tickets are delivered to the host NGO according to Erasmus + rules.
- Please have in mind that from the total amount of grant/participant we will cover the transfers from Timisoara, Belgrade, Budapest or Resita. Please discuss with the organizers and sending organization before buying the tickets.



Nr.	Country	Distance band	Limit/participant Euro
1.	Romania	10 - 99 km	80
2.	Bulgaria	100 -499 km	180
3.	Greece	100 -499 km	180
4.	Italy	500 - 1999 km	275
5.	UK (Wales)	500 - 1999 km	275
6.	Lithuania	500 - 1999 km	275
7.	Turkey	500 - 1999 km	275
8.	Macedonia	100 -499 km	180

How to get there? The arrival day must be 01st September and the departure day 10th September!!!!

Traveling by car would involve you crossing Romania, where ROVIGNETA is needed. For 1 month, the price is around 32 lei (6.5 EUR). You can buy it in the first Gas Shop you encounter!!!!

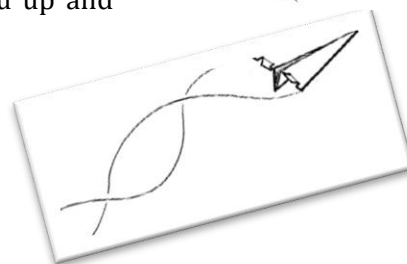
Be aware we will need the gas bills in original and other travel documents (fees on the roads etc.) and we can only reimburse 7.5 liter/100km, as regulated in Romania.

If you travel by plane

...The nearest airport is **Timisoara**, from where we will pick you up and bring you to the venue (around 110 Km);

...Another option is **Belgrade** – we can also arrange pickups but it will be a specific hour for picking up all groups, depending on the arrival of last group. This will ensure a cheaper transfer which will be taken directly from the reimbursement budget, you will not have to pay it yourself.

... We can assist you in coming even from **Budapest** (from where a 2 ways transfer is around 60 Euro) by contracting the transfer companies from Timisoara, which will pick you up from the airport or train station. You can also take a train from there to Timisoara, is a bit cheaper. (<https://www.bahn.de/p/view/index.shtml>) From Timisoara we will arrange pick-ups.



If you travel by train

If you travel by train the final stop should be **Timisoara Nord** or **Resita Nord**, from where we will pick you up! Timisoara has direct trains from most of the European cities. (Link to check out the connections: <https://www.bahn.de/p/view/index.shtml>)



Regardless on the way you choose to travel, first inform your sending NGO which will inform us about your plans and wait for confirmation!!!!!! Is mandatory to check the travel regulation from your country to Romania in the pandemic context. The sending NGO together with us will help you to get properly informed.

Other information...

The currency - In Romania the currency is **RON**, we do not use Euro. The exchange rate can change but usually is like this 1 **Euro = 4.8 Lei**. We will assist you in exchanging the Euro if needed. Life in Romania is usually cheaper than other European Countries. There is no supermarket in the village but small family shops. When in Resita, you will be able to go to Carrefour Supermarket/Lidl/Kaufland and souvenir shops, if you desire.

Health insurance - all partners have the responsibility in assisting the participants for obtaining the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) which is free, or the participants will take care of this aspect by themselves. In Romania the Emergency services in Hospitals are free but let's hope it doesn't come to this 😊

Clothing and weather - as the weather can change from one day to another, we suggest you to have comfortable clothes and shoes for both situations, and be prepared in case of raining (which is most likely). In general, the weather in September is warm but who knows nowadays...!! We suggest you to bring along **mosquito protection and sun lotion** to ensure your comfort while staying in Romania.

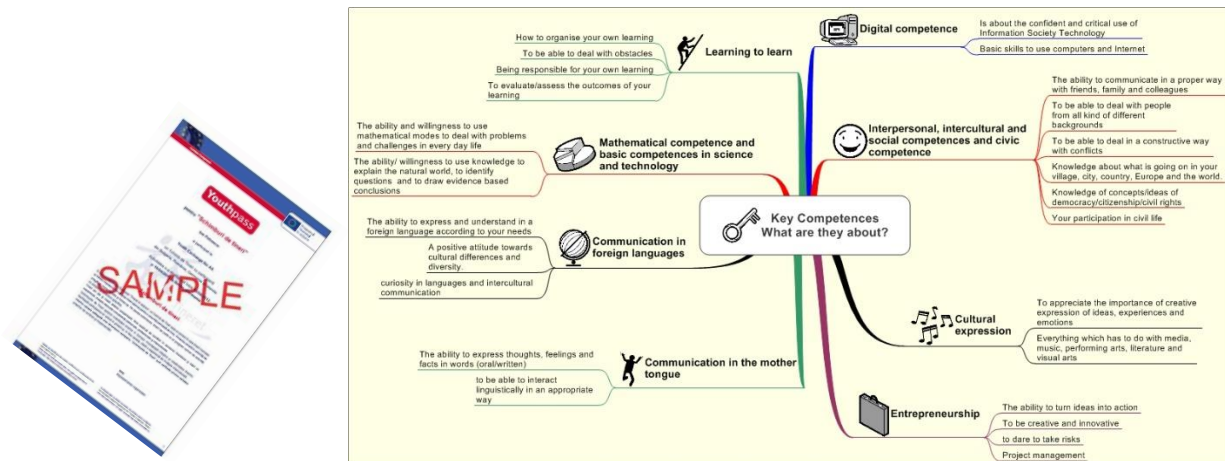
!!!!If you have allergy to dust, pollen and other plants, please take the appropriate medicine with you!!!!!!

!!!!UPDATE!!!!!! Please bring your own masks just in case it will be mandatory to use them!!!!!! We do not know what will be the situation with COVID-19 in September, we suggest to be fully prepared as we will be!!

!!!!Bring hand sanitizer for own consumption!!!!!!



About Youthpass certificate...



All participants in the youth exchange have the option of receiving a Youthpass certificate which proves their participation in the exchange. Youthpass is a tool to document and recognize learning outcomes from youth work activities. It is available for projects funded by Erasmus+: Youth in Action (2014-2020). It is a part of the European Commission's strategy to foster the recognition of non-formal learning, putting policy into practice and practice into policy:

- While creating their Youthpass certificate together with a support person, project participants are given the possibility to describe what they have done in their project and which competences they have acquired. Thus, Youthpass supports the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and outcomes.
- As a Europe-wide recognition instrument for non-formal learning in the youth field, Youthpass strengthens the social recognition of youth work.
- Youthpass supports active European citizenship of young people and of youth workers by describing the added value of their project.
- Youthpass also aims at supporting the employability of young people and of youth workers by raising their awareness of and helping to describe their competences, and by documenting their acquisition of key competences on a certificate.

Your sending NGO should provide all relevant information about the Youthpass certificate and you can also check it yourself on the official website <https://www.youthpass.eu/en/>,

What is expected from you?

1. To understand the topic of the project, to participate in all the sessions, to be active and to respect the others, to be on time and respect the conduct rules, rules of the venue and adopt a non-discriminatory behavior!!! The rules of the La Padure Hostel and rules of conduct will be discussed once more when arriving in the project (you can also see some of the rules in the Participant's contract)
2. Due to the sensitive topic of our youth exchange nowadays, if you will show any discriminatory behavior you can and will be sent home on your own expenses! These rules apply for all participants, refugees, migrants or locals.
3. While in Romania you need to respect the legislation regarding your behavior and legal actions, which will be more explained during preparation and when coming in the project itself.
4. Work with your group to prepare the activities you must coordinate in the programme (see last page)
5. Have in mind that this is a youth project financed by the European Commission and does not involve any kind of tourism. Brebu is a small village near Resita City. It is not a touristic place. However, the

hostel being surrounded by nature offers a smooth feeling of fresh air and relaxation. Is a place where groups can bound and learn together, experiencing an intercultural journey.

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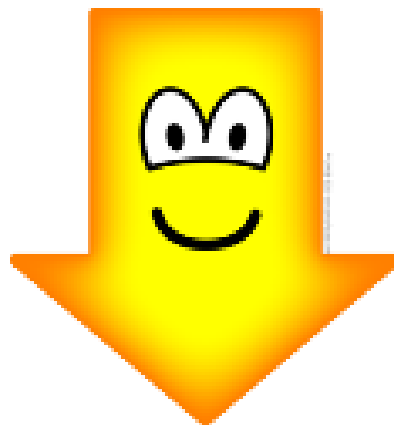
If you still have any questions, we are more than happy to provide you with the information you need so please contact us via e-mail kreativ.erasmus@gmail.com.

Contact person for this project is Mrs. Ileana Rotaru, the president of the association Kreativ Research.

How to participate in this project? Contact the sending NGO in your country, fill in the application form (they will provide you with the document), sign the participants contract and start the preparation phase, together with the selected group leader for your country. There will be an online form collecting personal data from each participant. After the selection process you will be provided with that link.

WAIT WAIT WAIT !!!!!!!

See the daily schedule below!!!!



	Day 0	Day 1 IT+MK	Day 2 BG+TK	Day 3 UK+RO	Day 4 LT+GR	Day 5 RO+LT	Day 6 MK+UK	Day 7 TK+IT	Day 8 GR+BG	Day 9	
08:00	Arrival	Breakfast									Departure
09.00 – 11.20		introduction. Presentation of the team and staff members. Name games	Erasmus+	Refugees in my country	Living library method	Visiting AIDRom, Basca, SOLIDART and Refugee Center	Simulation and Role play games	Preparation for forum theater play	Good practices. Follow up. Dissemination		
11:00 – 11.30		Coffee break									
11.30 – 13.00		Getting to know eachother	Youthpass 8 key competences	Me and migrants/refugees	Living library method	Visits	Theater performance techniques	Preparation for forum theater play	Youthpass evaluation. Understanding the learning process.		
13.00 – 15.00		Lunch									
15.00 – 16.30		Team building	Youthpass and the CV	Good practices for inclusion of Refugees and Migrants. TRAF. Understanding Europe	Preparation for living library	Visits	Forum theater - inclusion method	Final preparation for the forum theater play. Departure to Resita	Final evaluation		
16.30 – 17.00		Coffee break									
17.00 – 18.00		Treasure Hunt	EURES and job interview	Communication tools for social inclusion	Preparation for living library	Visits	Preparation for forum theater play	Public event "Welcome Refugees Play"	Youthpass ceremony		
18.00 – 18.30		Reflection Groups									
19:00 – 20.00		Dinner									
Evening	Welcome and first contact	Romanian Evening	Intercultural evening	Free evening	Living library in Brebu/Resita	Camp fire	Preparation for forum theater play	Refugee night. Evaluation of the play	See you soon party		
Evening	Leader's meeting										