

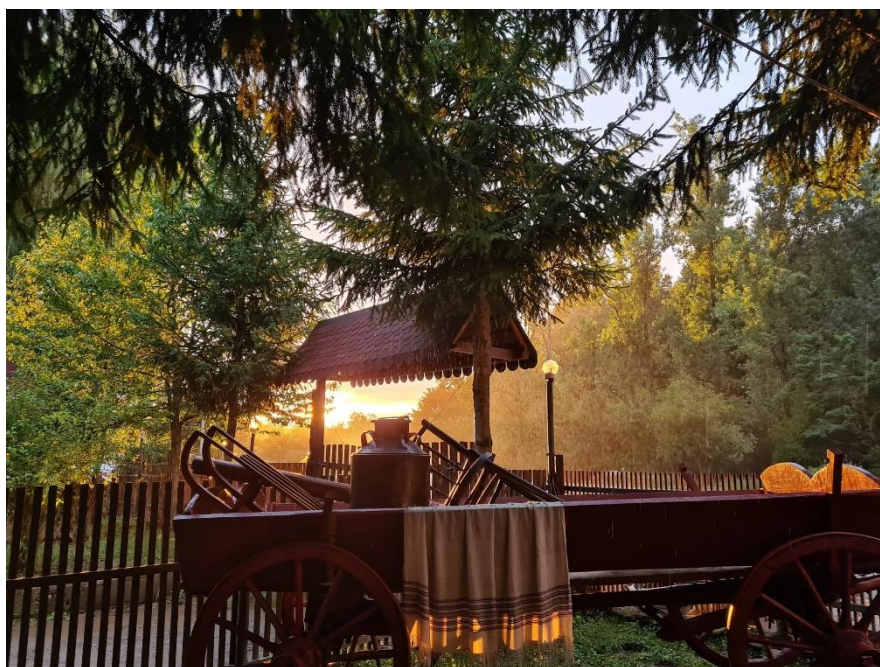
InfoPack

KA1 - Youth Exchange, 24.07 - 02.08.2021

Brebu, Caras-Severin County, Romania

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SOLIDART – EDUCATION WITHOUT BORDERS



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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The youth exchange aims to raise awareness about the importance of solidarity and cooperation among disadvantaged youth from Eastern European countries, increasing the knowledge of 45 young people about equal access to education using expression through different artistic tools: (forum theater, music, art performance), in order to create a dialogue with the decision makers in the educational field.

Objectives of the project:

- To capacitate 45 participants from Eastern Europe in organizing forum theater events in their communities;
- To increase the participation of 45 participants from Eastern Europe in the decision making process regarding equal education for disadvantaged groups, in their countries;
- To offer the opportunity of international mobility for 30 participants from Eastern Europe, and the intercultural exchange for all 45 participants during the project;
- To increase the knowledge about artistic tools and how to use them to raise awareness about the importance of solidarity and cooperation, in and outside their communities, for 45 young participants coming from Eastern Europe.

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: - during the working days we will 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 importance of solidarity and cooperation among youth from Eastern European countries, especially during pandemic situation. 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

We expect from each partner a number of **15 participants who never travel abroad (if not possible, at least 50% of them to fit the criteria)** and **3 experienced group leaders**. The age of participants is 16 – 25 and the group leaders 18+. Participants background: coming from rural areas, foster care, facing economical, cultural and social differences. Group leaders need to be experts in working with disadvantaged youth.



PARTICIPATING ORGANISATIONS

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

Friends of the World Association - Bulgaria

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. | Macedonia | 100 -499 km | 180 |

How to get there? The arrival day must be 24th July and departure day 02nd August!!!!

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!!!!

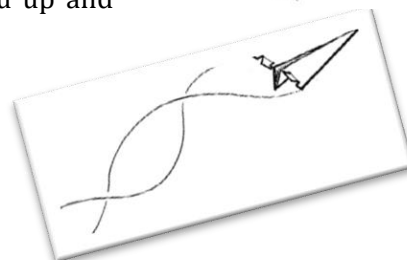
Be aware we will need the gas bills in original and other travel documents (fees on the roads etc.) and we can only reimburse 7.5 liter/100km, as regulated in Romania.

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 😊

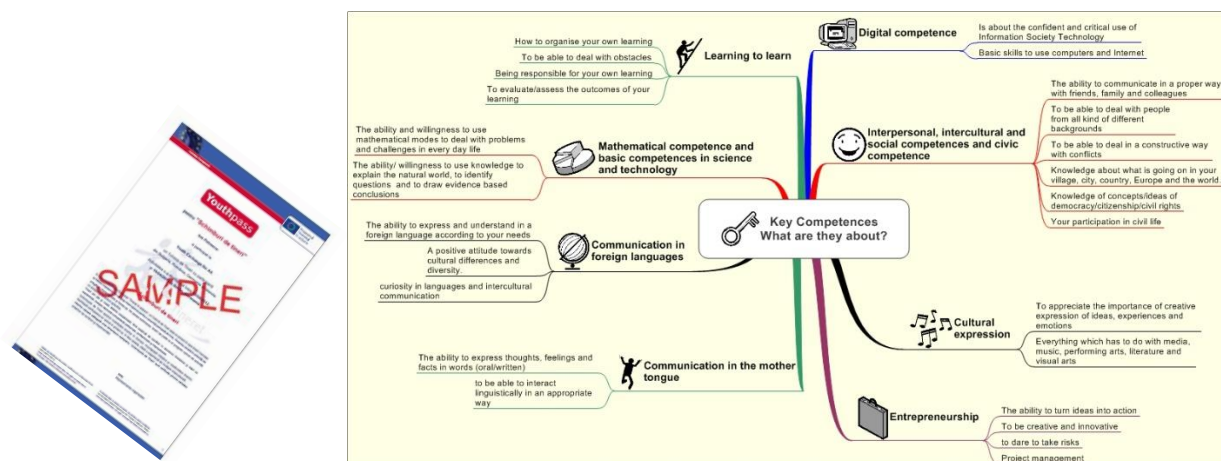
Clothing and weather - as the weather can change from one day to another, we suggest you to have comfortable clothes and shoes for both situations, and be prepared in case of raining (which is most likely). In general, the weather in August is warm but who knows nowadays...!! We suggest you to bring 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 the situation with COVID-19 in August will be, 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. 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.
3. Work with your group to prepare the activities you must coordinate in the programme (see last page)
4. 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 bond and learn together, experiencing an intercultural journey.

Contact

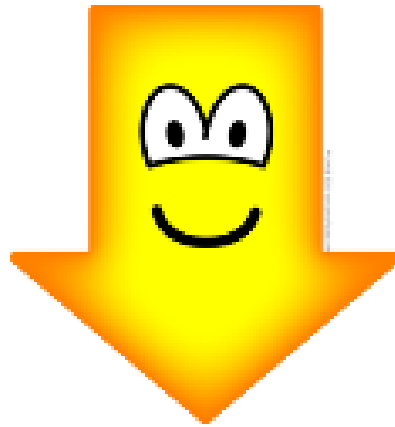
If you still have any questions, we are more than happy to provide you with the information you need so please contact us via e-mail kreativ.erasmus@gmail.com.

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 leaders 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 | Day 2 | Day 3 | Day 4 | Day 5 | Day 6 | Day 7 | Day 8 | Day 9 | |
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| 08:00 | Arrival | Breakfast | | | | | | | | | Departure |
| 09.00 – 11.20 | | Programme introduction. Name games. Getting to know each other (RO) | Team building (RO) | Oxford debates (BG) | Media literacy and safe media. (RO) | Simulation games. Theater technics (BG) | Preparation for the public event (All countries) | Preparation for the forum theater play (RO) | Evaluation of the public event. Beginning of dissemination and follow up plan. (MK) | | |
| 11:00 – 11.30 | | Coffee break | | | | | | | | | |
| 11.30 – 13.00 | | Expectations, fears and contributions. (BG) | Youth in my country (MK) | Oxford debates (BG+RO) Presentation of the upcoming debate with policy makers. | Visit in the Scholastic Inspectorate of Caras-Severin County. (RO) | Forum theater (BG) | Preparation for the public event (All countries) | Departure to Resita. Final sets for the event. (RO) | Dissemination and follow up (BG) | | |
| 13.00 – 15.00 | | Lunch | | | | | | | | | |
| 15.00 – 16.30 | | Erasmus+ (MK) | Educational system - how?Why?for whom? (MK) | Preparation for the debates with the policy makers: (RO) | Visit in the Scholastic Inspectorate of Caras-Severin County.. (RO) | BrainSTORM for public event. Starting to work on the event. (MK) | Preparation for the public event (All countries) | Departure to Resita. Final sets for the event. (RO) | Youthpass evaluation. Understanding the learning process. (BG) | | |
| 16.30 – 17.00 | | Coffee break | | | | | | | | | |
| 17.00 – 18.00 | | Youthpass - the 8 key competences (RO) | Oxford debates (RO) | Preparation for the debates with the policy makers in the educational field (BG) | Visit in the Scholastic Inspectorate of Caras-Severin County. (RO) | BrainSTORM for public event. Starting to work on the event. (MK) | Preparation for the public event (All countries) | Public event | Youthpass ceremony. Final evaluation (All countries) | | |
| 18.00 – 18.30 | | Reflection Groups | | | | | | | | | |
| 19:00 – 20.00 | | Dinner | | | | | | | | | |
| Evening | | Welcome and first contact | Romanian Evening | Bulgarian Night | Macedonian evening | Dinner in Resita | Free evening | Preparation for forum theater play | Camp fire | See you soon party | |
| Evening | | Leader's meeting | | | | | | | | | |