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ECO-VOLUNTEERS



Erasmus + Youth Exchange

Center Hotel, Tallinn, Estonia,
October 19-31, 2016

WHAT? WHERE? WHEN?



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Title: Eco-volunteers

Dates: 19th-31st October+ travel days*

Venue: Center Hotel, Tallinn, Estonia

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Project partners:

- ◉ *New Youth Policy (Estonia)*
- ◉ *NGO SYTEV (Slovakia)*
- ◉ *Administration of Plunge district municipality (Lithuania)*
- ◉ *Asociatia de Turism si Ecologie Caltun-Club UNESCO (Romania)*
- ◉ *European Youth Centre Břeclav (Czech republic)*

** You can have 3-4 travel days more, but at your own expense*

WITH AND FOR WHOM?



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9 participants for each partner organization

Participants:

40 active young people from Estonia (9), Romania (9), Slovakia (9), Czech Republic (9), Lithuania (9) aged 16-24, and 5 group leaders - total: 45 people.

In Estonian group will be 7 youngsters from Russian national minorities. In Lithuanian group will be 7 participants from Belorussian national minorities.

In Romanian group 7 participants will be from Roma minorities.

Requirements:

- ◉ At least communicative English
- ◉ Involvement, active attitude
- ◉ Interest in language learning and the global issues such as eco-volunteering, environment etc.

Please remember about gender balance in your team, each team should be created according to 5+4 rule. In case of problems with filling this requirement, please contact a project coordinator.



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PROJECT TOPICS

- ◉ *The importance of eco-volunteer movement, its objectives, goals of eco-volunteer activities.*
- ◉ *The importance of international eco-volunteer projects.*
- ◉ *Meetings and online conferences with experienced eco-volunteers of the largest international organizations in order to get invaluable experience.*
- ◉ *The main personal qualities and skills that necessary for eco-volunteer.*
- ◉ *Long-term volunteering.*
- ◉ *Involvement of youth with special needs and volunteering as a way to combat unemployment, inclusive youth development, linguistic and cultural integration of representatives of ethnic minorities.*
- ◉ *Practical volunteer activities.*



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PROJECT COMPETENCES

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We hope that the following competences will be acquired by the participants during the project:

- ◉ *Knowledge about different aspects of eco-volunteering, the significance of this work. Participants will analyze the work of experienced volunteering organizations in Europe and the world, share their own experiences, feel the importance of volunteer work, realize the need to contribute for a better future of the planet, Europe and country particularly.*
- ◉ *Participants will become familiar with opportunities of short-term and long-term volunteering, learn to plan their own volunteer work, hold several environmental volunteer activities, prepare a real volunteer action in their own cities.*



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- ◉ *Sociability, flexibility, self-confidence: project will provide youngsters with the opportunity to learn from each other, share experiences and good practices working on active participation. The project will promote developing inter-cultural communication skills, fostering respect for cultural diversity and critical thinking.*
- ◉ *Media and digital competence: participants will use electronic methods for obtaining audio-visual and text information in order to present the results of their work (writing articles, making presentations and interviews, updating the content of web-site and Facebook group, photo shooting session);*
- ◉ *Creativity: participants will be creating dissemination materials during Youth Exchange and every participant will contribute to this according to his potential and skills, showing creative thinking and increasing self-esteem.*



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- ◉ *Intercultural skills: in mixed international groups participants will pass through project activities shoulder to shoulder with representatives of other cultures and countries. This will develop among participants better understanding of other cultures, tolerance to them, ability to follow one goal supporting effective and appropriate interaction with each other;*
- ◉ *Communication in foreign languages: project will be held in English, because participants and promoters are going to arrive at the venue of Youth Exchange from different European countries. During the project youngsters will be given the chance to improve their English communication skills and learn foreign languages within national evenings and leisure activities.*
- ◉ *Creativity, ability to express themselves: participants will invent an anthem of the project, choose a world famous theme song (all known to all participants) and come up with a creative anthem of unification and friendship among nations;*



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METHODOLOGY

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The whole project will be based on non-formal learning.

Elements of the project:

- ◉ *Workshops;*
- ◉ *Team-building exercises and name games;*
- ◉ *Speeches, debates, presentations;*
- ◉ *Active discovery of the venue and sightseeing activities;*
- ◉ *Interviewing, writing articles, making movies;*
- ◉ *Cultural presentations organized by the participants;*
- ◉ *Daily reflections and final evaluation*



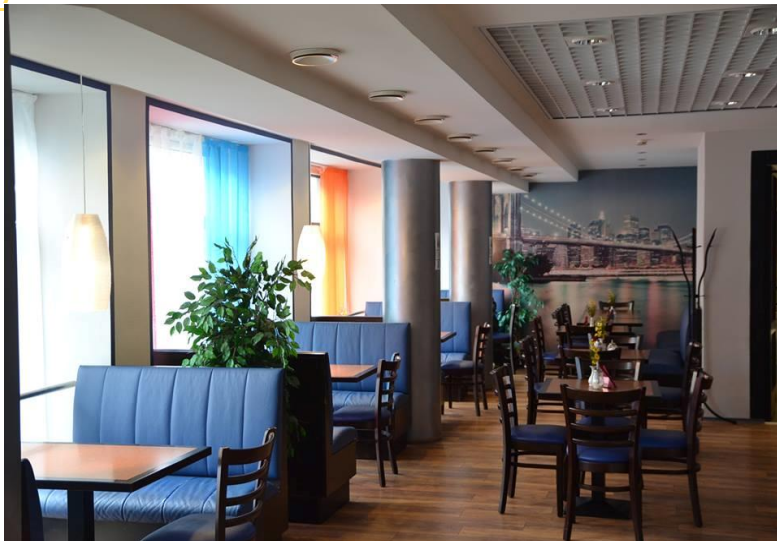
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ACCOMODATION

Center Hotel in Tallinn, in Estonia

- ◉ Double and triple rooms with bathrooms
- ◉ Full board
- ◉ Conference room
- ◉ More information and photos at:
<http://centerhotel.ee/ru/>

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HOW TO GET TO THE VENUE?

- ◉ Participants from Slovakia, Romania, Czech Republic can have a flight to Tallinn, Estonia, please look through the options where you can travel via Helsinki OR you can have a flight to Riga and go by bus from Riga to Tallinn, it can be cheaper.
- ◉ **Center hotel's address is Fr. R. Kreutzwaldi 24, 10120, tel. 614 3700**
- ◉ When going from the airport, take the bus nr.2, come out at Viru Keskus (Est)/Viru Centre (Viru väljak 4) at the bus stop of Tallink City Hotel, turn to the right at the crossroads and move on on foot for appr. 500 m to the street Kreutzwaldi, **Center Hotel** will be at the corner of the beginning of street Kreutzwaldi.



TRAVEL COSTS

THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE AMOUNT FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL:

Organization	Country and organization's hometown	Participants	Per participant
Estonia	New Youth Policy	9	80
Czech Republic	European Youth Centre Břeclav	9	170
Slovakia	NGO SYTEV (Slovakia)	9	170
Romania	<i>Asociatia de Turism si Ecologie Caltun-Club UNESCO</i>	9	170
Lithuania	Dauparu bendruomene	9	80



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TRAVEL

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1. Reimbursement of travel costs will be done only upon the presentation of all the including documents, receipt/invoices, electronic tickets and boarding passes. The best way is to send us your electronic tickets and invoices and bring originals to the project on the 1st August to Estonia.

2. In case of not having all documents during project, reimbursement for a trip will be done after sending all originals regarding participants' travel after their return to a New Youth Policy project coordinator: Svetlana Starodumova, Vahtra 2A-25, 21003, Estonia.

V O L N T E E R

all that's missing is U!



PREPARATION



- Each team should have at least 2-3 laptops and a memory stick.
- Each participant should have valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) as well as insurance for travel time.
- Please take some warm clothes, a waterproof jacket, proper shoes, weather in Estonia can surprise - be windy and rainy.
- Please bring some clean shoes that you will wear only in the conference room.
- Please take with you some snack that you give to the pets in the homeless animals shelter.
- We kindly ask all participants to bring some national drinks, snacks and music from their countries, as a contribution to the national evenings.



QUESTIONS

In case of any questions please contact us:

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