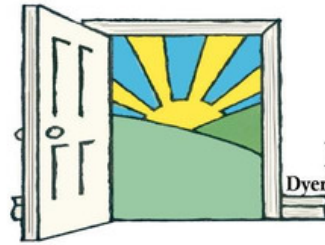




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Study Visit

Republic of North Macedonia

Empowering **M**inorities:

a project to improved practices
for work with minorities

Dear project partners and participants,

We are very glad to welcome you to the study visit

“Empowering Minorities: a project to improved practices for work with minorities”. This study visit will take place in Republic of North Macedonia. It will start in **Skopje** and it will finish in **Struga**, city located at shores of Ohrid lake.

Dates are from 30th September-06th October 2019.

objectives

To strengthen capacities of youth organizations involved in the project to work with ethnic and religious minority young people;

To develop capacities of the participants of mobility activities to support personal and professional development of ethnic and religious minority young people through non-formal base activities;

To increase capacities of the participants of mobility activities to apply at their work door to door approach and family involvement approach;

To increase capacities of the participants of mobility activities to involve local authorities in the process of empowerment of ethnic and religious minority young people;

To develop and test 12 tools for work with ethnic and religious minority young people;

To increase knowledge of the participants and participating organizations on Erasmus + Programme;

activities

1-Training Course in Albania

2- Training Course in Kosovo

3- Capacity Building in all partner countries

4- Study Visit in Republic of North Macedonia

study visit aim

Study Visit will provide the participants an opportunity to explore and learn from the practices of North Macedonian organizations and institutions, to interact with the staff, volunteers and ethnic and religious minority young people involved in the organizations' activities when possible.

methodology

This activity will be based on methods and techniques of non-formal education. It will reflect the key principles of non-formal learning: holistic approach, learner oriented, self-directed learning and active participation.

participants profile

Mobility activities are designed for **youth workers, youth leaders, educators who: work with ethnic and religious minorities**; are interested to work on development of new tools addressing the needs of ethnic and religious minorities and on developing new project proposals. Each partner organization has to select and send 4 participants except organizations from Albania and North Macedonia which will select and send 3 participants. Moreover each partner organization must involve **minimum two participants who are with fewer opportunities** and represent ethnic or religious minorities.

- Be 18+ years old
- Have strong motivation and interest in the project activities.
- Have a good command of English
- Be able to make dissemination and visibility of the project.

In this activity we expect participants from the first two activities to attend. Please contact them firstly, to check their availability to participate. As well gender balance is a requirement!

accommodation

You will be accommodated in URBAN HOSTEL in Skopje. You will be accommodated in apartments. 4 people will share one apartment. Every apartment have kitchen, bathroom. Towels are provided. All information about accommodation you can find on following link:<http://www.urbanhostel.com.mk/>

You will be accommodated in the AMBIENT HOTEL in Struga which provides bed linen and also towels. 2-3 people will share the room.

You have to bring with you stuff for your personal hygiene.

travel cost limit

Czech Republic, Italy, and Romania has 275 Eur travel limit
Albania, Greece, Serbia, Montenegro, has travel limit 180 Eur
North Macedonia and Kosovo has 20 Eur travel limit.

travel details

Travel to Skopje

There is regular bus connection with the cities in neighboring countries. In the time of study visit there should be also train connection with Thessaloniki. If you plan to come by plane check out WIZZAIR which flights to Skopje from several destinations e.g. Bratislava.

From Bus Station

All international buses arrive to international bus station. International bus stations is located next to city bus station from which you can take bus to the hostel. There are direct public buses number 16, 22 from public bus station almost to the hostel. In order to be able to use public bus you need buy Skopje bus card and the card you need to charge. Many times the cards have already money for 2-3 rides. We will update you later on exact procedure as currently some changes in public transport are being planned.

From Airport

If you will arrive to airport. There is airport bus.

Timetable is available here: <http://skp.airports.com.mk/default.aspx?ItemID=491>

Price of single ticket is 180 MKD.

You can exchange money directly at the airport but we recommend to you to exchange just small amount because at the airport they do not have good exchange rate. It should be always around 1 EUR = 61 MKD. Another place of exchange is bus station and there are exchange offices around city.

Travel from Skopje to Struga will be organized by us. It will be part of the study visit.

Travel from Struga

There is regular bus connection with Skopje, Tirana, Belgrade. First bus to Skopje leaves at 5:05 and after you have buses all day. It takes around 3-4 hours to reach Skopje.

practicalities and weather

During study visit we will be moving around city. We will visit several organizations/institutions. Please, be ready to walk and pack with you comfortable shoes, umbrella.

At end September/October can be still nice autumn weather. But sunny version can be easily changed to rainy one thus check out forecast before coming.

financial aspects

Hosting organization will cover 100% of food and accommodation. Travel costs will be covered based on travel distance calculator by European Commission: <http://erasmus-plus.ro/erasmus-plus-distance-calculator-budget/>

Travel costs will be reimbursed via bank transfer after the activity on condition that participant was present in all activities, has used cheapest means of transportation and submitted all original invoices, boarding pass and tickets and also has done the dissemination activities and shared proofs and links with hosting organization.

Taxi and first class tickets will not be reimbursed.

Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice.

Health insurance is not provided by the organizers. All participants are required to purchase their own health insurance cover individually.

Participants are allowed to arrive max. 2 days earlier OR leave 2 days later after the official mobility dates, however any extra stay (including food and accommodation) will not be covered by the organisers.

Participation from the beginning till the end of the mobility is mandatory. Absence without the prior agreement with the organisers will lead to expulsion from the programme and will result in the cancellation to reimbursements of the travel costs and accommodation.

preparations and what to bring

During study visit we will visit several organizations in different cities of Republic of North Macedonia.

1. We recommend to get bit of insight into the situation in Republic of North Macedonia. You can e.g. check out the report of European Commission or reports on human rights, religious freedom etc.

Links: http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-18-3405_en.htm; <https://www.ecoi.net/en/countries/north-macedonia/>

2. It will be great if you prepare short sharing about interesting practices from your countries related to work with minorities, with special focus to be paid to religious and ethnic minorities.

3. As, we will be visiting organizations it will be great to prepare short presentation of your organizations that can be shared during the visits. You can also bring any materials that you would like to share with other participants or with visited organizations.

4. If you have specific interest in topic and you would like to cover it during the visit please write to Ilona Olehlova: olehlovai@gmail.com. She is part of preparatory team and she is contacting organizations which we will visit.

don't forget that...

The reimbursement will be only by bank transfer after we collect all the original tickets/boarding passes/bills that prove your travel.

Please keep with you all original boarding passes, invoices, receipts and tickets of your travel. We will not be able to reimburse your travel costs until we got all original travel documents!

Also the travel costs will not be reimbursed in case that the participants will not take active part in projects sessions.

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NOTE: In case you have any questions related to travel and best travel connections please contact:
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In any case do not forget to have the approval by the organizers before you book the tickets

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

See you soon in North Macedonia 🥰