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DATES

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PLACE

Kazanlak, Bulgaria.



PARTICIPANTS

4 volunteers aged between 18-30 years old from EU Program countries

(Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden, United Kingdom, former Yugoslav, Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Turkey, Serbia) without VISA.



TOPICS OF THE PROJECT

Environment and natural protection, Education and training, Creativity and culture



HOSTING ORG SUMMARY

"Youth Development Center-Mutual Aid" (YDCMA) organization was founded in 2004. The main goal of the organization is to support the development of young people and their physical, creative and spiritual qualities to be good citizens of Bulgaria and Europe.



MORE INFO

www.ydcma.org | www.theyouth.info

Project summary:

This project enables volunteers to participate in our organization's activities and cooperation with other local institutions. The volunteer will be involved in the following activities:

- Working in organizing events for the local community
- Working with the library for organizing language events as language café or language animation
- Learning more about historical places in Bulgaria
- Working on the website theyouth.info for publishing the articles that the volunteers create and write.

How to apply for this project?

If you are interested on participating on this project, simply **send your CV and Motivation Letter** with subject: "European Solidarity Corps Volunteering" to the email **ydcma2004@gmail.com**

Further information:

Kazanlak is located in the pretty Valley of Roses, at the foot of the Balkan mountains. The town is situated in the geographical centre of Bulgaria, 200 km east of Sofia and 108 km northeast of Plovdiv, where the roads of domestic and international tourist routes cross each other. A beautiful area, where nature combines the majesty of the Balkan mountains with the fertility of the Tundzha river valley.



The Damask Rose is one of the most important natural treasures in the region. Kazanlak, the main centre for the production of the famous Bulgarian rose oil (85% of world's total), is famous worldwide thanks to this traditional activity that is several centuries long. Rose-picking lasts for about a month (from May 20 to June 20, depending on weather conditions) and it is done every morning from 5 to 9-10 o'clock. The basic technology of the production of the Bulgarian rose oil is double distillation.

Kazanlak is among the 15 biggest industrial centres of Bulgaria, with a population of around 46.000 people (2014). To discover more about Kazanlak [watch the video](#) or [read here](#).





Accommodation:

The volunteers will be hosted in a house where all the volunteers will live and share the place together. There will be a maximum of 2 volunteers sleeping on the same room.

Money and Travel Expenses:

- The amount of food money is 120 euros per month.
- Travel expenses: every volunteer has a limit for travel costs depend on country (the amount is pre-established and cannot be changed). Please keep all the boarding passes and original tickets during your travel.

How to reach Kazanlak:

1) From Sofia Airport to the city centre

- Take the money from the bank machine (ATM) at the airport because you need money for transport. Change money at the airport is not recommended.
- Please keep in mind that only Terminal 2 (the newer and bigger) is connected to the metro line. From Terminal 1 you should take a bus to the city centre or the free airport shuttle to Terminal 2.
- An individual transport ticket in Sofia (metro, bus, etc.) costs 1.60 lev (BGN). You need to have coins to pay your ticket to the bus driver onboard (drivers usually do not accept notes of 5 lev or more, because they cannot give you change - unless you are 2 people and have to pay 3.20 lev). The price for the metro ticket is the same and you can change metro trains without paying additionally.

2) From Sofia to Kazanlak

- You have two options: to take a direct bus/train to Kazanlak or to take a direct bus/train to Stara Zagora and from Stara Zagora a minibus to Kazanlak.
Timetables: [Bus](#) / [Train](#) / [Minibus](#)
- We will take you from Kazanlak central bus station or train station. Please send me a text message (+359899307090) when you are in the bus/train with your arrival time in Kazanlak.

Culture and language:

Bulgarian is the official language in Bulgaria. The alphabet used is the Cyrillic alphabet so you need to get familiar with it prior to your arrival.

You can also remember some important phrases which will be useful. Of course, most young people speak English, at least at a basic level, but keep in mind that people above 40 years old probably will not be able to communicate with you in English, including officers at the ticket desks of train/bus station as well as drivers.

A curious custom: You should be careful when you ask people about the way or something else, because Bulgarians nod their head for “no”, and shake their head for “yes”, in contrast with the other parts of Europe.