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Sowing a seed for EVS

Partnership Building Seminar for EVS coordinators and mentors



Cracow (POLAND) 17-25 January 2016



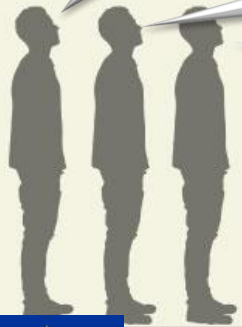
Project background → Main AIM

The seminar responds to and **prevents eventual „pathologies“** that occur in regard with **European Voluntary Service**:

- Misunderstanding of the idea of voluntary service both by volunteers and organisations;
- Low quality of education experience or low level of preparation;
- Lack of compatibility between local society needs and voluntary service purposes.

In fact, European Voluntary Service requires great deal of **trust** and **cooperation** between all stakeholders in order to provide **quality** non-formal learning experience, proper **guidance** throughout self-development process before, during and after their period of service abroad, as well as decent **benefits** for all stakeholders: sending, coordinating and hosting organisations, as well as young volunteers.

In order to maintain sustainable and evidence-based European Voluntary Service in our countries, youth organisations should **NETWORK!**



Aims and objectives of the seminar

*The seminar „**Sowing the seed for EVS**” is an event for **EVS mentor** and **coordinators***

- planting the ideas for our future common EVS projects,*
- assuring their quality and sustainability, as well as*
- preparing key persons in each of organization to implement it with the highest standards.*

Through this seminar we plan to:

- Build a sustainable partnership of EVS-sending and hosting organizations to make high quality EVS opportunities for young people in our countries;
- Build attractive and rich in educational outcomes EVS programs for our future EVS volunteers;
- Prepare EVS mentors and coordinators to ensure highest standards for EVS;
- Create a manuals for EVS mentors and coordinators in a spheres like:

*communication
between partners*

*support and
training for a
volunteer*

*evaluation and
competences
recognition*

*conflict
management*



Target Group



The project is directed to **EVS-managers** in NGO holding accreditation for EVS sending, and/or coordinating and/or hosting, as well as those NGO that are just planning to apply for accreditation.

For the seminar we expect **2 participants per organisation**, preferably **EVS coordinator** (or candidate) and **EVS mentor** (or candidate). Notice that there are different numbers of organisations per country (2 NGOs from Spain and Portugal).

Age of participants: 18+



Travel & Financial Conditions

Participation fee in amount of **15 EUR** will be deducted from your travel reimbursement.

Travel reimbursement will be done during the seminar **IN CASH** up to following limits (per person):

Czech Republic	180
Georgia	360
Greece	275
Netherlands	275
Portugal (both NGOs)	360
Romania	275
Serbia	275
FYROM	275
Spain (Madrid)	360
Spain (Tenerife)	530

17th of January – arrival day
25th of January – departure day

If you need **visa**, please send us ASAP name&surname, date and place of birth, ID/passport number, address and occupation of your participants to info@europe4youth.eu. The sooner the better!



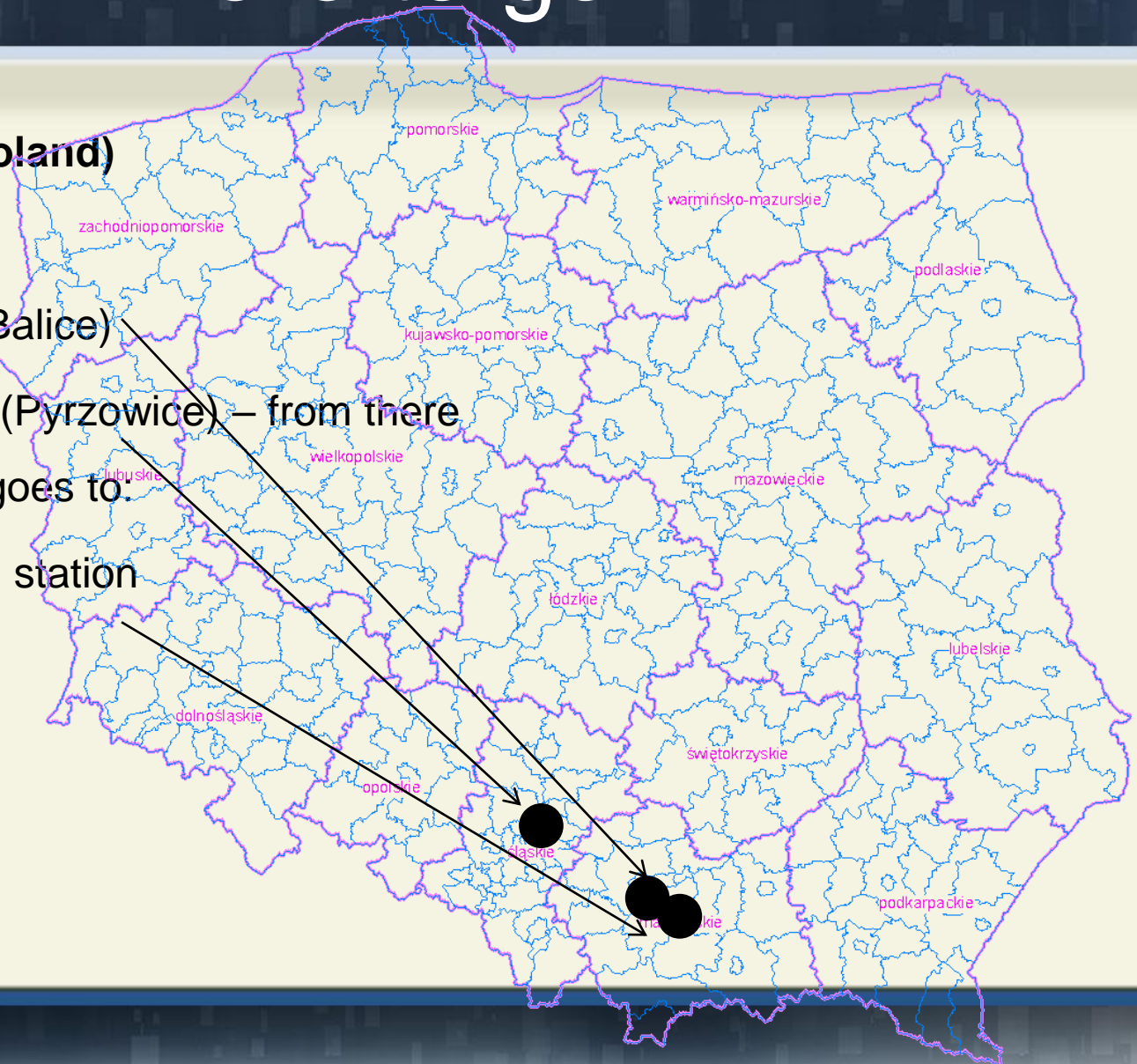
Where to go?

Cracow/Kraków (Poland)

Closest airports:

- Krakow Airport (Balice)
- Katowice Airport (Pyrzowice) – from there get the bus that goes to:

Krakow Railway/Bus station



How to get to the venue?

Venue:

„**Pensjonat na Wzgórzach**”

os. Na Wzgórzach 44,
31-721 Kraków

Bus/Tram station: „**Jarzębiny**”

From Krakow Airport:

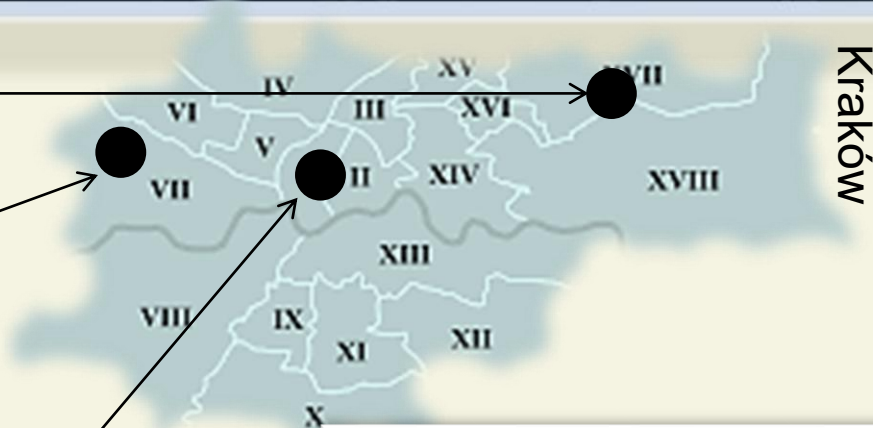
Take the **bus 208** (direction „Dworzec Główny Wschód”) to „**Bronowice Małe**”, and then **tram 4** (direction „Wzgórzka Krzesławickie” to „**Jarzębiny**”

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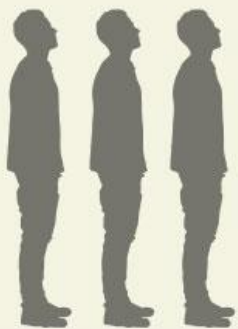
Take the **bus 209** to „**Salwator**” and then **tram 1** (direction „Wzgórzka Krzesławickie”) to „**Jarzębiny**”.

From Main Railway/Bus station:

From the station „Dworzec Główny Tunel” take **tram 5** (direction „Wzgórzka Krzesławickie” to the stop „**Jarzębiny**”.



Kraków



The venue

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Main elements of the seminar:

- “More About US”
- “EVS History and Principles”
- “EVS ACTORS”
- “EVS PROJECTS QUALITY”
- “FUTURE”

Timetable

Day 1 (18.01)	Day 2 (19.01)	Day 3 (20.01)	Day 4 (21.01)	Day 5 (22.01)	Day 6 (23.01)	Day 7 (24.01)
Introduction, getting to know each other	Why to EVS? principles and idea	EVS risks and challenges	Participatory way of EVS management	Youthpass and auto- evaluation in EVS	Cracow as a city of EVS – study visits in local NGO, meeting volunteers and collecting good practices	Finalising the manual
Team Building Activities	How to implement all principles of EVS?	EVS success stories	Crisis management	Coaching and mentoring		Local environments diagnosis
Rules, expectations + Youthpass ans reflection groups	EVS partnerships – roles and models, procedures	Visit in Cracow	Good practices exchange	Manual workshop		Networking – matching ideas for EVS projects
Non-formal education in EVS	EVS quality assurance		Manual workshop			Projects writing
Intercultural evening I	NGO fair		Intercultural evening II	Free evening		Evaluation and Youthpass

To do/bring/prepare

Before **10th of December 2015** please send us **names** and **travel information** of your **2 participants**! For those, who need **visa** – please do it as soon as possible (latest **10th November 2015**) on info@europe4youth.eu.

Chosen participants
(**only those who were
nominated by sending
organisations**) should fill
in the **questionnaire**:

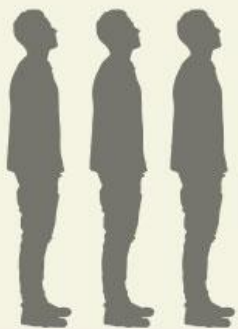
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before **10th of
December!**

Personal data collected will serve us for preparing your certificates and contacting you for the purpose of this seminar ONLY.

To prepare:

- Examples of your good practices, success stories, personal experiences connected to EVS
- Diagnoses of needs in your local environment
- Presentation of your NGO
- Cultural evening snacks and beverages
- Useful materials you think we can use
- Student ID and/or ID/passport



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