

# The Vintage Project



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## Project Summary

"The Vintage Project" is a European Solidarity Corps short term project happening in Cyprus, in Nicosia district on 20/03/2019 until 16/04/2019 (Arrival Day 19/03/2019, Departure day 17/04/2019, Participants are allowed to travel 1-2 days before the arrival day or 1-2 days after the departure day). The project involves 15 young participants from France, Germany, Czech Republic, Portugal and Italy and is primarily oriented to youth in risk of unemployment or with certain geographical or economic obstacles. It will be particularly promoted to young people in rural areas as well as young people willing to explore the entrepreneurial path through tradition and agriculture.

This project is addressing the unemployment issue and traditional agricultural professions related to agriculture that are not held by young people that much. Professions relating to agriculture are amongst the infamous professions that today tend to extinct. However, we believe that these professions can be creatively turned into the basis of an entrepreneurship that can stand out in the competitive labour market, while at the same time preserve one's culture, heritage and tradition. It could provide alternatives to employment, while such professions could further contribute to healthier lifestyles and a sustainable environment via spending time in the nature and creating home made products. Urbanism is another common issue happening mainly because people cannot find a job.

This project provides also the opportunity to connect with the eldest of the community that carry valuable knowledge on these traditions, as well as, involve youth and other residents of rural areas who have fewer opportunities. We aim to connect these communities, not only at local or national level but also at European level. This project will guide participants to agriculture-related traditions and professions, providing them with inspiring ideas regarding employment and entrepreneurship and empowering them with skills and self-confidence for fighting today's unemployment.

## Aim of the project

The aim of this project is to make a real difference to young participants seeking employment and raise awareness of alternative agricultural employment options that can benefit not only the individuals, but also, the communities they live in. Employment, although tackled at personal level, is a key factor for promoting active citizenship, social inclusion and cross-cultural understanding at local and EU level.

The knowledge the participants will gain, the skills they will learn, the contacts they will make, and the personal decisions they will take, is a crucial base from where the change can happen.



## Objectives

- ❖ Acquire information from discussions with people/professionals still practicing these traditions
- ❖ Expand knowledge on agriculture and home made products
- ❖ Foster entrepreneurship and creativity in turning agriculture traditions to modern ways of employment
- ❖ Improve skills and employability of participants
- ❖ Personal development of participants especially with regards to self-confidence and realization of their strengths and weaknesses
- ❖ To promote social inclusion and include in our group asylum seekers, refugees and immigrants -
- ❖ Promote active citizenship by helping the local communities as a way to fight unemployment
- ❖ Establish life-long connections between participants and create collaborations with respect to employment and/or Erasmus+ projects
- ❖ Involve the local community and especially the eldest by sharing their experience with the young people
- ❖ Encourage social inclusion via the practices of agriculture
- ❖ Increase cross-cultural understanding and communication between EU citizens

## Activities

Our activities will be based on hands-on workshops about tree planting, harvesting, intrapreneurial study visits, workshops with local practitioners (young and elder) and presentations of different practices amongst the participating countries. Project activities will further focus on enhancing creativity and personal development of participants through a variety of games, role-plays, team-building activities, group discussions, brainstorming, and everyday reflective sessions. To encourage inter-cultural dialogue and bonding we will organize cultural evenings and spend time together learning the basics from each other's music, dance, and language. Making use of the social media, we will maintain a platform of shared practices for facilitating dissemination in our home countries and encourage future collaborations.

- Participants will have the opportunity to experience the traditional way of harvesting and go through by doing, the whole process for the production of agricultural products.
- Agricultural Festival: Participants will have the responsibility to invite the locals so that they get more involved with the local community
- Self awareness session in order for the participants to evaluate themselves, which skills they have, which are their strong characteristics, which are the negative ones and what they want to improve



## Participants

Participants involved in this project must have strong interest on agriculture, creativity and entrepreneurship. This project involves participation of people facing (or will to face) unemployment. Young people with fewer opportunities, facing economical, geographical, social obstacles, refugees, immigrants or asylum seekers will be involved.

Age Limit : 20-29 years old

## Partners

Partner	Country	Number of Participants
<b>TEATRO METAPHORA -ASSOCIACAO DE AMIGOS DAS ARTES</b>	Portugal	3
<b>EVROPSKE CENTRUM MLADEZE BRECLAV EUROPEAN YOUTH CENTRE BRECLAV Z. S.</b>	Czech Republic	3
<b>Hors Pistes</b>	France	3
<b>TDM 2000</b>	Italy	3
<b>JUGEND- UND KULTURPROJEKT E.V.</b>	Germany	3

## Hosting Organization

PlanBe, Plan it Be it, is a non-governmental, non-profit organization aiming at the personal and professional development of young people. The organisation is based in Nicosia, Cyprus, and acts at national and European level.

It forms a platform of communication for the exchange of ideas and the productive cooperation of young people in a variety of subjects of interest. It explores youth's development through means of formal and non-formal education, while at the same time promotes European and International opportunities for active citizenship and cultural understanding.

## Venue

Kannavia village is located in the district of Nicosia about 52 km northwest from the capital city. The village is built at an altitude of 800 metres at the north side of Madaris high point of Troodos Mountains. The main village area is covered in forest land. During the last few years many nature trails have been created due to the large number of tourists who visit the area to study the surrounding nature. We believe that it provides us with an ideal scenery and tranquilizing environment in order to self-evaluate and reconstruct ourselves within positive environment away from the city noise



## Accommodation

The project will take place at a small bungalow village in Kannavia. Participants will be divided in groups of 4 or 6 people and each group will be assigned to an individual house with its own toilet and shower. If any of the participants wants to launder anything there will be a single washing machine for all the participants to use. The division for the houses will not be based on countries so that we have a multi-cultural exchange.



## Travel Allowance

Country	Travel Allowance per participant (Euro)
Portugal	830
Czech Republic	360
France	360
Italy	360
Germany	360

## Other Important information

**Weather:** The average temperature in March is 16-20°C degrees during the day and 13-15°C at night.

**Internet:** Internet connection will be available at all venues of the project. However, we recommend limiting the use of internet, computers, and other electronic devices during the days of the exchange.

**Electricity:** Cyprus has the 240 Volt/ 50 Hz 3 pin electricity plus – so make sure you bring at least one adaptor with you.

**Cyprus Time Zone:** UTC (or GMT) +2

**Currency:** Cyprus is part of the Euro zone. You can use almost everywhere your credit cards (VISA, Mastercard etc.).



Useful Words In Greek		
Hello	Gia	Γειά
My name is...	Me Lene...	Με Λένε...
Good Morning	Kalimera	Καλημέρα
Good Afternoon	Kalo Apogevma	Καλο Απόγευμα
Good Night	Kalinihta	Καληνύχτα
How Are You?	Ti Kanis?	Τι Κάνεις;
I Am Good	Eimai Kala	Είμαι Καλά
Thank You	Efharisto	Ευχαριστώ

### How apply to

Participants must be registered on PASS platform:

- ❖ [https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/register/check\\_en](https://europa.eu/youth/solidarity/register/check_en)
- ❖ and then fill up the <https://goo.gl/forms/OYzxZJNFW5swVGC53>





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Hope to see you soon