



VOLUNTEERISM VS VOLUNTOURISM - youth exchange KA1

BUSTENI, ROMANIA –16-25 October 2019

Arrival day: 16 October 2019; **Departure day:** 25 October 2019

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Partnership :42 persons from 8 organizations from 8 countries: Czechia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of North Macedonia, Poland and Romania

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

“VOLUNTEERISM VS VOLUNTOURISM“ is a youth exchange with 34 youngsters and 8 group leaders from 8 associations from 8 countries : Czechia, Greece, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Republic of North Macedonia, Poland and Romania that will take place between 16-25 October 2019in Busteni, Romania.

The projects takes place in a context when together with increasing the number of projects in Erasmus+ also the unsuccessful rate is growing and a high number of complaints appear concerning attendance of some participants, demotivated volunteers with different expectations and priorities

Aim of the project is to increase the success and quality of youth projects by identifying and applying new solutions to stimulate volunteerism and active participation in all the phases of a project

Objectives are:

1. Developing for 34 young people and 8 group leaders from 8 countries for 8 days models, methods and activities for increasing the motivation of active participation of young people in Erasmus+ projects and eliminating the risk of access of inactive young people to projects.

2. Involvement of the young people's involvement in Erasmus + projects and a better understanding of their role in each phase of the project

3. Raising awareness among 42 participants from 8 countries and colleagues of key competences needed by an active volunteer

4. the promotion of 34 young and 8 group leaders from 8 associations from 8 countries of the "world school debate" as a non-formal education method for increasing motivation for volunteering and active participation in Erasmus +

Planned activities are for preparation, introduction and getting to know each other, trust and team building, presentation of participants and organizations, introduction of Erasmus + programme and YouthPass certificate, cultural visits in Busteni and Prahova Valley region, intercultural evenings and evenings thematic or at youngsters' disposal. There will be 6 thematic workshops for presentations of researches and introduction of terminology, then a intermediary workshop to explain the method and a debate tournament with 8 teams that will play in 6 rounds and in the end will edit a guide with conclusions. Besides there will be transversal activities for visibility, management and monitoring.

The methodology will be based on nonformal education and will consist in games, presentations, debates, role plays and simulations, workshops, visits, "world school debate" competition

Results of the project will be a guide, a film with the final ,a facebook page and a final DVD.The dissemination will be done by all participants through internet and social networks,informations in associations and also by partners in mass media,partnership,on line posting

Impact of the project will be felt at the level of participants by develop of new competences,by a better understanding of cultural diversity and advantages of volunteering and active participation.At partners and local communities level the impact will be felt by presence of youngsters better trained and willing to solve the problems of communities and by getting new methodologic tools and new practices to stimulate volunteering and active participation

Sustainability of project and partnership will be provided by communication between partners ,by a dissemination and exploitation planand by writing new applications together in frame of Erasmus +.

Participants :

Every group should prepare 4 youngsters 18-25 years old plus one group leader over 18 years old; We can accept maximum 1 person that is not native citizen of sending country with condition to have legal residence and not to be EVS or Erasmus exchange student. Gender balance is recommended: 2 boys and 2 girls/team

ATTENTION:

2 participants/country should be unemployed

Venue: Busteni, Romania

Accommodation: Pensiunea Cristina Busteni – in rooms of 2 or 3 pax with private bathroom

Food will be served at the restaurant of the pension and there will be 3 meals every day and coffee breaks.

Please send us your special needs concerning food: no pork, no meat, vegetarian or any allergies.

Activities: will be in the same place in different rooms. Some of the activities will be outdoor.

Facilities and visits: pension is 15 minutes walking from city center where you can find almost everything: shops, pharmacy, banks, restaurants etc.

We'll visit Bran, Brasov, Sinaia and Busteni – see the program. Any other optional visits will be discussed on the spot.

Weather is so unpredictable in the mountains. Average temperature is around 15 degrees but can be colder, warmer or even raining. So be prepared for everything. We'll keep you updated

IMPORTANT !!! Pay attention to safety measures:

-you'll live in an intercultural environment, so accept all cultures and be tolerant

-NO DRUGS ALLOWED!! Alcohol only after activities in the evening and consumed with responsibility and according with laws from each country concerning age!! Group leaders will prepare you!!

-you have to attend and be involved in ALL ACTIVITIES during the exchange and also in DISSEMINATION PHASE !!

-other rules and safety measures will be proclaimed in first day, so if you have proposal feel free to express them !!

Transport: For those arriving in Bucharest Otopeni there is a bus **780 EXPRES** that runs almost every 20 minutes from 5 am till 11pm. You can find signs in the airport to reach bus station. The ticket is 8.6 lei (2 euros) a round trip card , that you have to validate when you step in the bus. The bus goes directly to train station – **BUCHAREST GARA DE NORD** and takes depending on the traffic 45-60 minutes. To go to city center of **BUCHAREST** you can take **783 EXPRES or 784 EXPRESS**

In the train station GARA DE NORD, you can easily find the ticket office and buy your tickets. Normally you can pay by card in train station, but anyway there are bankomats (ATMs) and also a machine for tickets. We suggest to ask for round trip ticket BUCHAREST-BUSTENI–BUCHAREST– there is cheaper and then in Busteni you'll have to buy only the seat for return to Bucharest. For groups there is a **MINIGRUP TICKET** also cheaper for 2-5 persons. The trip is around 2 hours. As you'll get in the train in Bucharest we'll ask you to send us a text message (SMS) with the time of arrival.

From train station in Busteni you can walk 20-30 minutes or take a taxi on your own expenses - a taxi costs around 3 euros

Make sure to arrive in train station in Bucharest before 9.00 pm –after there is no public transport. For those arriving later or for those that don't want to go first to Bucharest there are options to take a minibus from airport to Busteni-we can arrange you booking or we'll let you know some links to book on line (this is OBLIGATORY).

For the way back, from Busteni there are minibuses to airport or trains to Bucharest

ACTIVITIES

Please post announcements about the project on your websites, blogs or any other platform and send us some print screens or copies

What should you prepare :

- a presentation about situation of volunteering in every country/zone and situations in Erasmus + projects of participants that can be considered “voluntourists”
- for intercultural evening please bring traditional products from your country or region- food and drinks – and also prepare to show us a dance and to sing a song. any other aspect to promote your culture is welcome : leaflets,photos.flag.videos etc.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO USE KITCHEN FOR COOKING !!

Be also prepare to promote another country in a creative way using multimedia or drama or other methods but try not to copy/paste from internet.Do something personal !!

NO LONG PRESENTATIONS AND NO KAHOOT ! PLEASE !!

Romania will promote Latvia

Latvia will promote Greece

Greece will promote Czechia

Czechia will promote Italy

Italy will promote Lithuania

Lithuania will promote Macedonia

Macedonia will promote Spain

Spain will promote Romania

-you can be prepared to propose games, energizers, activities for free time or for our workshops

-if you had projects connected with the topic, bring with you good practice examples: leaflets, videos, photos.

REIMBURSEMENT:

In order to get the travel costs back we need to get from you **PRINTED ON PAPER !!**

- All BUS/TRAIN/FERRY tickets and invoices in original. If you need local transport in your country try to buy return tickets. Tickets should have date, itinerary, cost. If there is no name-write it on the back
- For FLIGHTS: electronic ticket with name, dates, itinerary, costs AND INVOICE if some of previous item is not on the ticket.
- BOARDING PASSES compulsory – keep them as without them you don't have your money back. If you did mobile check-in you can send us the print screen
- Take only APEX flights (no business class) and only 2 nd class trains.
- TAXI costs are not eligible
- Be sure to have price and data on bus and train tickets, also on airplane tickets. If not, ask for receipts or invoices.
- If you travel by CAR contact us to tell you the rules and documents needed...

The reimbursement will be in accordance with distance calculator for the maximum amounts approved in application and will be done after the project when we'll receive all ORIGINAL documents. The amounts for reimbursement will be based on the tickets/invoice presented. There will be one transfer for every country in account of sending organization according with National Agency rules.

Maximum approved travel costs :

360 euros/participant for Spain

275 euros/participant for the others

Other practicalities :

Currency : 1 euro = 4.75 lei (RON).There are banks and bankomats in airports, in Bucharest train station, in Busteni.

The hour in Romania is GMT + 2.

You can come or leave Romania 2-3 days before/after but all costs are in your charge. For persons that want to spend some days in Bucharest or elsewhere we can help you recommended hostels or attractions.just ask !!

Beware of pick pockets in buses, metro and crowded places. Don't accept gifts and don't talk to strangers that ask to sign something or to help them – most of them are cheaters.

Don'y pay attention to street dogs – they are everywhere but most of them are friendly.

For any other questions and comments or questions contact

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ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL GET YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATES.GROUP LEADERS WILL GET SPECIFIC CERTIFICATES !!

See you soon here !!!

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