

YOUTH versus CULTURAL DIVERSITY!

Youth exchange

INFOPACK

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DEAR PARTICIPANTS,

This INFOPACK contains all the essential information and arrangements about youth exchange „YOUTH VERSUS CULTURAL DIVERISTY”.

If you need any other information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to meeting you on this project :)

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/989332234503186/>

Fanpage of hosting organization:

<https://www.facebook.com/RCWKielce/?ref=ts&fref=ts>

1. ABOUT THE PROJECT

“YOUTH VERSUS CULTURAL DIVERISTY” is related to the topic of currently existing problem in Europe, which is **migration crisis**. Project touches on questions like:

- migration situation and policy,
- cultural tolerance,
- cultural diversity,
- cultural similarities,
- stereotypes, prejudices.

During the YE we would like to invite you to move all this subjects, to talk and discuss about them, to share your views and opinions, your knowledge and experience, to try to come up with some ideas, to create something together, to share your culture, to listen and learn from others, to inspire and to get inspired - and all of this through different activities and fun, team work, workshops, discussions, brainstorming, games, etc.

And we hope you will have good time during this project :)

Aims of the project are, to interest participants in migration crisis issues, sensibilise them to hate speech and encourage to react to it, as well as to show participants that cultural diversity is not an obstacle to communication, and that despite the differences, there is a lot that connects us.

2. PARTICIPANTS

There will be 30 participants in the project – from **Poland, Greece, Spain, Slovenia, Hungary** and **Italy**, 5 from each country:

- 4 participants age 18 - 30
- 1 group leader age over 18.

We would like to keep the gender balance.

Hosting organization:

REGIONAL VOLUNTEER CENTER - Poland

Partners:

ASSOCIACIÓ CULTURAL TABALÀ - Spain
TAMASZPONT MOPKA - Hungary
MLADINSKI CENTER BIT - Slovenia
HELLENIC YOUTH PARTICIPATION - Greece
JUMP IN - Italy

3. VENUE & ACCOMODATION

Youth exchange will take place in **Brody** (close to **Starachowice**). Big city in region is Kielce, where is the office of hosting organization. You will be accommodated in **summer houses and in the hotel**. It's a nice place in a village, at the lake, surrounded by forests and fields.



<http://www.przystanwodnabrody.pl/>

Accommodation:

- each house and room has bathroom
- bed clothes provided
- towels provided
- wi-fi available

We provide full board in the restaurant nearby:

- breakfast
- lunch
- dinner.

Please, let us know about any **special food requirements** in advance! - together with other data you will send to us.

4. COSTS

Accommodation, food, travel and programme costs are all covered by Erasmus+ Program. There is a travel budget for every country, so you need to buy tickets on your own, but we will reimburse you travel costs after the YE, up to fixed amount:

Participant from:	Travel budget / 1 participant
Poland	20 €
Slovenia	275 €
Hungary	180 €
Italy	275 €
Spain	360 €
Greece	275 €

...on the basis of your travel documents (boarding passes/ tickets/ receipts)

...and if:

- you travel from your home town to the location of youth exchange and back the same (if before the project you are not in your country and you have to travel from another country to Poland, please inform us as soon as possible).
- you've chosen the reasonable and economic means of transport (cheap airlines, 2nd class trains etc.)
- your travel dates are like project dates or if you arrive earlier / leave later because of cheaper flights or trains (arriving in advance or leaving later is also possible but please let us know about it, we will check it)

5. TRAVEL

Day **29.07** (Saturday) is for your **arrival**, and **6.08** (Sunday) is for your **departure**.

Activities will take place from **30.07 - 5.08**.

The closest airports are in Warszawa, Kraków, Katowice or Łódź. From the airport you can take a train/bus to Kielce (first you will have to get from the airport to the city center).

From Kielce to Brody (Brody Iłżeckie) there is a train.

In case of any questions/problems - please ask us :)

We will do our best so that you could get to the venue with no problems.

Useful websites:

Train: <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/en>

Bus: <http://www.polskibus.com/en/index.htm>

Please don't book any tickets before confirming the travel plan with us!

6. PREPARATION

WHAT YOU NEED TO TAKE WITH YOU:

- ID / passport
- European Health Insurance Card
- travel insurance document (we don't cover insurance for the travel)
- receipts, tickets, boarding passes or invoices - for reimbursement
- beach towels
- swimming suit
- all cosmetics you need
- medicines if you need some
- outdoor shoes and clothes
- clothes for hot days and colder nights
- clothes for rain
- small backpack / bag for a trip to Kielce
- some pocket money for your own expenses (during free/ non-program time).

CULTURAL EVENING

During the project we would like to organize a cultural evening for local community - all together - to present your culture, to bring locals closer to cultural diversity and to show them how beautiful it is.

You can dance, you can sing, you can make some handcraft, you can act, you can integrate locals in your national game, you can play some game with local kids.... it's all up to you :)

Please discuss activities for intercultural evening in national teams before coming to Poland.

Please bring with you:

- national flag
- snacks and drinks from your country
- traditional music
- traditional clothes if you have some
- accessories you need...

Set your imagination free ;)

QUESTIONNAIRE

Before the youth exchange, we ask you, as a team, to make a questionnaire with people from your communities, about - attitude towards immigrants and refugees, cultural tolerance, cultural diversity and similarities or stereotypes, prejudices - you choose the specified subject, form and questions (paper / on-line questionnaire, interview, short movie...).

During the programme we will shortly present all results.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- stereotypes & prejudices that exist in your country about all other participating countries
- 3 energizers or ice-breakers per national team
- some information / presentation / photos about your organization (short)
- one laptop per team would be good

..... but most important - **positive energy and smile** 😊

SEE YOU IN POLAND :)