



# INFOPACK:

**Youth exchange: Feel Excluded to be inclusive**

**Where:** Črnomelj, SLOVENIA

**When:** 20. 08. 2018 (date of arrival) – 27. 08. 2018 (date of departure)





## Summary of the project

The youth exchange 'Feel excluded to be inclusive', which will take place in August in Črnomelj (Slovenia), will be attended by 30 young participants and six group leaders from Slovenia, Croatia, FYROM, Italy, Greece and Latvia. They will be accommodated at the MC BIT tourist and educational center. For the exchange activity, a preliminary planning visit will also be organized, where the partners will distribute the tasks in details. The project is based on active participation of young people and all activities will be directed by group leaders. Conducting workshops and assignments will be equally distributed among the participants. In their local communities and at the European level, young people have identified the problem of exclusion of certain groups. Through the project they will try to answer the following questions: How do others see us? Do we understand the world in which

we operate? Do we know the reality in which the different live? Do we accept the differences in positive way? Are we really willing to commit to positive values, relationships and behavior? They will try to get to know this through different situations in the workshops 'All Different - All Equal', 'Refugee Day', and 'Recognition of exclusion in their local environment'. The last part of the activity is aimed at developing real and viable projects in order to spread positive values in their environment. Within the project, young people will also learn how to recognize the importance of learning in everyday life and the recognition of acquired knowledge. The learning process will be closely linked to the competences written in Youthpass, which participants will make themselves as a part of the youth exchange.



## Goals of the project

- to feel exclusion through workshops and personal stories,
- to help the youth to develop a sense of compassion for people,
- to offer opportunities for young people to be active and not passive observers in the project,
- to bring young people closer to active citizenship and volunteering as a tool for personal development,
- to empower young people with tools to combat exclusion,
- to revive the Campaign 'All Different - All Equal',
- to interculturally connect, deepen partnerships and networking for future projects.



## About the organizer Youth center BIT

Youth center BIT, social enterprise was founded in 2004 by the Student's Society of Bela krajina (KBŠ) and Youth Culture Club Bela krajina (MKK). It has a status of a non-profit, private non-governmental organisation and social enterprise that works in public interest.

Check us on our web and FB page:

[mc-bit.si](http://mc-bit.si)



<https://www.facebook.com/mladinski.bit/>



Our vision is to create a team that will efficiently work towards fulfilment of young people's needs and will consequently encourage youngsters to identify with the values of our organisation.

The mission is to prepare and coordinate programs and projects that enable young people to spend their spare time in a creative way and fulfil their educational, professional, cultural, artistic and other needs.

## What are we doing?

YC BIT is mostly lead by volunteers and is supported by contract partners. Our main target group are young people between the age of 15 and 30. We pay special attention to young people with fewer opportunities, especially those with social, economic and educational barriers.

We are running an educational-touristic centre with 14 rooms and 2 apartments for organized groups.



## Main fields of our work are:

- youth information and counselling (individual and group),
- **non-formal education and projects on the local level** (workshops, courses, presentations, round table discussions, exhibitions, conferences, youth initiatives),
- **international youth projects** (European Voluntary Service, Training Courses, Youth exchanges, Seminars, Job shadowing activities, Networking),
- **clubprogram** (Non-commercial/alternative concerts, Stand-up comedy shows, festivals),
- technical and organizational support to individuals and organizations (free access to internet, lending of technical equipment, assistance at work with computer and internet, printing, scanning).



**Please check our page to see what we are doing:**

<http://mc-bit.si/en/erasmus/zakjuceni-erasmus-mladi-v-akciji-projekti/> <http://mc-bit.si/en/evs/> <http://mc-bit.si/en/mladinski-center-bit/>

Črnfest (festival) movie:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQhxDXnK\\_44](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQhxDXnK_44)

Cultural club MKK:

<https://www.facebook.com/mladinski.kult.urniklub/>

Student association KBŠ:

<https://www.facebook.com/KlubKbsSI/?fref=ts>

Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/mc\\_bit\\_crnemelj/](https://www.instagram.com/mc_bit_crnemelj/)



**Slovenija** is located in southern-central Europe, at the crossroads of main European cultural and trade routes, between Alps and Adriatic Sea, with the capital and biggest city, Ljubljana. Population of Slovenia is little bit more than 2 million people. Since 1 of May 2004, Slovenia is also part of European Union, and the official currency is € (euro).



**Črnomelj** is a small town (around 7.000 inhabitants) in **Bela krajina**, south-eastern part of Slovenia. It is situated 92 km from the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, and 100 km from Zagreb, the capital of the neighbouring country of Croatia. Both Ljubljana and Zagreb have an international airport so there is no problem with the transport to Črnomelj.



Check promo video on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6ANugialgE>



On the other side, **Bela krajina** is known as wine region, where is a lot of farmers producing their own protected wine, what is making this region even more richer in cultural and traditional aspect.



## How to get here?

### To Ljubljana:

You can reach it by:

plane

<http://www.lju-airport.si/sl/Main>

train

<http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/>

bus

<http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/>

## We must warn you, that Slovenian air companies are not the cheapest ones!

So if you are thinking to come by plane, you should better check **Venice airports** (Venice Treviso, or Venice Marco Polo), they have all low cost air companies like Ryanair, Wizzair, Easy jet...

From there, the best option is to take a van from one Slovenian company called »Goopti«,

<https://www.goopti.com/>

which can bring you from Venice airport to Ljubljana train station (ticket is around 20€ one way, but **you need to book it and pay it in advance** on their internet site - we can help you with that).

Another option is **Zagreb airport**, which is 1 hour from Črnomelj (we will organize transportation from Zagreb airport to Črnomelj).

<http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/>



### To Črnomelj:

By train from Ljubljana:  
Ticket costs 7.70€ for one way.

If you come to Novo mesto, we will arrange transportation to Črnomelj (it's just 30 km away).

Bus connections from Ljubljana to Črnomelj are not so good, so we don't suggest you to use this type of transportation.



**DO NOT BUY TICKETS,  
BEFORE INFORMING  
US!!!**



### Reimbursement

We will reimburse your travel costs according to the rules of Erasmus+ Program. Reimbursement of travel costs will be done upon presenting original tickets, receipts/invoices and boarding passes. Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and a receipt/invoice. All the participants will get their reimbursements via bank transfer after project is finished.



## Who are we looking for?

Target group are young people from 15 to 25 years of age, for whom this is their first European project and and are motivated to participate. Basic knowledge of English language is expected from participants.



Also join us in Facebook group, where we are sharing useful information before, during and after the project.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/456487508116038/>



## Amount of money per participant:

**FYROM** (5 participants + 1 group leader)  
275€ per participant

**Greece** (5 participants + 1 group leader)  
275€ per participant

**Latvia** (5 participants + 1 group leader)  
275€ per participant

**Italy**(5 participants + 1 group leader)  
275€ per participant

**Croatia** (5 participants + 1 group leader)  
180€ per participant

**Slovenia** (5 participants + 1 group leader)  
0€



## Accommodation

We will stay in our **educational touristic center**, which is located 2 minutes from town centre. We'll be in shared rooms with 2 or 3 participants per room.

**Don't forget to bring towels with you!**



We also have **big shared bathroom**, one for boys and one for girls.

We provide meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and 2 coffee breaks. If any of the **participants have any special requirements** regarding food and/or health issues, please inform us in advance.

In center we have good internet connection, printer / scanner, all kitchen accessories, washing and drying machine and a nice terrace with a great panorama view of the town.

You don't need to bring sheets for the bed, because we have plenty of them.





If you have any questions, feel free to contact us on



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**See you soon in  
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