

# **YOUTH EXCHANGE**

## **„From Migration to Integration“,**

### **Lasinja, Croatia**

**16th-23th September 2019**

Dear friends,

We are happy to announce that the Youth Exchange “From Migration to Integration” is approved and we started with preparations!

- 30 participants, 6 group leaders, 6 countries, 7 working days and 1 travel day!

### **About the project**

Trough youth work we recognized the need for empowerment of the youth in the field of tolerance, inclusion and prevention of radicalism. The aim of the project is to raise awareness in young people from similar rural communities about the migrant problematic with the goal of increasing tolerance, solidarity and better social inclusion of the migrants among the young.

We have recognized the question of inclusion of the migrants as a very important topic in all of the countries from which our project partners come from, and therefore the young will be able to learn about the importance of social integration and acceptance of different and diverse people trough workshops, group and individual exercises and peer to peer learning.

## Participants

The youth exchange will gather 36 participants from Croatia and 5 partner countries: Armenia, Greece, Romania, Turkey and Slovenia. Our target group for participants is youth living in the rural areas, with disadvantages in economical, geographical and cultural aspects, when compared to their peers from urban areas in their countries.

From each country will participate one group leader 18+, experienced in youth work, coordinating and facilitating non-formal education activities and international groups. Each group leader will accompany 5 participants (make sure to have gender balance), aged 18 - 25, but will be acceptable participants aged 18-30 if they are from rural area and motivated for topic of this Youth exchange.

Participants need to have knowledge of English at least A2.

## Participating organizations

**HOST organization:** LAG Vallis Colapis- Croatia

**PARTNER organizations:**

1. GYUMRI YOUTH INITIATIVE CENTRE– Armenia
2. UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS ASTIKI ETAIREIA – Greece
3. ASOCIATIA PENTRU PROMOVAREA EGALITATII INTRE TINERI – ADAPTO – Romania
4. Genclik ve Degisim Dernegi – Turkey
5. MLADINSKI CENTER BIT ZAVOD ZA DRUGO IZOBRAZEVANJE, IZPOPOLNJEVANJE IN USPOSABLJANJE, SOCIALNO PODJETJE - Slovenia

## Accommodation

The participants will be accommodated in Lasinja in Catholic Youth Center. Lasinja is Municipality with around 1700 inhabitants and Youth Center is in the center of Lasinja. Participants will be mixed in international rooms by gender. Each gender has one bathroom with several toilets for usage, The Youth Center has Internet. You should bring your own hygienic products, flip flops, house shoes, including towels. Bed

sheet is provided. Within Center is hall where most of activities will take place. Close to Youth Center is playground for basketball, handball and football.

Accommodation, food and materials during activity days are fully covered by the project.

Travel costs for the YE will be reimbursed on account of sending organization when invoices, e-tickets, boarding passes and other tickets are delivered to the host NGO according to Erasmus + rules.

### **Travel costs**

Slovenia - 20 EUR

Armania -360 EUR

Greece - 275 EUR

Turkey - 360 EUR

Romania - 275 EUR

Visa costs are provided for Turkey - 140€ per participant and Armenia - 100€ per participant

### **Travel options**

Wheter you travel with the plane, bus or train you have to first come to Zagreb and then with the bus to Lasinja. You have to change at least two buses to come from Zagreb to Lasinja. Those details I will share with you in few weeks when I will know which travel options did you choose.

## **The address of Youth Center is:**

Trg hrvatskih branitelja 9  
47206 Lasinja

Please let us know about your travel plan before booking any tickets and we will find the best solution together on e-mail [vck@vallis-colapis.hr](mailto:vck@vallis-colapis.hr)

## **Other information**

In Croatia the currency is HRK, **we do not use Euro**. The exchange rate can change but usually is like this: 1 Euro = 7,3 HRK. In Lasinja you can't exchange money. Do it back home or in Zagreb.

**Health insurance** - all partners have the responsibility in assisting the participants for obtaining the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) which is free, or the participants will take care of this aspect by themselves. In Croatia the Emergency services in Hospitals are not free so we suggest EHIC or travel insurance.

Clothing and weather - as the weather can change from one day to another, we suggest you to have comfortable clothes and shoes for both situations. In general, the weather in September is warm but can be rainy! For which we suggest you to bring sun lotion and mosquito protection to ensure your comfort while staying in Croatia. You can bring your swimming suit because there will be a lot of opportunities to take a swim.

If you have allergy to dust, pollen and other plants, please take the appropriate medicine with you!

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