



# INFOPACK:

EVS: Back to the streets 2

**Where:** Črnomelj, SLOVENIA

**When:** 01. 07. 2017 – 01. 01. 2018

**OPEN FOR: 1 volunteer from Portugal or Greece or Poland**

## About » youth center BIT »

Youth center BIT-social enterprise was founded in 2004 by the Students 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.

**YC BIT is located in the Črnomelj's town centre and combines the YC Info office and MKK Club.** We have recently realized one of our main goals and created a new place in the city castle, where we offer our youth a warm and creative place to spend their days at. Feel free to visit us!  
Check us on our web page:

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



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



## 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 center with 16 rooms and 2 apartments for organized groups.**

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.



### Our program objectives are:

- to encourage active youth participation and European citizenship,
- to inform youth about different topics, connected with everyday life,
- to offer adequate advice and to refer users to the suitable institutions,
- to provide conditions that will enable youngsters to spend their spare time in a creative way,
- enable non-formal education and training for youth work,
- promotion and involvement of young people in voluntary work,

- to raise awareness and reduce the consequences of delinquent behaviour among youth,
- to encourage self-initiative and creativity of young people,
- direct and constant communication with the local youth in order to fulfil their needs,
- to promote political (participation in decision-making processes) and social youth participation,
- to provide participation of local youth in international activities,
- cooperation and networking with similar organisations on a local, national and international level.



### 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),
- **club program** (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=nQhxDXnK44>

Cultural club MKK:

<https://www.facebook.com/mladinskikulturniklub/>

Student association KBŠ:

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

**I FEEL  
SLOVENIA**



**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.



In your free time you can do a lot of things: go for a walk through the city or to the forest, run in a forest (there is a running track), hang out with other EVS volunteers or visit the surroundings (Bela krajina) with a bike. On the weekend you can go to the concerts in Youth cultural club or go partying in local bars. There are a lot of opportunities to eat outside. Normally in Črnomelj we walk on foot, because everything is so close. If you want to visit other places you have public transport or someone that you know and can give you a ride, so no worries.

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. Belokranjska pogača (home-made bread), is certificated protected food, which comes also from this region, and it's served almost at every meal.



## 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!!!**



## Educational-touristic center, a place to live

**You will have your own room in educational-touristic center.** One of your tasks will be also helping us to run it for groups (youth exchanges and training courses).

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 city.

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





## Food and pocket money

When it comes to nutrition, you will have several options. We have an **open account at a local shop, pizzeria and in one restaurant** which serves delicious food.

In the educational-touristic center is also a **brand new big kitchen** which you can also use.

The health care centre and pharmacy is nearby, so you don't have to worry about that.

For all other concerns you might have, the YC BIT team will be available to offer you the necessary support any time of the day.

**You will get monthly allowance (85 EUR per month), 200 EUR which you can use for food in the local shops and for personal things (clothes, hygiene ...) and 40 EUR for local transport in Slovenia.**



## Projects and »obligations«

The EVS project **Back to the streets 2** was created as a sequel of the Revitalizing nature parks youth exchange, which showed a big lack of well-maintained public areas and events in them. As a part of the exchange, we made a research which served as a base for preparing the activities of the project.

Back to the streets 2 is created for **volunteers from Poland, Greece and Portugal** for the duration of **6 months**.

2 volunteers are already in Črnomelj and are waiting for you.

In August 2017, we will receive a new volunteer from Macedonia (FYROM) and in September 2017 one more volunteer from Germany.



## The task of volunteer will be:

- to organize different sports, cultural and social events on public areas in Bela krajina,
- help to develop creative contents and get familiarized with the process of **running educational-touristic center**, which will raise their employment options after the end of the project,
- develop a project about the refugees which have been already successfully integrated into the environment of Bela krajina.
- during the project, different work methods will be used but creativity and self-initiative will be encouraged the most,
- helping with **organisation of one E+ youth exchange and one E+ training course** in November,
- helping with **organisation of summer festival Črnfest** in August.



With the project, we wish to increase the number of events in our organization and strengthen the openness of our organization. We also wish to lift the volunteers' awareness about personal career planning and strengthen their awareness of developing competences to become easily employable when the project is finished. We wish for the volunteers to acquire the feeling and awareness about the importance of social inclusion of people from the edge of society.



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



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