



Društvo Connect

YOUTH EXCHANGE

“Young professionals”

3. - 12.10.2017

**Moravske Toplice
Slovenia**

YOUTH MOBILITY, ERASMUS+



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BASIC INFORMATION

The youth exchange is organized by organization CONNECT:

Association Connect was founded by young people who want to promote active citizenship among young people in our region. Our association brings together young people with different skills and abilities.

The aim of the association is to promote active citizenship and human rights, empowerment, youth mobility, non-formal education and intercultural dialogue.

Our activities are linked to a variety of workshops, seminars and projects in the field of entrepreneurship, culture, media, human rights and sport.

Date of Youth Exchange: 3.10.2017 (arrival) to 12.10.2017 (departure in the afternoon) (10 activity days)

Venue: Moravske Toplice, Slovenia

Working language: English

Participants at Youth exchange: 6 young people (18-30 years) + 1 group leader (no age limit) from each country

COUNTRIES

Participating Countries:

SLOVENIA
ROMANIA
AUSTRIA
SPAIN
ITALY
CROATIA

Summary of the Project:

We believe that the theme of youth unemployment is very important for young people today. It is important that young people are aware of international opportunities for volunteering, studying or working abroad. Together we will discuss options and see how international opportunity can impact young people's lives in positive ways.

This youth exchange will take place in Moravske Toplice, Slovenia and will bring together young people from six European countries: Slovenia, Romania, Austria, Spain, Italy and Croatia.

Through this project, young people from 6 countries will live together for 10 days, work on their presentational and language skills and inform themselves about international opportunities for volunteering, studying or working abroad. Project will enable young people to come up with



strategies that would encourage young people's participation, active citizenship and presenting options for various aspects of mobility opportunities.

Also, they will have the chance to meet people from other EU countries that have high unemployment rate, and see how this had an influence on their lives, and compare their situation on personal level, but also on EU level. This project is a great opportunity for young people to learn about another country, culture, language, broaden their horizons and get new ideas for the future.

The project is a combination of non-formal education methods: icebreakers, energizers, warm up activities, group work, discussions, learning by doing, inter-cultural nights and outdoor activities included in a series of workshops and activities connected with youth unemployment.

Our objectives are decreasing youth unemployment and boosting self-development, presentational and language skills.

ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMME

- Name games, know each other, ice breakings, trust games...
- Presentations of countries and organizations
- Erasmus+ Program and Youth Pass tools
- Reflection groups: There will be times every day to prepare the Youth Pass and reflect about the daily activities, skills, attitudes and knowledge.
- Evaluations: time every morning for a short evaluation about the previous day (feelings, activities, stuff, etc.) We will plan enough time for a final evaluation in order to know how the full experience was and prepare the Youth Pass.
- Intercultural dinner after the first day activity. Every team should bring some typical food or/and drink specialties from their Country.
- Trip to Murska Sobota.
- Visit of Spa center Terme3000 in Moravske Toplice and free afternoon for swimming.
IMPORTANT: bring swimsuits and towels!

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

- Age: 18 -30
- 6 young participants from each country plus 1 group leader -> total 7 participants
- Please, try to keep gender balance in your group! 3 girls, 3 boys!
- Erasmus+ is a program that supports disadvantaged young people. So we want to open our Project also for these young people. The accommodation is not suitable for people in wheelchairs, but all other impairments are welcome. If you have a young person in your group with any disability please let us know so that we can make any preparations.



- English is our working language, but it is not obligation. We will have some meetings and discussions so it will be recommended at least basic knowledge or translation into your groups. Don't be afraid of language! We will find the way to solve it!
- People who are interested in the topic.
- Young people who share the volunteering spirit.
- Young, motivated, nice, cheerful, smiling participants and good mood!! 😊

YOUTHPASS

Each participant will receive a Youthpass, which:

- Certificate of non-formal education (you will take part on an educational activity)
- You can include it in your CV and use it for school, university, new job, etc.

At the beginning of the project, participants are divided into small groups that will meet every evening in the reflection group. They will talk and exchange about the day's activities, what they have learned, what they have observed, etc. With all of these notes, they will receive at the end of the exchange in the final workshop, a comprehensive Youth Pass.

MONEY

- Organizer (CONNECT) covers travel costs, accommodation, food and program activities.
- Please, pay attention, that there are the ceilings for the travel costs per every country that we cannot go above (if your ticket is more expensive, you need to cover the difference on your own).

Travel cost ceilings:

ROMANIA - 275EUR

AUSTRIA - 180EUR

SPAIN - 275EUR

ITALY - 275EUR

CROATIA - 180EUR

- **IMPORTANT:** We reimburse the transport money ONLY if the participant will ACTIVELY take part during the whole project.
- You have to **keep all the bills, boarding passes** and every type of ticket transport with you, so that we are able to reimburse you the costs.
- There is a Participation fee of 30€. This is fee is obligatory to participate in the exchange.



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TRANSPORT

- Try to fly to Ljubljana (Slovenia), Vienna (Austria) or Budapest (Hungary) and take the train or bus to Murska Sobota.
- PLEASE **contact us BEFORE you buy your tickets**. Look for the best options and send it to us. Don't buy anything before we send you ok confirmation. When you receive it, you will be able to buy the tickets.
- As soon as possible after you buy your tickets, **send us all you travel information** in order to give you more information about how to get to Murska Sobota in the easiest way due to your flight.
- Finally, we will need all the information about your arrival and departure details in the moment you buy all the transport tickets.
- We will keep the original transport tickets from your travel and copies of your return tickets, but you **have to send the originals** as soon as possible when you arrive home.

FOOD

- Catering restaurant will provide us **breakfast, lunch and dinner**. It is expected, that the participants help in the kitchen and with the dishes.
- If you have some **special needs** for food (vegetarian, celiac, some allergies, etc.), please, **inform us** beforehand. We can provide you just "with/without meat" vegetarian food, if you have some **very complicated diet**, or as a vegetarian you would like to have some special ingredients, we would appreciate if you could **take the food that you need with you**.

ACCOMODATION

We will be accommodated in turistic Villas in Moravske Toplice with a lot of nature around. Close to Villas is famous Spa and wellness center Terme3000 with many sports fields, swimming pools and golf course.

Inside Villas there are bedrooms with sheets, bathrooms, cable TV, wi-fi internet.

Participants must bring with them towels.







Spa and wellness center Terme3000, Moravske Toplice:







RULES

- This is an International and educational Project granted from European fund. Participant should be aware they are not on holidays.
- No drugs.
- Be on time (especially important for complete the program).
- Respect each other.
- Cleaning together.
- Participate and active people!
- We will talk about the rules directly at the place.

YOU WILL NEED...

- Sports clothes and swimsuits.
- Towels.
- Typical food for intercultural evening.
- Poster, leaflets, card, videos, typical music... from your country, region, city.
- Info, presentation, material, stickers... from your organization.
- National things (flag, hymn, clothes, music ...)
- Camera, laptop and other equipment making life and work easier (free wifi).
- Ideas, games, ice breakings, dances and folk for your cultural evening.
- Good mood and energy to be active!

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Thanks for joining us and being part of this Project! ;)