

“RURAL IS THE NEW URBAN” YOUTH EXCHANGE



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DILIJAN

ARMENIA

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(Information package for participants)

Some of us were born in big crowded cities, the others in small towns or villages with beautiful nature and breathtaking landscapes. But somehow most of us seek to remove to more developed industrial places convinced that it will increase our chances of better job and life itself, thus underestimating the opportunities that could offer us our home place.

Nowadays rural development is more than ever before linked to entrepreneurship. Rural entrepreneurship in its turn has an enormous employment potential and the promotion of entrepreneurship among youngsters aimed at rural areas can be used as youth unemployment tackle strong tool. Ability to discover the potential of rural areas from labor market perspective and the development of entrepreneurial competencies among youth is of essential importance as it can have two-side strong impact; employability facilitation and rural areas development. The proposed youth exchange therefore wants to gather 30 young people and youth leaders from 6 countries that are interested in rural areas beneficial potential as well as in development of their entrepreneurial competencies

Objectives

- to raise participants' awareness on employability potential in rural areas
- to increase participants' knowledge on social entrepreneurship
- to develop participants' entrepreneurial competences
- to equip participants with tools to design and further implement their social enterprise ideas
- to form a network among like-minded organizations and develop follow-up projects on the similar topics



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Venue

The project will be held in Dilijan, which is a spa town located in the Tavush Province and has around 17,000 inhabitants. Situated within the Dilijan National Park the forested and reclusive town is home to numerous Armenian artists, composers, and filmmakers and features some traditional Armenian architecture. It is 100 km north from the capital city Yerevan and is 1,5 hour drive away from it.

The average temperature in the end of October is around 12-18°C and but colder in the evenings. The venue is “Art Guesthouse” which is fully equipped to host international youth projects with appropriate equipment, working spaces and leisure time activities. The territory also gives an opportunity to organize outdoor dynamic activities.

You will be accommodated 2-3 or 3-4 people in one room of the same gender. Each room has 1 bathroom. There is wireless internet available in the guest house.

Travel costs

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to the following maximum amounts:

Country of origin	Reimbursement
Slovakia, Croatia, Poland	360 €
Ukraine	275 €
Armenia, Georgia	20 €

Travelling to the venue

Take a flight to Yerevan Zvartnots International Airport from all the countries except Georgia; from Georgia you can either take a train or a minibus.

It is also possible to arrive to Tbilisi or Kutaisi International airport and travel to Dilijan from there.

From Yerevan airport you can get to city center (Republic Square) by Zvartnots Express minibuses which run every hour (24 hours/day) and cost 300 AMD. If you prefer to take a taxi hosting organization will help you to arrange your transportation to the city center via taxi.

Transportation from Yerevan to Project venue will be organized and this will be reduced from your travel budget. You will receive more detailed information regarding picking you once we receive your travel information.

You will receive step-by-step instructions and additional information on travel arrangements in a separate document.

VISA Arrangement

None of the participating countries need visa to enter Armenia. In case you have a different nationality then your country of residency please inform us immediately to check if additional procedures need to be done.

Preparation

Each National Team is asked:

-to make a research and prepare a presentation (photo, video, poster) to share with other participants on situation of rural entrepreneurship and youth engagement in this field in your countries.

-to prepare for sessions they are responsible in non-formal education framework in accordance with preliminary agreement on activities held by each country with Group leaders.

This is aimed to help and encourage reflecting on possible opportunities and your individual contributions beforehand.

Please bring also specific food and materials for the intercultural night.

Furthermore, we would like to create an international **sweet box**, which will be shared during the coffee breaks. Therefore, please bring your favorite sweet snacks with you.

Money

National currency in Armenia is DRAM (AMD) and its value in euro is about 560 drams for 1 euro but it would be good for you to check the exact rate before you depart. Payments everywhere in Armenia (except the Airport) are accepted only in national currency. The best currencies for exchanging in Armenia are EUR, USD, RUB, and GEL.

Special Needs and Insurance

In case of having special needs, whatever kind they are of, please feel free to communicate these needs to us (allergies, health problems, special diet, etc.).

Health insurance will be provided by the organizers.