

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

“You(th)rope: Youth active citizens of Europe”

05<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May 2020, Drapia (VV)- Italy



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**PARTICIPANTS**

## BACKGROUND

Today, young people face numerous challenges, such as unemployment, the presence of new media (which, if handled improperly, could produce negative effects) and the consequences related to growing migration phenomena. Considering all this, young people often feel destabilized and impotent, a situation that leads to individualism and to a decreasing participation in the development of the society in which they live.

You(th)rope was born on the initiative of a group of young people residents in the south of Italy and who, having taken part to their first exchange, reflected a lot on how much this kind of experience has unexpected benefits in terms of personal and professional growth. At the same time, the reflection of these young people has shifted to how much the lack of knowledge concerning opportunities represents the main cause of non-participation and, in many cases, leads young people to see Europe as a structure far from their daily lives.

Considering this background, spread awareness on the European context and its opportunities is the first and fundamental need identified by the project, as an aspect to allow young people to choose and act consciously. The second identified need is to empower young people allowing them to be actors of change, becoming ropes that connect Europe to the local and peripheral context to support that integration process that should count on everyone.

# OBJECTIVES

You(th)rope has the following *objectives*:

- Knowing and reflecting on human rights and how these universally recognized rights have been absorbed in Europe, trying to reflect on their history, their value and the tools that recognize and protect them;
- Raising awareness on the meaning of citizenship and of European citizenship, including the tools that allow to exercise it;
- Strengthen among young people the knowledge of the opportunities offered by the European Union, as a fundamental factor to strengthen their sense of belonging and against phenomena of closure, individualism and nationalistic tendencies;
- Strengthen the role of young people through the acquisition of skills that allow them to act and play the role of multipliers encouraging citizens to get closer to Europe.

# LEARNING OUTCOMES

The exchange will give young people the opportunity to:

- Improve knowledge and skills related to human rights;
- Improve knowledge and skills related to European citizenship and rights and duties of being citizen;
- Improve their Communication skills in mother tongue and in English;
- Acquire digital competences;
- Develop social and civic skills;
- Learn to learn;
- Combine passion and reasoning with concrete actions;
- Go from idea to planning and implementation of actions;
- Work in a team.

# PARTICIPANTS

The You(th)rope project is aimed at 25 young people (and 5 group leaders) from 5 countries (Italy, Spain, Croatia, Germany and France) with the aim of involving them in a 5-day exchange activity (excluding travel days). The exchange will give them the opportunity to share time and space and to discuss the issue of European citizenship, reflecting, in particular, on rights and duties related to it. Participants will acquire skills and tools that enable them to consciously exercise their role as active citizens and to become themselves actors in a process of bringing people closer to Europe.

All participants must also meet the following criteria:

- Be aged between 20 and 30 years;
- Basic ability to communicate and work in English.

The selection must respect the principle of gender balance.

# PRACTICAL DETAILS

Dates: 05th – 11th May 2019 (arrival 05th May and departure 11th May)

Place: Drapia, Italy

Closest airports: Lamezia Terme

Closest stations: Tropea and Vibo-Valentia Pizzo

# FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

Accommodation and meals will be provided for the entire duration of the exchange, for all the participants (from dinner on 5th to breakfast on 11th). If you have any special need, please indicate it in the application form.

In order to take part to the project, participants are required to pay 30,00 € as participation fee. The fee will be deducted from reimbursement.

Costs regarding travels will be reimbursed maximum up to the following amounts:

From Italy	20 €/p.
From Germany	275€/p.
From Croatia	275€/p.
From France	275€/p.
From Spain	275€/p.

According to Erasmus plus rules, participants are strictly required to book the cheapest option available. Itinerary should be agreed with the coordinator.

The amount will be reimbursed only if justified by the relative invoices.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Youth interested to apply are required to fill in an application form containing, among the others, information about their experiences in the fields relevant to the project and their motivation to take part to the project.

Application has to be submitted by Saturday 29th February.

If you are interested to apply, please, fill in the form accessible through the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd084BApXpNVfBa02PFefOCFzn8ijkQyOtQFTCBTOZJr-k1jw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd084BApXpNVfBa02PFefOCFzn8ijkQyOtQFTCBTOZJr-k1jw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **CONTACT FOR QUESTIONS:**

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### **ORGANIZER:**

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Germany: *CULTURE GOES EUROPE (CGE)- SOZIOKULTURELLE INITIATIVE ERFURT EV*

France: *EUROCIRCLE ASSOCIATION*

Spain: *ASSOCIACIO CORRALITO CENTRE DE CREACIO ARTISTICA*

Croatia: *UDRUGA ZA MLADE ALFA ALBONA*