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YOUTH EXCHANGE

“Make sense of the news”

25.4. – 5.5.2023

Salovci

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, 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, environment protection, media, human rights and sport.

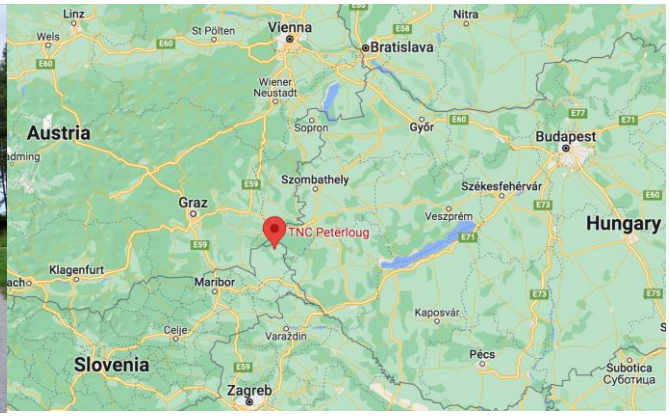
Date of Youth Exchange: 25.4.-5.5.2023

Arrival: 24.4.2023 in the evening or 25.4. in the morning

Departure: 5.5.2023 in the afternoon/evening or 6.5. in the morning

Venue: Salovci, Slovenia





Working language: English

Participants at Youth exchange: 5 young people (16-30 years) + 1 group leader (no age limit) from each country

COUNTRIES

Participating Countries:
SLOVENIA
BULGARIA
CZECH REPUBLIC
POLAND
SLOVAKIA
SPAIN

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Summary of the Project:

Participation in this youth exchange will enable young participants to learn how the media influences us and how we react to the information placed on us by the media. It will also encourage them to become aware of the importance of strengthening their competences, intercultural awareness, personal development, empowerment and active citizenship.

The aim of the youth exchange is to raise young people's awareness that there is a lot of misleading and unverified information appearing in the media today. Therefore it is the task of young people to be able to properly filter and critically process this information. Participation in this youth exchange will help them to think more critically in the future about everything they read or hear from the media, making it easier for them to shape their own destiny.

This youth exchange will take place in Salovci, Slovenia and will bring together young people from six European countries: Slovenia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Spain. Through this project, young people from 6 countries will live together for 11 days. At the youth exchange, participants will improve their media literacy and ability to think critically and analyze media publications through various non-formal education activities. In doing so, they will learn to work with information, search for information, acquire analytical skills and improve verbal expression.

The methods of work will be in the form of non-formal education and learning from a practical work. The activities of the project will be various and participants will have the chance to enjoy different methodologies such as 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 media literacy. This project is also a great opportunity for young people to learn about another country, culture, language, broaden their horizons and get new ideas for the future.

ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMME

- Name games, know each other, ice breakings, trust games…
- Presentations of countries and organizations
- Erasmus+ Program and Youth Pass tools
- Workshops and activities connected with media literacy
- 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.
- Free day for swimming in Moravske Toplice; IMPORTANT: bring swimsuits and towels!

Activities will take place inside the building and also outside in the nature.







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PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

- Age: 16 – 30
- 5 young participants from each country plus 1 group leader –> total 6 participants
- Please, try to keep gender balance in your group (3 girls, 3 boys)
- 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:

- 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.

BULGARIA - 275EUR
CZECH REPUBLIC - 180EUR
POLAND - 180EUR
SLOVAKIA - 180EUR
SPAIN - 360EUR

- 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.

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TRANSPORT

- IMPORTANT: 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 confirmation. When you receive it, you will be able to buy the tickets.
- If coming by plane, best is to fly to Vienna, Budapest or Bratislava and then take a train to Szentgotthard (city in Hungary 15km from location of the project).
- If coming by bus or train, look for options to Szentgotthard.
- As soon as possible after you buy your tickets, send us all you travel information in order to plan pick-ups at train station.

FOOD

- Nearby restaurant will provide us lunch and dinner.
- Breakfast we will prepare ourselves. 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 meet” 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.



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YOU WILL NEED…

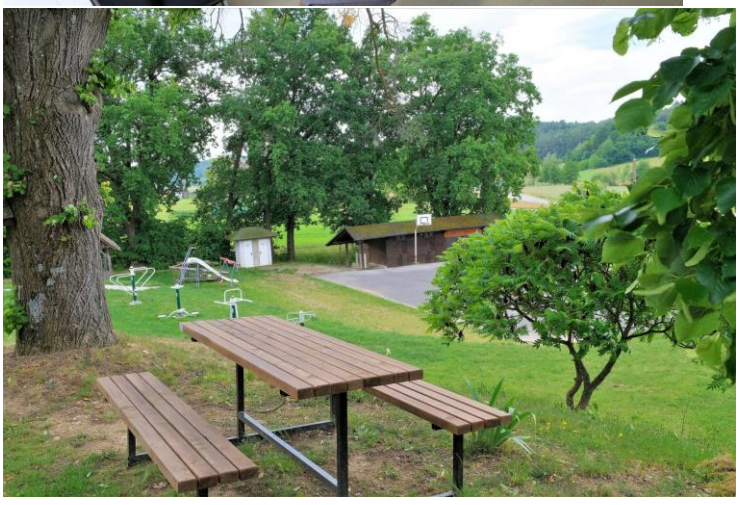
- Sports clothes and swimsuits.
- Towels.
- Typical food for intercultural evening.
- Poster, leaflets, card, videos, typical music… from your country, region, city.
- Info, presentation, material, stickers… from your organization.
- National things (flag, hymn, clothes, music …)
- Camera, laptop and 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!

ACCOMODATION

We will be accommodated in touristic centre Peterloug in Salovci with a lot of nature and sports facilities around.
Inside there are bedrooms with sheets, bathrooms, wi-fi internet.
Participants must bring with them towels.









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SWIMMING DAY IN SPA CENTER TERME 3000, MORAVSKE TOPLICE







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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.
- Participative and active people!
- We will talk about the rules directly at the place.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Every participant MUST have at least EHIC insurance card.
BUT we suggest everyone to have an extra personal insurance for traveling abroad.

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

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