SING ALONG

Seminar on social entrepreneurship and sustainable culture

Dates: 29 March – 1 April 2022

Place: Sofia, Bulgaria

Partner countries: Bulgaria, Italy, Spain, Turkey

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If you received this infopack that means you are one of the young people or music professionals who will participate in the seminar ***Sing Along.***

The following pages contain important information about the activity and the hosting organisation. Please read them carefully.

Should you have any questions, suggestions, problems or proposals, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time:

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About us

Foundation for Entrepreneurship, Culture and Education is an youth and cultural NGO, founded in 2014, based in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Our mission is to promote, assist and support the development of culture, education, innovation and the entrepreneurial qualities of young people and people with fewer opportunities. The organisation promotes freedom of cultural expression, encourages and organises creative initiatives in different fields of art, culture, media and education in an independent and creative nature.

Our vision is to empower different communities and target audiences through arts, culture and education. FECE provides support for the organisation and implementation of cultural events, seminars, research activities and conferences.

About the Music Moving Youth project

Music is an instrument of expression, identity and communication for young people. It is also a tool to promote cultural democratisation and full access to culture.

The European music ecosystem is one of the cultural sectors most affected by the coronavirus crisis. Additional measures are needed to help the sector recover in a sustainable way, adapting to new realities and becoming more resilient.

The use of creativity can help us come up with new initiatives that will allow the music sector and artists to recover from the huge impact of COVID-19. In this context, Music Moving Youth is born as an opportunity to create various initiatives and actions for the exchange of good practices and the development of new competences that will be built on the basis of transnational cooperation between youth and cultural entities.

Sing Along

A seminar aimed at musicians, cultural managers, young people and artists from the music sector.

The objective of the seminar is to offer quality training on social and cultural entrepreneurship as a tool for the recovery and survival of the music sector after the crisis caused by COVID-19.

During the training, non-formal and informal interaction and learning spaces will be formed that will allow the participants to create new scenarios of collaboration and international cooperation in the music sector, as well as establishing personal and organisational relations that allow the exchange of relevant good practices in the sector.

Hosting organisation: FECE
Venue: Hotel Slavyanska Beseda, Sofia, Bulgaria
Dates: 28 March – 2 April (including travel days)
Participants: 20 artists, young people, cultural managers and professionals from four European countries
Participant No: 4 participants + 1 representative of the partner (no age limit)
Language: The activity will be run in English.

Programme of the training

The program includes training modules in which, following the methodology of non-formal education, good practices for the maintenance of musical events in Europe during the pandemic will also be addressed. In this way, once the course is over, the participants will have new knowledge and skills to take advantage of entrepreneurship as an alternative for cultural and musical support. All training content will include the gender perspective and sustainability as cross-cutting content.

The training will be developed with a non-formal methodology that will include sessions of a more theoretical nature, with more practical sessions and experience panels. As a result of the seminar, an entrepreneurship guide applied to the music sector will be prepared.

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
9:30	Welcome and introduction to the training course Ice Breaking Games and expectations	Energizer Panels of experiences on social and cultural entrepreneurship. Learning from ideas already created	Energizer Best musical practices in the adaptation to the new reality derived from COVID-19	Energizer What is sustainable culture? Agenda 2030 and sustainable development goals
11.30	Coffee break			
12:00	What does entrepreneurship mean?	Cultural enterprises	Panel of experiences	Accessible and inclusive music events
13:30	Lunch			
15:00	What is social and cultural entrepreneurship?	Creation of social cooperatives and cultural associations	Cultural tour	Music events with low environmental impact
17:00	Break			Break
17:30	Creativity and innovation in the cultural field	Debate: Copyright		Seedbed of ideas for new music projects funding mechanisms
19:00	Conclusions and evaluation			Youthpass session and evaluation
19:30	Dinner			
	Intercultural night	Guided visit	Free night	Goodbye party

Accommodation and meals

Venue: Sing Along will take place in Hotel Slavyanska Beseda, Sofia, Bulgaria. The hotel is located in the city centre with access to key cultural spots. All rooms (single and double) are air-conditioned and offer a private bathroom.



FECE undertakes accommodation and meal expenses. This includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as coffee breaks. The participants will receive a questionnaire for the indication of their nutritional needs.

<u>Address</u>: 3 Slavyanska Str., Sofia 1000

Arrival and departure

Arrival day: 28.03.2022

Start of the program: 29.03.2022

End of the program: 01.04.2022

Departure day: 02.04.2022

Important note: ALL participants must travel from their home country to Bulgaria. Of course, your flight can include stays in other countries, but your trip must start from and end to your home country

Reimbursement

The organisers with the support of Erasmus+ Programme will cover unit costs of your travel expenses.

Below is a list with the budget including travel costs (per person) for each country:

Spain: 360 EUR

Italy: 275 EUR

Turkey: 275 EUR

***Travel costs from home to the venue of the project and return.

To receive the reimbursement for transportation, please keep ALL original invoices, tickets, boarding passes or any other transport document.

Practicalities

European Health Insurance Card: The card is accepted in every country of the European Union. If you do not possess the card, you can get it easily. You should go to the office recharged with health affairs, and ask for your European Health Card. It is a little blue plastic card, and you can get it free. It is valid in every EU country for 1 year. Alternatively, any other insurance is welcome (organisers are not covering insurance costs).

Insurance: Personal and medical insurance are the responsibility of the individual participant. We will not be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency or personal effects, or any medical costs. We recommend participants to have the European Health Card.

Practicalities

Currency: Bulgaria is still largely a cash economy. Visitors should exchange cash at banks or Change Bureaus. Some Change Bureaus charge commissions on both cash and travellers' check transactions that are not clearly posted. Old, dirty or very worn denomination banknotes are often not accepted at banks or Change Bureaus. The Bulgarian national monetary unit is the Lev (BGN), divided into 100 stotinki. At the present rate of exchange 1 USD is approximately equal to 1,81 BGN, and 1,00 EUR is approximately equal to 1,95 BGN.

Note: We strongly advise you to exchange currency ONLY IN BANKS.The work hours of any bank in Bulgaria are every weekday from 8:00 to 17:00.

Other information

Covid-19 Restrictions:

- **Green certificate** is required to enter public places as restaurants, bars, shopping centres.
- **Masks** are mandatory in indoors.

We will update you regularly on the current Covid-19 restrictions and also on the procedures to enter Bulgaria from abroad.

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Emergency numbers: **SOS number Bulgaria: 112**

No certification or special skills are required, just bring your enthusiasm and live the event in its proper and cheerful mood! We encourage participants to be an active part of this project, embracing responsibility and enjoy the cultural side of this experience!

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact us:

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Bulgaria and for a wonderful seminar!

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