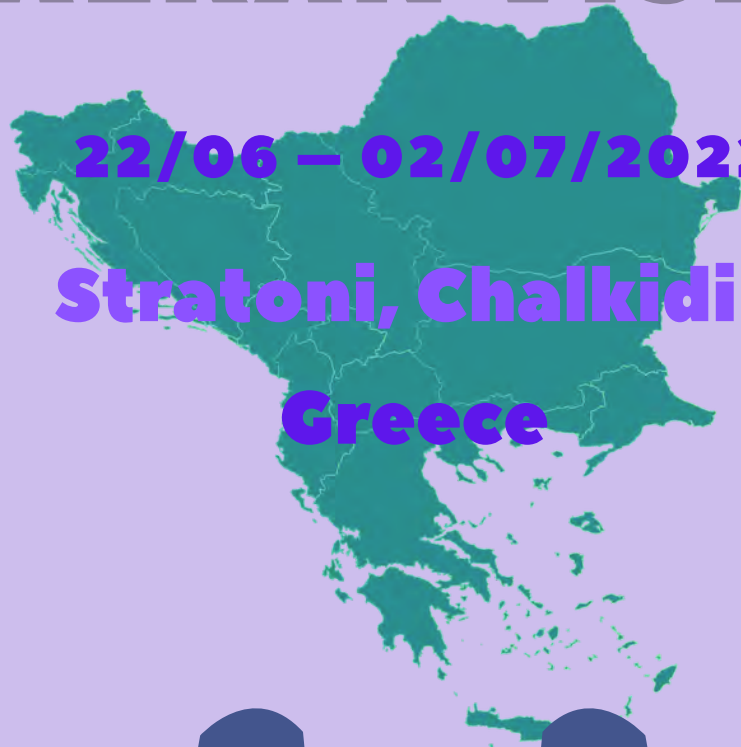




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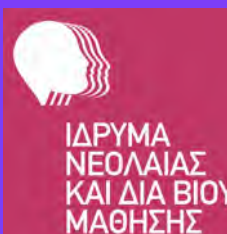
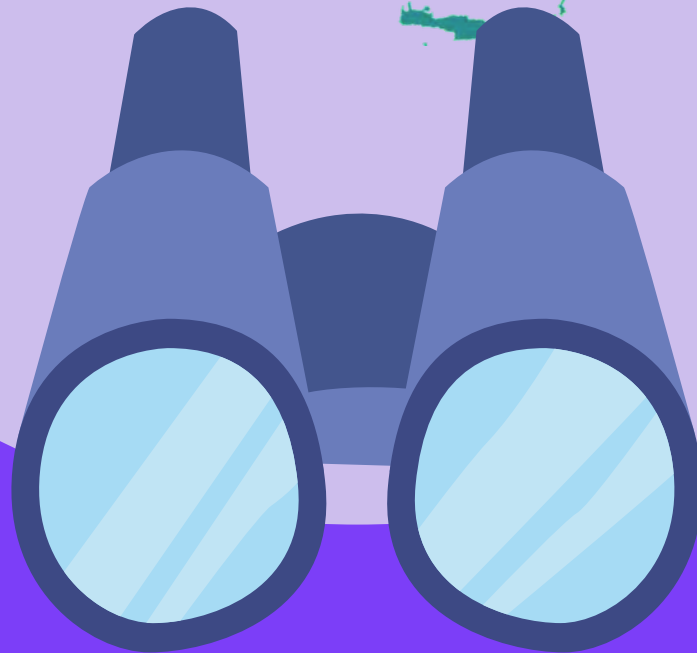
BALKAN VISION



22/06 – 02/07/2022

Stratoni, Chalkidiki

Greece



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WHAT IS THIS TRAINING ABOUT?



In the project, 30 youth workers from 8 countries in Balkans and Europe will participate, with participants from partner organizations in cooperation with USB and organizations which want to build capacity in non-formal education dealing with social issues.



During the 12 days, the participants will be involved in several education activities of formal and non-formal education of intercultural dialogue and human rights in order to acquire new skills and attitudes, and gain new knowledge and experience on how to use these methods in order to break the stereotypes and prejudices among Balkan countries in order to deal with human rights and social issues of Balkans such as xenophobia, nationalism, racism and LGBT.

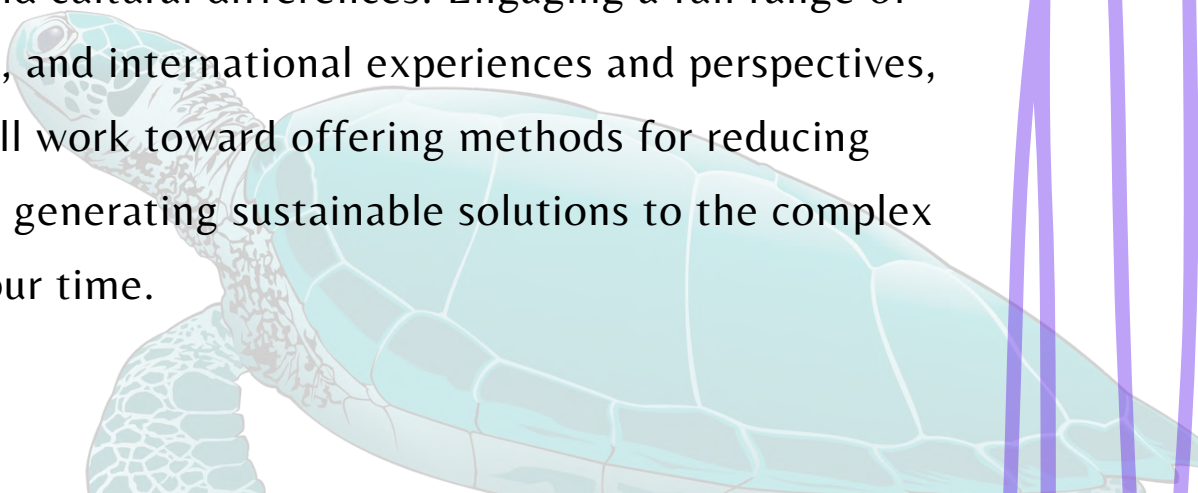


Therefore the main goal of the project will be to enable participants to build knowledge and appreciation of their social, cultural, linguistic and religious diversity, and to enhance the ability to relate to and communicate across cultures. So this project through intercultural learning methods and youth participation will strive to break stereotypes and prejudices, reinforce the networks between Balkan countries and make future plans for collaboration.

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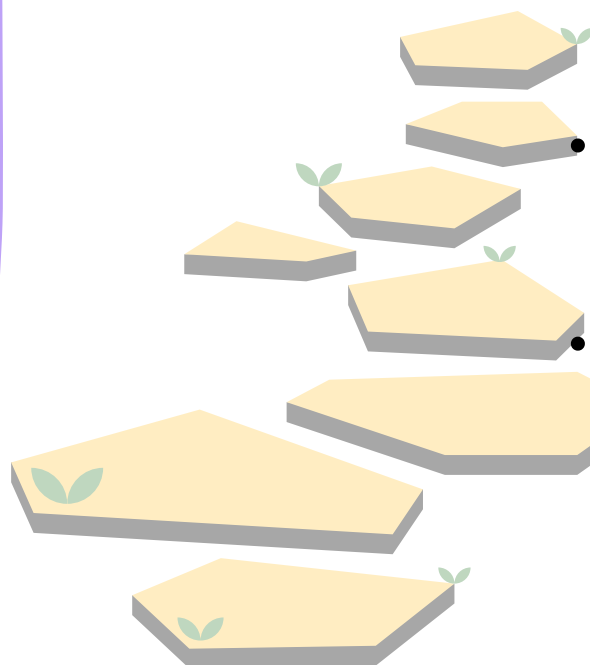
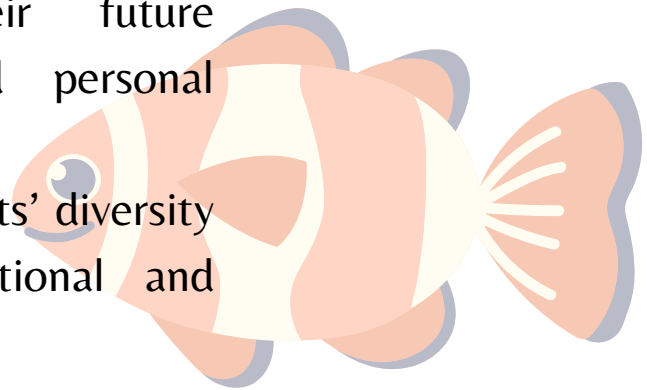
It will create an environment for significant conversations across profound cultural differences. Engaging a full range of local, national, and international experiences and perspectives, the project will work toward offering methods for reducing conflicts, thus generating sustainable solutions to the complex questions of our time.



AIM AND OBJECTIVES

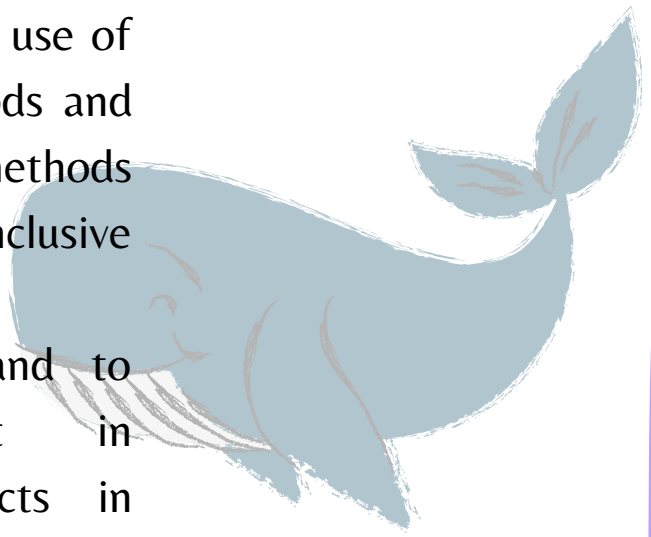


- to enable participants to develop multicultural competencies that will assist them in their future professional, civic, and personal endeavours
- to increase the participants' diversity awareness including national and international perspectives



- to promote peace and foster cooperative attitudes physical - cooperative activities
- to reinforce participants' attitudes and skills in the fight against discrimination

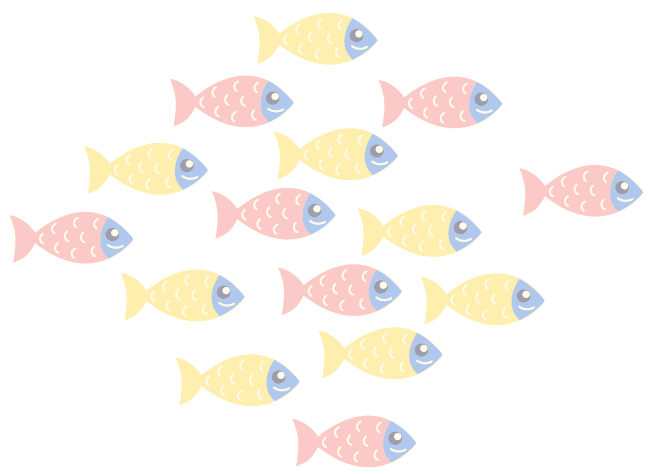
- to develop and improve the use of intercultural learning methods and non-formal educational methods for promoting more inclusive approaches in youth work
- to improve the quality and to increase the interest in international youth projects in South-East Europe



- to reinforce participants in their ability to engage in a dialogue on issues of diversity, inclusiveness, human rights, European citizenship and multiculturalism
- to provide opportunities for participants to practice their diversity skills in multiple settings and to break the stereotypes and prejudices



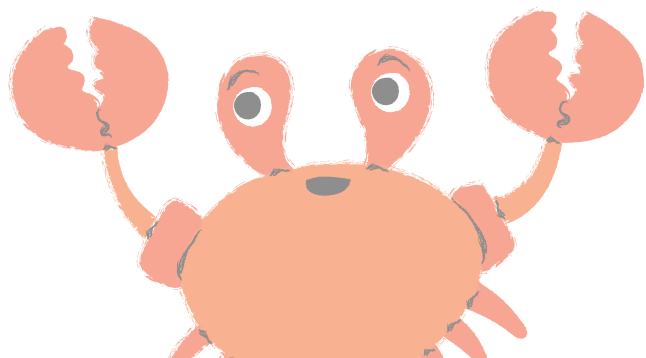
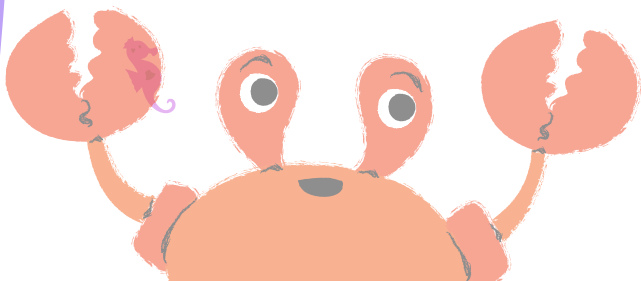
ACTIVITIES



- intercultural learning (fighting prejudices, tolerance, respecting human rights and diversity)
- youth participation (European citizenship, Erasmus plus)
- sharing past experience in implemented projects



- making an action plan and brainstorming ideas for future acti
- non-formal education and informal way of learning, using a set of instruments and methods of experiential learning based on an active and dynamic approach to work, networking





THE HOSTING ORGANISATION

United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Thessaloniki, Greece working in the field of youth mobility, participation and facilitating youth awareness about social issues. It was founded in 2008 by the inception of a group of active young people who wanted to address the social issues which affect the youngsters in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Key areas of the organization's activities concern the defence of human rights, the organization of youth related projects such as youth exchanges and training courses, which can bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, and the organization of local interventions, seminars and multimedia productions.

WHERE AND WHEN

Travel days: 22/06 and 02/07
Working days: 23/06-01/07
Stratoni, Chalkidiki, Greece

Participants will be accommodated in dormitory at the community centre of Stratoni, 50 meters from the sea, in mixed gender rooms. They will be also responsible for cleaning their space, as well as the common areas (e.c. shared bathrooms).

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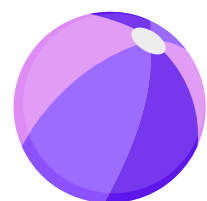
We will organize a group pick up by private bus from Thessaloniki to Stratoni on the afternoon of the day of arrival, depending on the time of the arrival of all participants. The same bus will take you from Stratoni to Thessaloniki in the morning of the departure day.



ACCOMMO DATION



Do not forget to bring summer clothes, your swimwear and your positive energy!



WELCOME TO STRATONI!

Stratoni is a large coastal village in northern Halkidiki which is 66 km away from Polygyros and 100km from Thessaloniki. The village is an alternative destination with great interest for exploration, The central area has beautiful beaches and gorgeous landscapes.

The main temple is dedicated to St. Barbara. There are also two chapels, Saint Nicholas and Saint Theodore. In the settlement there is a medical office, a kindergarten, a Primary School, a High School, a pharmacy and supermarket.



Stratoni is located close to famous destinations of Chalkidiki, such as "Mount Athos", "Amouliani Island" and Polygiros. Close to Stratoni is located also a beautiful village called "Olympiada" which belongs to the Municipality of Aristotle.

**WELCOME TO
STRATONI!**



ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation will take place in big rooms of 8 - 10 people according to the gender of the participants. All rooms have an air conditioner, and single or bunk beds.



The building is quite sensitive to noise coming from the inside (echoing), meaning that silence during quiet hours will be necessary to respect all sleeping schedules. The beach is right across (10 meters) away from the accommodation.

Bathrooms will be shared according to gender. You will need to bring/use your own personal towels and shampoo, and to have in mind that you cannot use a washing machine.





TRAVEL BUDGET



FOOD

Participants are going to receive their 3 meals per day in local restaurants, having the opportunity to try greek traditional dishes. Moreover, they will inform us before the project about their diet preferences or allergies.

Greece (20€)
North Macedonia (180€)
Bulgaria (180€)
Italy(275€)

Romania(275€)
Turkey(275€)
Serbia(180€)
Albania(180€)



INTERCULTURAL EVENING

Please bring with you some local products (drinks, food), dances or themes to present your culture. Try to present it in a non-formal way and BE CREATIVE!

**PLEASE BRING COMFORTABLE
CLOTHING AND SNEAKERS
WITH YOU :D**

IMPORTANT INFO

Participants profile



Participants from partner organizations which want to build capacity on non-formal education dealing with social issues.

- **3 participants from Italy, Bulgaria, Turkey, Serbia, Albania, North Macedonia and Romania**
- **3 participants from Greece**

Travel Arrangements



Participants are expected to make the cheapest travel arrangements available to Thessaloniki. Travel costs will be reimbursed until the budget limit, set by the Erasmus+ Programme, based on real costs of the tickets. Reimbursement will be done by bank transfer only after all participants send their original boarding passes, receipts, invoices and tickets to the organisers by post and via e-mail (original & scanned versions) to finance@usbngo.gr. So try to be responsible!

All participants are going to receive the Youthpass Certificate after the implementation of the project (<https://www.youthpass.eu/en/>).

FURTHER INFO AND CONTACTS

More info as well as the activities programme will be given to the selected participants.



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