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TWO SIDES OF THE
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INFOPACK



THE PROJECT-BACKGROUND

We all have memories. But when we think about how we got them, we usually find an answer in words such as “home”, “family”, “school”, “friends”; and in most of cases they are in correlation with some “place” – a place we lived in, streets we used to walk through and faces we used to see in these places. All together, we are given a feeling of certainty and comfort when revoking these memories. But – what would happen if all of these would have to be left behind? What would it feel like to be forced to leave? Would there still be memories, would they fade away, or would they be simply erased; and moreover – how to continue this only thing one could bring –bear life?

Over the years, the issue of minorities is becoming more and more concerning. Due to many unexpected conditions, such as warfare, political instability and natural disasters, the number of people who are facing the frightening reality of being displaced is constantly growing. According to the latest UNHCR statistics, 65.3 million people around the world have been forced from their homes. Among them are nearly 21.3 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18. 51% of displaced people are children. If we want to face the reality right at this moment, nearly 1 in 100 people worldwide are now displaced from their homes and about 34,000 are forcibly displaced every day, fleeing their homes in fear, arriving in a new country with nothing but their lives. In our country, it started to increase with the effect of the sudden migration (nearly 4,5 million Syrian refugees) and continued with the underlying poverty, inadequate income and social aids, unemployment, urban transformation, the transformation of the market, the changes in family structures. And these structural problems caused the process of “social exclusion” are becoming a significant matter that requires an immediate solution.

In this context, Erasmus+ Programme provides efficient tools for the youth sector, which can encourage and provide technical/methodological/financial support for migrants as they design their own solutions for the issue. This training course wants to discuss the main issues and challenges in fostering inclusion of migrants and refugees. Exploring the role of the youth worker in this process, raising awareness on the topic towards young people, exchange of good practices and tools/methods are some of the themes we will tackle during this training course.

OBJECTIVES AND LEARNING OUTCOMES

The objectives and learning outcomes of the youth exchange may be summarised as follows:

- to present deeper information on the basic concepts and existing context related to migration and refugees in Europe.
- to increase knowledge and awareness of the participants on contemporary problems and challenges related to be migrants and refugees.
- to provide information on how to use project-based methodologies for analysing the problems of refugees/ migrants and developing targeted solutions.
- to provide information on how to use Erasmus + Programme for innovative and project-based solutions on the issue of migration.
- to explore the role(s) of a youth worker in the inclusion process of refugees and migrants and in the process of raising awareness
- to equip youth workers with effective tools and methods for trainings and activities on young refugees and migrants
- to improve youth organizations’ capacity to work for/with migrants and refugees.
- to develop Europe-wide partnerships for further Erasmus + projects of the youth sector related to migration, migrants and refugees.

What activities do you plan to implement?

Project will bring 40 youth workers from European countries (Turkey, Germany, Netherland, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Poland and North Macedonia), representing local, national or international organizations in 8th-16th of October 2022 in Ankara, Turkey. Each partner will be involved in the project with 4 participants.

The training course will be based on the principles and practices of non-formal education: using a learner centred approach and active and interactive methods. Participants will be responsible for planning and running workshops on minorities' issues so that they become responsible for their own learning process. After going through an experimental learning experience, they should be motivated and inspired for generating new learning experiences at international level.

During the course, they will share their good practices, test tools and methods, analyse and produce common materials to be used by youth workers in different activities.

What is the profile of the participants involved?

Each partner will be involved in the project with 4 participants. There will be two different participant profiles in the project;

1) Youth workers who are part of organizations active in the field of social inclusion of migrants and refugees. The first participant group will be aged between 20-35 based on the assumption that the individuals in this age group will be the most dynamic and successful in communication with refugees or migrants youngsters. Also, this age group is said to be more open to innovative learning process and to putting their knowledge into immediate action. A priority will be given to the youth workers who recently finished their academical studies in order to engage them into long-term social inclusion projects by expanding their competences and network. An agreement has been made with the partners regarding to the gender balance of the participants that will take part in the project.

2) The second participants group will be migrants and refugees or descendants from migrants or refugee families; people belonging to a national or ethnic minority; experiencing cultural adaptation problems and financial difficulties.

TRAVEL GRANTS

Allocated to each participating country according to the EU Distance Calculator:

In accordance with the Erasmus+ Programme and Distance Calculator (http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmusplus/tools/distance_en.htm), travel expenses will be reimbursed up to the amounts specified (door-to-door/return ticket) via bank transfer, within one month of receipt of the boarding passes and tickets invoices, which should be sent via registered email to the Administrative Department of the coordinating organisation.

TRAVEL TIME: maximum 1 day (1/2 day + 1/2 day). Please keep all the original tickets and copies until the reimbursement has been made!

GENERAL TERMS

The working language for all the project's activities is ENGLISH. This project is financed by the Erasmus+ Youth Programme (project no: 2021-1-TR01-KA153-YOU-000034164).

THERE IS NO PARTICIPATION FEE



Being involved in the training course means that accommodation and lodging (breakfast / lunch / dinner) will be 100% covered by the host organisation.

WHAT TO PACK/BRING

There are a number of things we would like you to bring, for the Youth Exchange and for the Training Course programmes as well as the informal moments in Ankara. They are all equally important, so please do not just read through the list but actually bring it all along with you:



Some examples of youth work and active participation from your country / local contexts and materials (posters, leaflets, photos, magazines, podcasts, videos, songs,):



Comfortable clothes, suitable for the time of year, and for both indoor and outdoor physical activities;



A typical taste (foodstuff) of your town/region and the story associated with it (we will share the stories and taste the food/drink – non-alcoholic- during the shared intercultural evenings);



Your European Health Card or insurance certificate

NOTE: Each bed is provided with towels, pillows and sheets so you do not need to bring them!

HOW TO GET THERE

The journeys from each participant's home city to Ankara will be organised by the partner organisations in cooperation with MIGARTS.

ACCOMODATION

Accommodation will take place in Akar International Hotel (<https://akar-international.centralanatoliahotels.com/tr/>) which is situated in the city centre of Ankara, with double rooms, inside and outside spaces for the training activities and free time. The service quality, food and accommodation will satisfy the needs of participants and project activities. Except in case of trips and visits, the meals will be served in the hotel. Special needs of participants will be asked beforehand and try to satisfy all the needs in frame of the project.



Lausanne Park

TENNIS,
BASKETBALL,
ARCHERY,
EXERCISE
INSTRUMENTS,
RUNWAYS, PICNIC,
CYCLING



Ahlatlibel Ataturk Park

Go-kart track, Running
and walking tracks, Golf
course, Kite facilities,
Pets walking area,
Bicycle path, Picnic area,
Cafeterias, Outdoor
sports garden with many
fitness equipment

Youth Park

Fun fair,
cultural and
artistic activities,
(opera - theater)





Dikmen Valley

Photography,
hiking,
relaxation



Mogan Park

Picnic areas, a marina island reached by suspension bridges, wooden coastal road, jogging and pedestrian paths, children's playgrounds, a playground for disabled children, a running track with a station, 3 tennis courts, 2 mini football fields and basketball courts.



Wonderland

Go-Kart, Skateboarding Track, Model Ship Floating Area, Model Aircraft Track, Model Car Track, Carpet Fields, Basket Fields, Mini Golf Fields, Table Tennis Fields, Tennis Courts, Theater



PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

ASOCIACIJA TAVO EUROPA – LITHUANIA

Tavo Europa is more than just another NGO working on the development of society by making those choices. It is a platform that gathers youth and different kind of experts who work together. We are home for the knowledge-hungry professionals that deeply care about their job, about career development and about youth. This is a safe place where non-formal education methods meet different environments and miracles really begin to happen. Teachers, trainers, instructors, researchers, activists and youth leaders gather together to make *the* choice – bring a positive change, while giving floor to youth and helping them advance their major skills.

ASOCIATIA TINERILOR CU INITIATIVA CIVICA – ROMANIA

Asociația Tinerilor cu Inițiativa Civică (Association of Youth with Civic Initiative) is a youth organization, apolitical, NGO that aims to drive the development of the Romanian society attracting young people towards active citizenship and promoting the local and national cultural values. A.T.I.C. was established in 2016 in Galați by a group of young people in order to contribute to the social and personal development of local youth. They are active in our community-working with children and youth from placement homes, poor families, unemployed and facing other social problems.

KYTTARO ENALLAKTIKON ANAZITISEON NEAON KEAN – GREECE

“KEAN” was founded in 2005 in Athens, Greece aiming the development and implementation of humanitarian programs for the protection of the social and physical environment. Its ultimate goal is upgrading the lives of young people and vulnerable social groups, combating social exclusion and poverty, promoting a better organized society with respect for human rights and the environment and promoting volunteering spirit and familiarity with the new technologies. It is a non-profit association, a legally constituted organization founded by natural persons and operating independently of any government and which expressly prohibits the distribution of any profit.

STOWARZYSZENIE SZTUKATER – POLAND

Sztukater's main goals are promotion of arts and culture, organizing educational and cultural events, propagation of cultural, ethnic and sexual diversity, building ecological awareness, advocating human rights, and prevention of social exclusion. Association includes methodologists, school teachers, and people responsible for externally funded projects (e.g. the European Social Fund, Deutsch-Polnisches Jugendwerk, Youth in Action, Erasmus+). It is their experience that helps us realize our statute. The Association actively participates in international projects, since year 2014 Sztukater Association has been a partner in around 30 realized projects. They develop the young person the passion to help others and discover the beauty of Europe.

INTERNATIONALE ARBEIDSVERENIGING- NETHERLANDS

Internationale Arbeidsvereniging (International Labour Association) is a non-governmental and nonprofit organization, which provides mechanisms to allow knowledge and experience transfer among countries and sectors in the fields of entrepreneurship, volunteerism, youth work and rural development. Its mission is by carrying out training, research and consultation activities, to be a pioneer institution on developing national and international policy for solving problems on work and employment in the light of academic and technologic developments.

SDRUZHENIE WALK TOGETHER– BULGARIA

Association WalkTogether (WT) is created in 2013 to serves as a learning organization that gathers trainers, youth and adult learner, social workers, youth policy makers, experts, and volunteers with different levels of competences to actively be involved in the creation of civic activities with European dimension and with benefits for their local community. Walktogether works with people coming from migrant and ethnic backgrounds in schools and we are part of the National School Network and teach non - formal education in secondary school as an extracurricular activity.

CET PLATFORMA SKOPJE- THE REPUBLIC OF NORTH MACEDONIA

CET platforma Skopje is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental association of citizens with mission to: strengthen civil society on local, national and European level, promote and protect the human rights, perform activities which encourage moral and civic values, strengthen inter-ethnic relations, empower youth in society, advocate for social inclusion of vulnerable groups, promote non-formal education and offer support, education, training and mobility opportunities to young people

INSTITUT FÜR SOZIALPÄDAGOGISCHE FORSCHUNG MAINZ EV-VEREIN ZUR INNOVATION UND EVALUATION VON SOZIALER ARBEIT UND SOZIALPOLITIK ISM EV – GERMANY

Ism e.V. – institute for social pedagogic research – is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) and provides consultancy for public authorities, NGOs and enterprises. ISM looks at a more than 25-year-old experiences in project management, basic research and evaluation to the most varied sociopolitical subject fields on behalf of federal state authorities and federal authorities, local authorities, welfare associations, non-profit organization and foundations.