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TRAINING COURSE “WHERE INNOVATION MEETS TRADITION“

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The subject of the training course is the use of STEM tools in youth work related to topics of ecology and agriculture. Participants will have the opportunity to explore STEM perspectives from different industries and learn how to implement them in their youth work. They will have the opportunity to learn to design their own stem lessons for young people, visit local areas where agriculture takes place using STEM tools.

The **specific objectives** of the project are:

- Improved knowledge about STEM and innovations in industry
- Improved knowledge on various STEM activities for young people
- Improved knowledge on agriculture and farming technologies
- Enhanced ability to design AgroSTEM curriculum/lesson and implement it in practice
- Improved ability to motivate and engage students in AgroSTEM learning
- Working on case studies and guidelines
- Learning about STEM lesson connected to farming, agriculture, ecology
- Knowledge about basic farming technologies and practices
- Knowledge about digital tools to use in STEM lessons
- Knowledge about traditional farming problems and how to solve it
- Intercultural awareness of the participants and their sense of a common European identity;
- Knowledge of Erasmus+ program and Youthpass certificate.

TRAINING COURSE OVERVIEW

Category	Data
Name of the project:	Where innovation meets tradition
Type:	Erasmus+ KA1, Youth Exchange (accredited projects)
Dates of main activity:	08.05. – 16.05.2023. (8 th and 16 th are travel days)
Project venue:	Pelješac, Croatia
Number of participants:	3 participants per country (Youth workers, Youth leaders, Volunteering mentors, Youth coaches)
Age limit:	18 - 30
Participating countries	EU Programme countries, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia

TIMETABLE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	
8.00 – 9.00	ARRIVALS	BREAKFAST								DEPARTURES
10.00 – 11.30		Getting to know each other	Theory – agriculture technology	Theory - Sustainable farming practices	Theory - Identify problems of traditional farming	Free morning	Digital Agriculture?	Case studies - fishbowl		
11.30 – 12.00		COFFEE BREAK								
12.00 – 13.30		Introduction to the project	STEM fundamentals and objectives	Flipped classroom	Problem solving with experiments	Practical farming skills - local	How can I use gained knowledge & tools in practice?	Case studies - fishbowl		
13.30 – 15.00		LUNCH								
15.00 – 16.30		Erasmus+ Programme Youthpass	Design your own STEM lesson	Local visit	Local visit	Practical farming skills - local	Gamification	Youthpass & Evaluation		
16.30 – 17.00		COFFEE BREAK								
17.00 – 18.30		Team building	Networking activity	Local visit	Self Reflection & Team Building	TBA	TBA	Closure		
18.30 – 19.00		REFLECTION								
19.00		DINNER								

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

10 – 99 km		23 EUR
100 – 499 km	210 EUR	180 EUR
500 – 1999 km	320 EUR	275 EUR
2000 - 2999 km	410 EUR	360 EUR

IMPORTANT

Accommodation premises will be ready on your day of arrival at **17.00 h** (check in time). Please schedule your arrival accordingly.

TRAVEL

Travel expenses of the participants are covered in line with Erasmus+ Programme rules and European distance calculator.

(https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en)

Please keep **originals of the travel tickets and boarding passes**, as without such documents we will not be able to make the reimbursement.

Reimbursement of travel expenses for the participants will be carried out through bank transfers (to the account of sending organization / group leader) after the main activity, upon collecting all relevant documentation.

The costs will be reimbursed ONLY if you take part in ALL of the activities foreseen within the project.

IMPORTANT

This project fully implements a practice of **GREEN TRAVEL**, in line with priorities set within Erasmus+ Programme guide for 2021. – 2027. Green travel is defined as **the travel that uses low-emissions means of transport for the main part of the travel**, such as bus or train.

Therefore, participants should travel either by **BUS, TRAIN or CAR POOLING**.

Reimbursement framework:

DISTANCE	GREEN TRAVEL	STANDARD TRAVEL
10 – 99 km		23 EUR
100 – 499 km	210 EUR	180 EUR
500 – 1999 km	320 EUR	275 EUR
2000 - 2999 km	410 EUR	360 EUR

Distance should be calculated by using the European **Distance Calculator** (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en) for each of the participants individually.

We kindly ask all of the participants to **calculate their travel distance in advance (prior to buying tickets), as in case if they fall within lower travel distance (e.g. between 100 and 499 km) their travel limit is lower.**

Please consult us before buying any tickets!

IMPORTANT

It is important to obtain travel insurance for the full duration of the project, including travel days.

COVID-19 RELATED EXPENSES

Before making travel arrangements and departing to the project venue, please make sure to check the current COVID-19 related measures necessary to cross the border. If needed, each participant has to arrange individually their process of obtaining:

- certificate of vaccination, or
- certificate showing that you have recovered from COVID-19 and have received one dose of vaccine, or
- negative COVID-19 test to enter Croatia as well as to return back to their sending country.

Important information related to entrance to Croatia can be found here: <https://entercroatia.mup.hr/>

COVID-19 tests can be reimbursed **up to 200 EUR per participant** (maximum full amount, not per test >> if the participant needs to obtain 2 negative tests for the departure and return, the overall amount that can be reimbursed is 200 EUR) in accordance with the approved project budget.

IMPORTANT

If the participants are staying after the project (based on their own arrangement), the organizer **will not be able to arrange their departure COVID-19 test.**

SAFETY & RISK-PREVENTION

IMPORTANT

In order to protect themselves and others, it is necessary that participants pay attention to the prescribed safety measures:

- Everyone should wear a mask in public settings, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain;
- In closed spaces it is recommended to wear a mask and maintain physical distance;
- In open spaces it is necessary to maintain the required physical distance;
- It is necessary to cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing;
- It is necessary to wash hands often after being in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

The host will take all necessary preventive measures in accordance with the current epidemiological situation caused by the COVID-19 virus.

VENUE

PELJEŠAC, OREBIĆ - BORJE



Orebić is a port town and municipality in the Dubrovnik-Neretva county in Croatia. It is located on the Pelješac peninsula on the Dalmatian coast. Orebić is directly across a strait from the town of **Korčula**, located on the island of the same name. Ferries service the two towns frequently. Orebić is 112 km (70 mi) from Dubrovnik.

When it comes to things to do in Orebić, the main attractions of this town are the famous Trstenica Beach, the Maritime Museum, the Franciscan Monastery of Our Lady of Angels, Captain's Cemetery and Mount St. Elijah (Sveti Ilija).

There is something else that makes Orebić special and that is a scenic view of the mountains rising above the sea. The town is located at the foot of **Mount Saint Elijah**, which is 961 meters high. Legend says that the summit was once called Perunovo Brdo (Perun's Mountain), after the name of the old Slavic god Perun, the master of thunders.

If you come to the Pelješac Peninsula by land, the first thing you'll see is **the medieval town of Ston** and its impressive fortifications which are called the "Great Wall of Europe". An interesting fact is that they are the longest defensive walls in Europe and the second-longest in the world, after the Great Wall of China.

You need to try local food: fish brodet, dried figs, oysters, quality wine, macaroni cake, fritters or croquettes.

HOW TO REACH OREBIĆ?

If you are traveling by airplane, the closest airports are Split airport (169 km) and Dubrovnik airport (113 km). From Split or Dubrovnik airport, it is necessary first to take a shuttle bus to Split / Dubrovnik main bus station.

From bus stations in Split in Dubrovnik there are direct bus lines to **Orebić**.

A member of our staff will pick you up at the bus station in **Orebić** and take you by car to your final destination (project venue) in **Borje**.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET TO BRING!

- Personal medication;
- Identification documents (ID, passport, visa, etc.);
- Health/travel insurance;
- Travel tickets and boarding passes (originals);
- Towel;
- Warm and light clothes (climate is changing in May, through day is usually 20 degrees, but at night it can be around 10 degrees); clothes for outdoor activities; workshop clothes.

It is necessary that every participant acquires health/travel insurance at their own expense for the whole duration of the exchange.

Also, please get a valid EU healthcare insurance card (if applicable):

- if you're an EU citizen, you have the right on free health insurance that gives you access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare;
- **European Health Insurance Card** info - <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>)

Official currency in Croatia is **Euro**.

(InforEuro - http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/index_en.cfm)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

All important contact numbers and information on safety procedures will be placed **in visible places at the project venue** and **introduced to participants at the beginning of the main project activity**. Some of the most important telephone numbers in Croatia are listed below.

Risk prevention measures shaped in the form of questions and recommendations are part of the Information Package, Application form and Partner Agreement and refer to health insurance, traveling, intercultural and linguistic preparation, special food and medical requirements, etc.

- (+385) 112 – emergency number
- (+385) 192 – police
- (+385) 193 – fire brigade
- (+385) 194 – ambulance
- (+385) 195 – search and rescue at the sea
- (+385) 1987 – road assistance
- (+385) 1 4640 800- HAK (Croatian automobile club)
- (+385) 11888 – telephone directory
- (+385) 18166 – weather forecast
- (+385) 18981 – general information
- (+385) 11802 – international telephone directory

PREPARATION

INTERCULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC PREPARATION

Croatia (krouˈeɪfə/ kroh-ay-shə; Croatian: Hrvatska [xř̩ʋaːtskaː]), officially the Republic of Croatia (Croatian: Republika Hrvatska), is a sovereign state between Central Europe, Southeast Europe, and the Mediterranean.

Its capital city is Zagreb, which forms one of the country's primary subdivisions, along with its twenty counties. Croatia covers 56,594 square kilometers (21,851 square miles) and has diverse, mostly continental and Mediterranean climates. Croatia's Adriatic Sea coast contains more than a thousand islands.

The country's population is 3.87 million. The official language is Croatian.

Useful links containing useful Croatian phrases (some with audio)

<http://www.Learn-Croatian.com>

<http://www.visit-croatia.co.uk/croatianfortravellers/>

<http://www.hr/hrvatska/language/>

http://www.everything2.com/index.pl?node_id=1355876

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix/croatian.shtml>

http://www.linguanaut.com/english_croatian.htm

http://wikitravel.org/en/Croatian_phrasebook

Travel blog with useful information and fun random facts about Croatia

<https://www.chasingthedonkey.com>

YOUTHPASS

Youthpass is a tool to document and recognise learning outcomes from youth work activities. It is available for projects funded by Erasmus+: Youth in Action (2014-2020) and Youth in Action (2007-2013) programmes. It is a part of the European Commission's strategy that supports the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and outcomes.

While creating their Youthpass certificate together with a support person, project participants are given the possibility to describe what they have done in their project and which competences they have acquired. The certificate can be helpful in obtaining jobs and improving career progress since it can easily be attached to one's CV and serve as a proof of professional development.

8 Key competences for Lifelong Learning evaluated by Youthpass are:

- a. Communication in the mother tongue
- b. Communication in foreign languages
- c. Mathematical competence and basic competences in science and technology
- d. Digital competence
- e. Learning to learn
- f. Social and civic competences
- g. Sense of initiative and entrepreneurship and
- h. Cultural awareness and expression

The participants of this project have a right to obtain their Youthpass certificates at the end of the main activity.

ORGANIZER

POZITIVA SAMOBOR (CROATIA)

Pozitiva Samobor is an association, a non-governmental organization established in 2011. with the main aim to design programs for developing skills of young people, discover their talents as well as to teach them to take actions and responsibilities. We want to provide youth with adequate tools and motivation to activate their minds and bodies in order to become great leaders of 21st century.

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