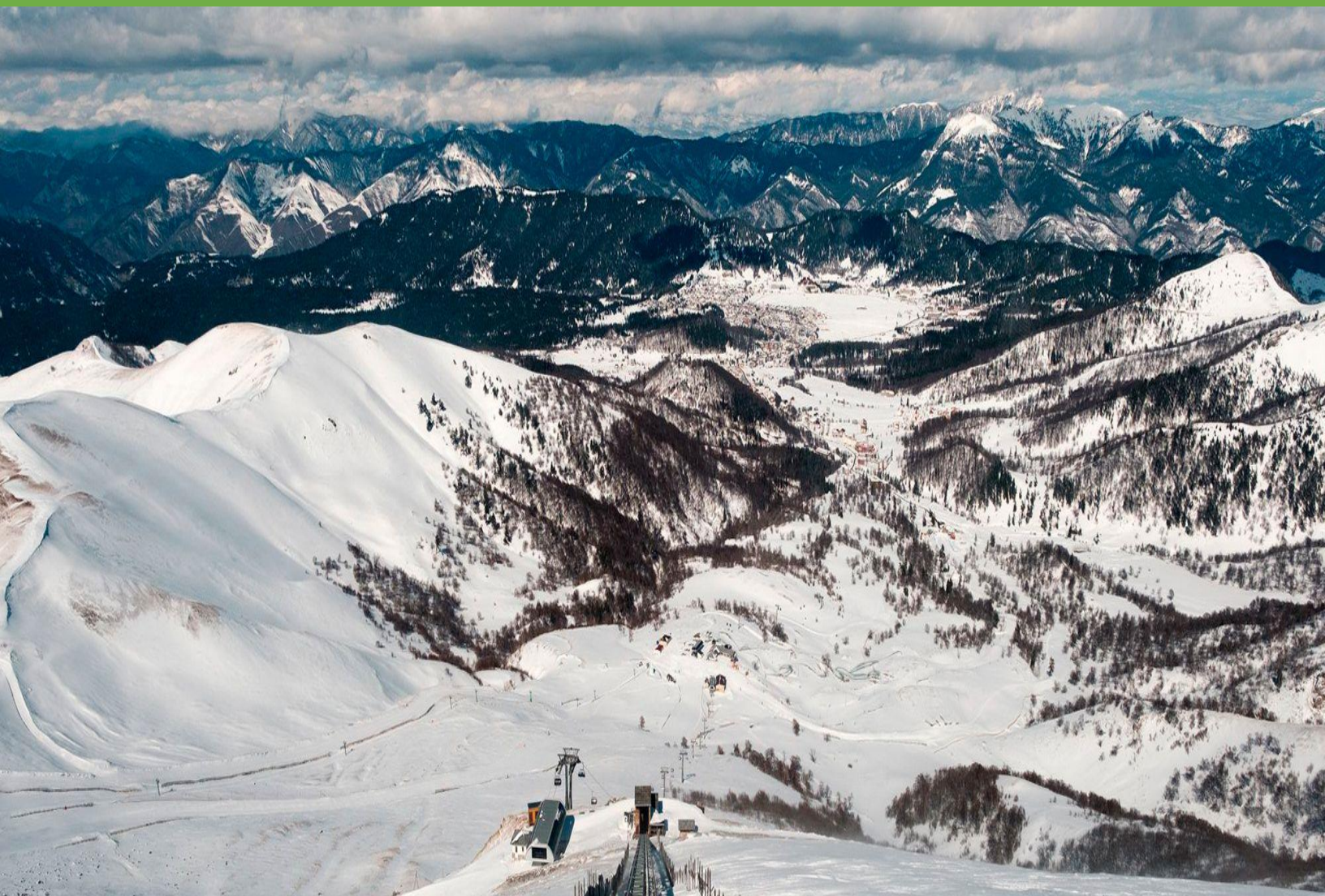


INFO-PACK TC THE "RURAL" SKY'S THE LIMIT 4 YOUTH WORK





21 – 30 OCTOBER 2019

BAKURIANI, GEORGIA



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ABOUT BAKURIANI:

Located at 1,700 m in the Borjomi region of Georgia, Bakuriani is nestled in the shadows of the breathtaking Caucasus Mountains, only a three-hour drive from Tbilisi. Home to dozens of alpine slopes and cross-country trails, it offers some of the most spectacular skiing and snowboarding in Europe.

Originally developed as an Olympic training facility, unsurprisingly, Bakuriani is Georgia's most popular winter sports and recreation destination. Enjoy the downhill ski runs, cross-country trails, horseback tours, sledding or simply take long walks through beautiful snowy forests.

Weather in Bakuriani is generally favorable with most precipitation occurring during the ski season. Temperatures in summer can reach highs of 25 degrees with lows of around 15 degrees. Highs in winter may vary but are usually between 0 and 5 degrees.

Bakuriani is an annual pilgrimage destination for those seeking refuge from intense Caucasian summer weather. The dense coniferous forest surrounding the resort is home to spruce and other species of trees which emit therapeutic particulates known for healing respiratory ailments and boosting immunity. Tourist activities include horse riding, mountain biking, hiking, and fishing.

Bakuriani attracts lovers of hiking, trekking and climbing in late summer and autumn. Easier single day routes include Mount Kokhta (2,155 m), and the climb up to Sekvelomta towards Lake Tabastkuri. Attractions along the way such as the 11th century Timotesubani monastic complex, and mineral springs at Mitabari.

Lake Tabastkuri is an ideal fishing spot just outside Bakuriani between Borjomi and Akhaltsikhe. The volcanic lake's deep blue waters are stocked with trout, carp and barbell. The surrounding lunar landscape is equally impressive and is a favorite day camping spot in warm summer months.

Longer routes move down along the Borjomi Gorge where you can find the village of Daba with a mysterious chapel hidden inside a large cave. Nearby is an ancient yew said to be over 2000 years old. Mineral springs with healing properties in the small village of Tsagver are in close proximity.

Tatra is a favorite hike for those in the know. The trek up the hill provides some of the best vantages for photography in Bakuriani. The panorama is unique and the diverse morphology of the area is apparent when viewed from several scenic overlooks. Hikers also enjoy exploring the abandoned ruins of a soviet spa camp at the top of the bluff where it is rumored that mystical voices of the past are heard in the wind late in the day. Some visitors skip the hike altogether and rent an ATV from a kiosk next to Joyland Park.



Transport in and around Bakuriani is as convenient as in the rest of Georgia. Bakuriani is a small resort village and travel by foot is the most popular means. Bicycle and ATV rental is affordable and easy to find in the town center.

Taxis are less frequently hailed but easily ordered by phone for slightly cheaper.

Coaches arrive from all major hubs: Tbilisi, Gori, Batumi, Kutaisi, Borjomi, and Zugdidi.

The Kukushka tramway, often jokingly referred to as the “Cuckoo Train”, travels a scenic mountain route which departs from Borjomi once daily.

Tbilisi, Batumi and Kutaisi airports are the closest ports of entry for air travel when visiting Bakuriani..

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

Our project serves the idea to train and develop youth workers based in rural areas, increase their awareness, international connections, working capacity and methods.

So we strongly believe our project will play an important role in creating an added value for better inclusion of local youth and partner organizations beneficiaries, community development of participating countries and areas around our organizations are established.

During our project we want to gain a better understanding of the Erasmus+ Programme, to experience intercultural learning, to define the role of a youth worker, to provide the knowledge to rural youth workers, to draft the action plan how to use gained knowledge at a local and international and to create a supportive toolkit for youth workers how to develop their working proficiency



21st of October Is ARRIVAL DAY - 30th of October is DEPARTURE DAY



PARTICIPANTS:

- In this project there will be involved **4 participants** from each country
(Except Ireland – 5 Participants, Georgia – 5 participants)



Participant has to be active youth worker on local level but not experienced in Erasmus + or in other international projects – project is for new comers in programme.



AGE Limits: Lower age limit: 22 Years Old Upper age limit: there is no limit



Each country group must strictly keep a gender balance for participants.

A participant can be a person, if and only if she/he:

- is strongly interested in RURAL YOUTH WORK topic and wants to work in multicultural environment;
- are ready to be actively and fully involved during the whole project
- who can communicate in English well.
- is ready to fulfill a given TASK FOR A PARTICIPANT (If any)
- is ready afterward of the project to share gained experience among youngsters in his/her community;



Each participant has to fill in a google doc **APPLICATION FORM** as soon as being selected:

<https://forms.gle/soHaXmaNqTSizRYn8>



Add yourself to FB Group: -

to the rural sky's the limit 4 youth work -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/895744337445951/>



HEALTH INSURANCE

It is a mandatory requirement for all participants to provide their own health insurance.

This should cover you for the full duration of your time in Georgia. Insurance is not refundable.

TRAVELING

We will send you an excel document “Travel Plan for Confirmation”

Before buying the tickets, you must fill in that excel providing all details of your TRAVEL PLAN and send us for verification and approval to email:

tcyecomunications@gmail.com

Subject of email must be: “Travel Plan for Confirmation”

Any ticket purchased without confirmation will not be reimbursed.

(If you have not received that excel by chance please write us on above mentioned email)



TRAVEL BUDGET:

Slovakia – 360 EUR

TRAVEL

- If you want to explore Georgia, you are allowed to arrive maximum 2 days before and or depart maximum 2 days after the project dates.
- In case you decide to use that extra time, bear in mind that all kind of costs you may need will be on your own.
- If your stay is longer than 2 days before and after the project, we are NOT able to reimburse your travel costs.

CONDITIONS OF REIMBURSEMENT

- 1) WE WILL REIMBURSE YOUR FLIGHT TRAVEL COSTS IF YOU HAVE DIGITAL BOARDING PASSES, SO DO CHECK-INS FOR EVERY SINGLE OF YOUR FLIGHTS ONLINE!

On the project you will have possibility to do check-ins and print them for your flights from Georgia, as regards flights to Georgia you have to do online check-ins at your home country and as soon as you have them SEND TO OUR E-MAIL:

email SUBJECT “ BOARDING PASSES FOR FLIGHTS TO GEORGIA ” :

tcyecomunications@gmail.com

- 2) Buy online BUS / TRAIN tickets where available



3) You must travel in the most cost-efficient way available to you. Only economy or low class of Air tickets and public transports will be reimbursed.

4) **Taxi** costs **will not** be reimbursed

5) You must attend all the sessions and commit yourself fully to the activities.

6) Travel reimbursement for ALL COUNTRIES will be done by BANK transfer approximately in 4 months after the activity, based on full travel documents from all the Groups and participants.

SUGGESTION FOR YOUR TRAVELING:

- Buying the travel tickets in EURO may be the better option for reimbursement issues since we must convert all the travel expenses into Euro which are purchased in other currency than Euro and there can be a big difference after this calculation depending on E+ rules using <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>

TRAVEL INSIDE GEORGIA TO AND FROM THE PROJECT VENUE:

- Participants arriving to and departing from **TBILISI** (Capital) will be provided by transport from TBILISI to BAKURIANI & from BAKURIANI to TBILISI .
- Participant arriving in Tbilisi will be picked up from the MEETING PLACE in TBILISI on 21st of October and taken together to Bakuriani, Project Venue. Exact time will be announced later after completing the whole group.
- Participants departing from Tbilisi will be taken together from Bakuriani to TBILISI on the 30th of October. Exact time will be announced later after completing the whole group.
- Participants arriving to and departing from **KUTAISI** may use this information to reach Bakuriani <http://www.visitkutaisi.com/en/travel-kit/transport/busmarshrutkas>
(information may need update so always check it through writing them by email or any before decide to use this)



WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

- ✓ **Each country group must bring at least 1 laptop which is essentially needed for work.**
- ✓ **AGAIN! TRAVEL INSURANCE!**
- ✓ Travel tickets, a valid passport/ ID;
- ✓ Please, bring reasonably comfortable and suitable clothes for every kind of weather
Please, check the weather before you leave and pack;
- ✓ **Medicines if you use any or basic usage ones;**
- ✓ National food, drinks and if its possible clothes for intercultural evening;
- ✓ **Towels, toiletries: a soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.**

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Please, regarding to the project issues contact to the project's team email:

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(always put the name of the project in e-mail subject to figure out about which project you are contacting us)

