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Once upon a time: fairy tales and myths across Europe

Jūrmala, Latvia **31st of August – 7th of September**

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Summary of the project

"Once upon a time: fairy tales and myths across Europe" is a youth exchange under the Key Action 1 of the Erasmus Plus programme. It will gather 40 young people from Italy, Spain, Finland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia ,Portugal and Latvia.

The description

We have noticed that in our society there is a constant increase in misunderstanding of what are the differences of cultures, the concept of diversity and other relevant bases which should be common if we think about Europe who has diversity as one of its core values.

This lack of common concept about the diversity that is seen as a value and asset is a fruitful soil for the spread of a lot of negative values such as xenophobia and Euroscepticism. It's no doubt that as the world rapidly globalizes, diversity is becoming increasingly present across all aspects of life. The interconnectedness of the modern world is broadening our ability to communicate and integrate with people from different cultures.

The main aim

is to transfer to young people European values of diversity, intercultural understanding and sensitivity through the use of puppet theatre and traditional fairy tales.

Our specific objectives are

- To raise awareness on intercultural learning and sensitivity through the use of puppet theatre and storytelling by sharing traditional fairy tales and stories and by discovering concepts of identity and diversity;
- To enhance European values such as mutual understanding, tolerance, active citizenship and fight negative values as xenophobia, racism, homophobia and Euro-scepticism;
- To discover and exploit the potential of storytelling by presenting traditional fairy tales and using puppet theatre with the feedback of external experts as a valuable learning procedure to develop intercultural competence for young people;
- To create and perform a common intercultural fairy tale on the topic of intercultural learning by young people and present it in public as a puppet theatre for other young people at the international and local level

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- Peer to peer education
- Non-formal education
- The sharing of traditional fairy tales and stories of different countries involved

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- The use of as street art as puppet theatre in order to represent them
- Get to know each other
- Team building
- Storytelling
- Introducing participants with Youthpass
- Preparation of puppets and preparing the puppets play.

What you will gain

- Intercultural, artistic and creative competences
- mutual understanding, tolerance, respect for diversity
- learn how to work in an international group, communication in foreign languages, time management, problem solving, cooperation and basic facilitation skills.
- New methods and tools for storytelling
- Youthpass certificate
- New friends all over Europe

Selection of participants

Each national team will consist of 5 participants (1 group leader and 4 group members)

Group leader (1 for each national group)

- age within 30.
- preferably experience on non-formal education and facilitation skills, leadership skills, management of group dynamics,
- preferably background on street art and theatre, Intercultural Learning skills.
- Good knowledge of english

Participants (4 from each country)

- 18-30 years old
- have a will to participate in all the phases of the project,
- interest in intercultural learning and the main topic of the youth exchange,

- priority will be given to young people with fewer opportunities
- Committed to learn, participate fully to all activities actively

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Link to the form

Inside the application form you will see a request to upload a short video about yourself. It is a short video of max 2 minutes. We do not ask professional videos, videos made with phone or laptop are completely fine.

! NOTICE: all the phases of the selections will be followed by the trainer in charge, the facilitators and the partners involved.

Deadline for selection – 12th of July Deadline for purchasing tickets – 19th of July

Travel reimbursement

During all the activities of this project, the financial rules will follow the rules of Erasmus Plus programme as follows:

The reimbursement will be done ONLY when the following steps are done: 1) Collect and provide to the hosting organisation: invoices; tickets (there must be price and name of the person stated on it)

2) All the boarding passes

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3) Mobility report filled by each Group Leader

!!!NOTICE: Do NOT buy any tickets without our confirmation or permission. Prior buying the tickets you should address us and send us travel plan of the participant and ONLY after our authorization you can proceed. All the amounts foreseen by the project were calculated according to the official address of each organization.

Country	Number of participants	Distance band (km)*	Reimbursable travel expenses (EUR)* per participant
Italy	5	100-499	360
Spain	5	2000-2999	530
Finland	5	2000-2999	275
Romania	5	500-1999	275
Hungary	5	2000-2999	275
Slovakia	5	500-1999	275
Portugal	5	500-1999	360
Latvia	5	0-9	0

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

The venue

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The project will be held at Guest house and camping Jūrmala, The address - Ūdru iela 5, Jurmala, LV-2010.

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It's located next to the river Lielupe from one side and is 100 m from the seaside of the Baltic sea from the other side,

The link to webpage - https://www.jurmalacamping.lv/

You will be accomodated 3-4 people in one room mixed by nationality and provided with 3 meals per day, as well as 2 coffee breaks in between them. Guest house provides free wifi and working rooms.

Since the location of the guest house is very convinient we will have the opportunity to use all the entertainments available -

- Water sports,
- Sauna,
- Volleyball field (in the beach)

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- Boat trip,
- Exploring what the city of Jūrmala has to offer (the center is just 3 stops by train afar).

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However, please be aware that these activities are **not covered** by project funding.

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 After exiting the Riga International airport, go straight, cross the parking lot and you will find the bus stop of bus no 22. In the bus stop you will see also the machine where you can buy the ticket (it's called etalons and it will cost 1.15 EUR) or you can by it from the driver (it will cost 2.00 EUR). Please don't forget to take all receipts with you

You can check the schedule here **Direction – Lidosta-Abrenes iela** https://saraksti.rigassatiksme.lv/index.html#bus/22/ba/en

You have to get out in the stop called "Centrāltirgus" (about 25 min ride, 14 stops).

2.) It stops next to Central train station, from there you have to find train that goes the route

Rīga – Tukums 1 or Tukums 2 (both destinations are fine)

You can check the schedule here https://www.pv.lv/en/routes/?from=R%C4%ABga&stop_from=1&to=Tukums&stop_ to=&date=14.06.2020&date-h=14.06.2020&transfer=&stop_transfer=

Buy ticket at the ticket office or in train and save it.

3.) You have to get off at the stop called "Lielupe" (in total 23 min 7 stops). From there you will have to walk a bit – 20 min to the venue

Preparation

- Health insurance (or E111 card)
- Don't forget to bring with you any medicine you might need
- You can bring the necessary things for presenting your country in intercultural evening – national food, drinks, costumes, flag of your country etc.
- Based on last years temperatures in September can be very various, therefore please check the weather forecast before coming and take suitable clothes with you.
- Good mood (3)

Communication



Please add yourself to the Facebook group through the link https://www.facebook.com/groups/260284708639698/

Official mail of the project: ye.onceupon@gmail.com



Contact person: Alise Jakovele +37120581374

See you soon!!! 😳

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