



Erasmus+



POLITICAL GAMES

YOUTH EXCHANGE organized by
NGO "YOUTHS FOR THE BALKANS"

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BANSKO, BULGARIA



YOUTH &
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PROJECT INFO

The project will try to respond to the educational needs of the young people by providing them tools for better understanding the political trends, to promote tolerance, to stimulate self-reflection and critical thinking. Topics will be discussed to better understand today's "fears" and how the media and politicians are using them. Through simulation and role-playing games, participants will be empowered to make decisions that will help drive their initiative. A network of young people will be set up to discuss and share information on the political and civic situation in their countries; to work for tolerance and unity in diversity, to defend the democratic systems in their country. The objectives of the project are to: provide conditions for dialogue and reflection on intercultural differences, communication, fears, stereotypes and discrimination, to examine the rise of different political trends in the context of economic and other crises, the use of fears and the lack of knowledge, to demonstrate the links between media and politics, their role in today's society, and the need of developing the curiosity and critical thinking of young people to help them search and analyze information on their own, to support them in decision-making and to create youth leadership, to discuss future means of disseminating knowledge that can be used to expand the impact of exchange at local and regional level. We believe that our project and its objectives are in line with the objectives of the Erasmus + program for young people's participation in the democratic life of Europe, active citizenship, international dialogue, creating conditions for political reforms at regional and national level, prevention of radicalization and improving the knowledge, skills and competencies of young people.

TRAVEL INFO

From Sofia airport Terminal 2 you can take the metro Line 1 to Serdika Metro Station and then change trains from Line 1 to Line 2 and get off the train at Central Railway station (the central bus station is also situated on this station). Take a bus ticket and go on the sector for the buses leaving to Bankso (you will have the number of the sector on your ticket). We will wait for you on Bansko bus station. According to the time of arrival of the national groups we can organize a meeting on the bus station in Sofia.

IMPORTANT: We will not refund tickets from public transport within Sofia as we are providing transport from two different locations.

Requests for reimbursement, delivery of receipts and travel receipts must be sent and delivered personally to silentium.era@gmail.com or to Gergana Yakimowa upon arrival. We will work with you to organize this.

We kindly remind you that you must:

- Keep your original bills and receipts, invoices and all related travel documents, as you can only get reimbursement of the costs of which you can justify with a physical receipt. Only the amount written on the ticket will be refundable. In lieu of this we remind you that ALL of the following, in original copies, are required to be submitted:
- All ticket receipts and boarding passes
- Ticket invoices
- Photocopy of passport or national I.d.
- Official document from the bank or the travel agency stating proof of payment of travel tickets.

TRAVEL INFO

Keep in mind that you may arrive 1 day before the start of activities and schedule your return for 1 days after the end of our activities, the extra days of travel outside this limit will not be reimbursed. We kindly ask you to keep an eye on the email so that you follow our instructions or those of the project coordinator.

Attendance is compulsory. No amount will be refunded if the participant does not complete the activity or attend the entire course / exchange.

What is an invoice according to the Erasmus Program accounting rules? It is a document which has been signed and sealed by the seller. The bill of the flight ticket must contain your name, the place of departure and return, as well as the the price of the ticket. If any of this information is missing, reimbursement will not be possible.

Use your name as stated on your official travel document (passport). No nicknames are allowed.

An electronic ticket is NOT an invoice! If necessary, call the airline / train / etc, explain the situation and ask them to give you a receipt / invoice with the information given above.

If you buy tickets online, be sure to check the box indicating that you want an invoice, and send the name and address of the hosting organization where the invoice has to be sent by the airline.

Do NOT book travel before receiving Confirmation Letter.

Thicket max price including bus tickets Sofia- Bansko- Sofia

Italy - MAX 275 euro

Poland - MAX 275 euro

Slovakia - MAX 275 euro

Serbia - MAX 180 euro

PERSONAL INSURANCE

Insurance cover for personal effects is the responsibility of the individual participant. You are strongly recommended to insure your personal effects for the whole period of your absence from home. Neither "Youths for the Balkans" nor any venue used during the event can entertain claims against loss of or damage to personal property. You are recommended to ensure that you have adequate medical insurance to cover the period of your stay in Bulgaria. Contact your health insurance or travel agency for more details. You are also advised to issue the European Health Insurance card. es (allergies, diabetes etc).

WHAT TO BRING

- Sports/comfortable clothes: Make sure to bring comfortable clothes for activities, trainers for the sessions but also maybe your free time you may wish to explore the area.
- Swimsuit: There is a relax zone in the hotel.
- Personal medication in case of health issues (allergies, diabetes etc).
- Something to represent your country (food, souvenirs)
- And most important: Ideas, smile and good vibes!

ACCOMODATION

The venue is located in the beautiful city of **Bansko**. We will be guests in the Dumanov Hotel. The hotel is situated at the foot of the magnificent Pirin Mountain in the most prestigious part of Bansko, only 300 meters from the ski lift station.

Rooms will be shared:

We want you to enjoy the experience of meeting new people from different places.

Food:

Three meals will be provided (breakfast, lunch, dinner) as well as two coffee breaks. Allergies and food preferences can be filled in the participant application form.

REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement will be completed in EURO through Bank Transfer to their NGO Account. Reimbursement will be completed when each NGO's delegation fulfil all requirements.

Agreement with participants:

- (a) Will attend all sessions and activities during the Activity week
- (b) Will be punctual on their arrival at each session everyday
- (c) Will promote visibility of the project during the YE week
- (d) Will work on the production of dissemination products during the YE week
- (e) Will be active on dissemination of the results as a multiplier of new experiences, info and knowledge when back to his/her country by organizing a small scale workshop or presentation within their organizations (between 30 August 2020 and 31 December 2020). Photos of the event are required.
- (f) Will prepare and post info about the project in the social media.

CONTACTS

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SEE YOU SOON!

