

# LOOK CLOSER

## -YOUTH EXCHANGE-

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“Media literacy is not just important, it’s absolutely critical. It’s going to make the difference between whether kids are a tool of the mass media or whether the mass media is a tool for kids to use.”

- Linda Ellerbee

# INFORMATION PACK

## YOUTH EXCHANGE Târgoviște, Dâmbovița 21-30 April 2022



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# PROJECT DETAILS

**Project name:** Look closer

**Program:** Erasmus + KA1

**Project duration:** 21 months (1 April 2021 - 31 December 2022)

**Youth Exchange:** 21-30 April 2022 (8 youth exchange days, 2 travelling days)

**Venue:** Targoviste, Dambovita

**Participants:** 30 young people ( 4 young people and 1 group leader per country)

## PROJECT CONTEXT

EU democratic societies depend on the ability of citizens, especially young people to access a variety of verifiable information, to can form a view on different issues that affects not only their community, but also national and international communities.

The ability of young people to use their critical thinking in selecting information regarding social events, political issues is extremely important for the unity of Europe and democratic future.

In this context the aim of the project is to increase media literacy skills among young people empowering them to become more engaged in society, to become active and informed citizens connected to the social and political events around them in a very informed way.

The main topics approached by the project are: media literacy, fake news, cyber attacks and security.

## OBJECTIVES

- to promote media literacy education and its benefits among young people;
- to develop media literacy skills of young people with focus on critical evaluation of media contents, information, critical understanding of political and social events;
- to increase youth interest in being more engaged in the society participating actively at local, national and european democratic life,decision making process;
- to raise awareness of young people from the participating local communities on the importance of media literacy for youth democratic participation.

## PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

Partner organization	Country	Number of young participants	Group leader
Asociația Be You	Romania	4	1
Youth House	Bulgaria	4	1
DARNOJE	Lithuania	4	1
Youthfully Yours SK	Slovakia	4	1
Intercambia	Spain	4	1
AJITER	Portugal	4	1

The target group consist of 30 participants:

- 24 young people (4 young people from each participating organization, including 2 young people with fewer opportunities) aged between 18-26 years,
- 6 group leaders (1 group leader per organization-aged over 20 without upper age limit).

Young people who will take part in this project should be interested in the project topic and motivated to acquire knowledge and skills to tackle fake news and disinformation. Gender balance will be kept in the selection process of young people as much as possible (two girls and two boys). Group leaders will be appointed by partner organizations.

The selection is open to all young people according to the described profile regardless life background, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, etc.

**DEADLINE FOR SELECTION:** 15 February 2022

**APPLICATION FORM:** <https://forms.gle/YtoSwMr2yUArvufZ8>

## ACCOMMODATION

The Youth Exchange will take place in Targoviste town, the old capital city of Romania, situated in Dambovita region.

Participants will be accommodated in rooms with 2 or 3 beds.

### Facilities:

air conditioning;  
internet;  
TV;  
bathroom with shower;

### Address:

Hotel Dambovita,  
B-dul Libertatii nr.1, Targoviste,  
Jud. Dambovita, Romania

**Website:** <https://hoteldambovita.ro/en/>

**Check-in hour: 14:00**

**Check-out hour: 11:00**

## MEALS

The meals will be served in the restaurant of the hotel.

Please note that the Romanian cuisine is delicious but is not fully prepared for vegan, halal or other special menus. The cuisine is based on chicken, beef and porc meals, cow and sheep milk cheese. Local vegetables are also used. Each day is served soup, main dish with salad.

Be prepared for new culinary experiences!

## TRAVEL

**Let's be green as much as possible.** We encourage you not to take the plane, even if this takes more time and might take extra effort. Of course, we know it is not always possible depending on from where you are travelling, connections, the time your studies/ job/ everyday life gives you etc.

However: Planes are massively responsible for the climate crisis and through our projects we would like to contribute to a more sustainable planet, not to a less sustainable one. Compare the emissions that your journey emits by train, car or plane: <http://www.ecopassenger.org/>

Read more about your ecological footprint here: <http://footprint.wwf.org.uk>

Read more about the environmental impact of flying on Wikipedia:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental\\_impact\\_of\\_aviation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental_impact_of_aviation)

## HOW TO GET TO TARGOVISTE

Targoviste is 80 km from Bucharest (1h45 minutes – 2h by train). To reach Targoviste you have to take the train/bus/plane to Bucharest.

From the airport you can reach Bucharest North Train Station by train and from there change the train to Targoviste. From Targoviste train station you can reach easily Hotel Dambovita by walking – is 15 minutes away.

You can also take a taxi or Bolt, but the cost of taxi or Bolt can not be reimbursed.

- <https://www.curl.ro/zmkEA> – link transfer Airoport - Bucharest North Train Station
- <https://bilete.cfrcalatori.ro/en-GB/Itineraries> - link transfer Bucharest North Train Station – Targoviste

**Note! Check the timetable of the local transport from Bucharest aiport to Targoviste and back to Bucharest airport when you plan your travel and book your flight. We can not assure transfer from Bucharest airport.**

You can contact us in case you need assistance

### Youth Exchange

- **Arrival day:** 21.04.2022
- **Departure day:** 30.04.2022

You can arrive two days before the project and leave two days after the project. According to the financial agreement we can not cover accommodation and food costs for additional days.

## FINANCIAL ASPECTS

The project is funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus + programme. Meals, accommodation and activities are fully covered. The travel costs are reimbursed up to these limits:

Bulgaria	- 180 € per participant
Lithuania	- 275 € per participant
Slovakia	- 275 € per participant
Spain	- 360 € per participant
Portugal	- 360 € per participant

!!! We recommend you to purchase your flight tickets in Euro, if is possible, to not lose money due to the exchange rate.

You have to use only public transportation, economy class (i.e. economy class for planes/busses/trains, etc.) **NOTE!!! TAXI COSTS OR OTHER TRANSPORT METHODS DIFFERENT FROM PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ARE NOT ELIGIBLE COSTS.**

The reimbursement of travel costs will be done after the end of the Youth Exchange, upon we will receive all travel documents in original (tickets, boarding passes, invoices, etc).

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The boardingpass is mandatory to be attached to the flight ticket, its absence makes reimbursement impossible. For the online version of the boardingpass only the PDF format is accepted. **Do not use mobile applications to issue the boardingpass as most do not allow you to download the boardinpass in PDF format.**

**!!! Note that we cannot reimburse travel costs if you have lost your tickets, boarding passes or we do not receive all details and proofs of your expenses according to Romanian legislation!**

*The reimbursement of travel costs will be done only by bank transfer to partner organizations bank account.*

**NOTE: Be You Association does not request participation fees and does not encourage this practice.**

## **INSURANCE**

Each participant should have valid health insurance (for example European Health Card) and travel insurance during the whole participation in the project. Participants must have during the youth exchange travel documents: identity card / passport.

## **COVID-19 CONTEXT**

The project will be implemented under the effects of covid-19 pandemic. It is important to respect and keep the safety and sanitary measures imposed by our government.

**Keep in mind that all rules in force regarding the conduct and organization of educational events as Erasmus+ projects will be respected and followed as provided by Romanian and European law, without exceptions. According to the Romanian covid-19 regulations participants will have to wear the mask in indoor space.**

We and the hotel staff will make sure that the project will be carried out under high safety conditions. The activities will be carried out mainly in the conference room of the hotel. According to the Romanian covid-19 regulations we will have to wear the mask in indoor space.

At arrival participants will receive a **sanitary kit** (masks, hand sanitizers) and will be acknowledged again with the sanitary rules.

**IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT IN HIGH SAFETY CONDITIONS WE ACCEPT ONLY VACCINATED PARTICIPANTS.**

**!!! We will keep you updated about any change and the measures that are imposed by our government.**

## **INTERCULTURAL EVENING**

Each national group will have the occasion to present their country, culture, customs and traditions to all participants. We will update you about the organization of intercultural evenings closer to the Youth Exchange as it will be organized according to the imposed norms and the legislation in force.

**BRING THE FLAG OF YOUR COUNTRY!!!**

## **PARTICIPANTS ROLE AND DUTIES DURING YOUTH EXCHANGE**

1. **Presentation of sending organization.** Participants can prepare a presentation of the sending organization that will be presented during the intercultural night. So bring with you materials about your organization (brochures, flyers, etc.).
2. **Energizers.** Each national group will have a day to lead the energizers. We are expecting enjoyable energizers!

## **WHAT SHOULD BRING WITH YOU**

- ✓ Practical clothes for different weather forecasts: warm, cold during morning and evenings, rain.
- ✓ Comfortable shoes for walking;
- ✓ Personal hygiene things, medicine you usually take, other things you need for personal comfort and well-being;
- ✓ Pocket money for personal expenses. Romania's national currency is the Romanian leu- RON. Our recommendation is to have euro with you, currency exchange will be easier and more advantageous;
- ✓ Brochures and other materials about your organization;
- ✓ Traditional food specific to your gastronomy and something specific to your country.
- ✓ Good mood 😊 .
- ✓ **Bring with you a Totem.** This totem can be a small object like toy, a pendant, a photo, etc. that are representative for you. You will present it during the „Who we are” workshop.

# PROJECT CALENDAR AND DEADLINES

**Project period:** 1 April 2021 – 31 December 2022

**Youth Exchange period:** 21-30 April 2022

**Selection deadline:** **15 February 2022**

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**See you soon!**