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# ROMANO DROM

MURSKA SOBOTA - RAKIČAN SLOVENIA



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# ABOUT THE PROJECT



Today, despite all the progress and awareness of tolerance, the Roma minority is still one of the neglected, often marginalized minorities. Most Roma settlements are still separate from those of the majority population. Members of the Roma community still often suffer from material, social and economic disadvantages. Due to their remoteness to the outskirts of towns and villages, they are not so connected to the majority of population. Because non-Roma people are not that familiar with their culture, customs and life, they often still stereotype them as thief's, gypsies and not civilised people. We live in 21st century, but we still face with prejudice and hate speech among Roma people and other minorities. Through the project "ROMANO DROM" we want to discover the true soul of Roma culture, get to know their way of living, get to know good practices from each participating country, talk about hate speech and stereotypes.



In particular, in their "exclusive" headlines, the modern media often label the members of the Roma community and spread prejudice and intolerance. In the modern world, freedom of speech is a fundamental right but is not an absolute right. When hate speech comes from the media and political lobbies, it is very quickly spread, and gradually the recipients of these messages take on this type of behaviour.

The presentation of stereotypes in the media often influences the perception of a particular ethnic, religious and other minorities, as a result of which certain social groups are categorized and discriminated against. A democratic society strives for the right to its own opinion and freedom of speech, but the line between free speech and hate speech is thin. That is why hate speech users often refer to freedom of speech, but in essence they spread intolerance and create labels for certain social groups, and we will focus on the Roma minority. Young people from 6 countries (Slovenia, Lithuania, Spain, Italy, Slovakia and Romania) aim to shed light on the issue of "labelling", stereotypes, hate speech and, consequently, discrimination and poorer integration of the Roma population in the majority population. At the same time, we would like to present examples of good practices for the prevention of hate speech and confronting stereotypes and prejudices in the participating countries, and to bring Roma culture closer to "non-Roma".





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The Roma community in Prekmurje is one of the more developed Roma communities in Slovenia and in Europe in general. The situation is improving from year to year, settlements are becoming increasingly orderly, children are attending schools (also faculties), adults are being employed. However, much remains to be undone in the field of hate speech and discrimination, especially in the media. We have connected with local media from our region, to speak and have practical workshops on the topic with media and Roma community. We have also connected with Roma association of Republic of Slovenia, which will mark and celebrate the international world Roma day, where we will attend as guests (Usually also president of Republic of Slovenia is attending). We want to share good practices and spread tolerance among youngsters about Roma culture and their way of living. Also, we want to share good practices like visiting the Roma radio, Roma kindergarten, Roma museum and present special Roma projects of inclusion in our surrounding.



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# WORKING METHODS:



Working methods will be icebreakers, energizers, team/group work, interactive and creative workshops, open space workshops, discussions, evaluation, role playing, informal gatherings, local visits, guest visits etc.

# PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

**Slovenia** (7) [risko@ris-dr.si](mailto:risko@ris-dr.si)

**Slovakia** (7) [info@youthfullyyours.sk](mailto:info@youthfullyyours.sk)

**Lithuania** (7) [Donatas@tavoeuropa.eu](mailto:Donatas@tavoeuropa.eu)

**Italy** (7) [scambiculturali@cesie.org](mailto:scambiculturali@cesie.org)

**Romania** (7) [alexandrugyongy@yahoo.com](mailto:alexandrugyongy@yahoo.com)

**Spain** (7) [europa@loradelrio.es](mailto:europa@loradelrio.es)

6 participants 18-30 years + 1 group leader at least older than 21 years = 7 all together per country



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# PARTICIPANT PROFILE

- Young people age 16 to 30 residents of participant's countries;
- Group leader at least 21 years old and can be over 30 years old
- Required to be part of some voluntary organization connected to Roma or any other minorities
- Strongly interested in raising knowledge on Erasmus + Programme, youth project management;
- Motivated to address the issue in their communities, issues concerning young people at international level;
- Motivated to speak about Roma and other minorities issues and to turn ideas into actions;
- Ready to work in mix-intercultural learning environment, to contribute to successful project implementation;
- Motivated to take part in Erasmus + project, work in an international team and share their experiences in follow up period;
- Have communicative level of English and be able to take part in preparatory meetings, youth exchange and follow up activities.
- Every group will include participants with fewer opportunities facing cultural differences and social, economic obstacles. It means young people who face unemployment, are coming from socially and economically challenging environment and/or might face discrimination, stereotypes and prejudices in their communities.
- Required to be active and ready to do outdoor activities
- Required to be promotor of healthy lifestyle and against use of alcohol and drugs



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## PROFILE OF GROUP LEADERS:

Group leaders will be selected by each organization. The Group leader is expected to be a person with previous experience in youth work and Erasmus + Programme who is ready to take participation and during the project, facilitate the project activities and provide support to the participants during the whole project, especially during implementation phase abroad but also during preparation and follow up period. Group leader has to be older than the rest of participants or at least 21 years old.





# TRAVEL COSTS & REIMBURSEMENT

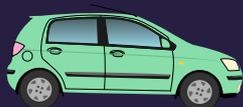
"ROMANO DROM" project is implemented with the financial support of the European Union through Erasmus+ Youth in Action programme.

We will cover from the project budget, the following costs:

- Food, accommodation and activities (100%);
- Transport costs will be reimbursed on a lump sum basis:



Slovenia: 20€  
Slovakia: 180€  
Lithuania: 275€  
Italy: 275€  
Romania: 180€  
Spain: 360€



## TRAVEL BY:

**Air:** Airports: Ljubljana, Zagreb, Vienna, Budapest, Graz, Venice, Treviso, Trieste

**Train:** Budapest - Murska Sobota, Ljubljana - Murska Sobota... Destination is always Murska Sobota (+ bus or taxi to Rakičan (we will cover taxi costs only on short ride)).

**Car:** Destination Rakičan, Slovenia (Lendavska ulica 28, Rakičan, 9000 Murska Sobota)

**Bus:** Destination Ljubljana (capital) – Maribor- Murska Sobota - Rakičan

## IMPORTANT!

We will reimburse the transport money ONLY if the participant will ACTIVELY take part during the whole project. This is international project with non-formal education that is granted from European fund. Notice also that we can reimburse the costs that you can prove us (original tickets). You can travel 2 days before activity starts and 2 days after activity ends. Don't buy your travel tickets before getting our confirmation! Each participant can arrange with sending organisation if you have to buy your own tickets or the organisation will buy and will get reimbursed by us.

# WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?



- we will have Cuisine market; it means that we will prepare presentations of our traditional food and drinks. We will prepare small market with stands. We are kindly asking that participants should bring food that they DON'T need to cook! (NO cooking!). It should be presentation with snacks and drinks. Before this activity we will have normal light dinner. Participants should bring some traditional food and drinks from their country. Some stuff they can buy here, but only stuff which are international. They will not have any access to the kitchen to cook or warm up the food. So please if we wrote no cooking, we also mean no cooking.

-Participants should prepare a presentation (power point, prezi...) about Roma community in my country. They should also add short presentation and examples of how their sending organization is working with this topic. Presentation should also include examples of good practice and a short history of Roma community topic. The presentation should be done before coming to Slovenia. They will not have time to make it here. Presentations should be in English and it should be with examples. They need to do one presentation together as group. Max 15 min per country. If possible it should be interactive presentation and without reading the text from wikipedia!

- Every evening we will have a national evening. It means that each country will have at least 1 hour to present their traditions, attractions, culture, food... On this activity only presentations (power point, prezi, video, dance, singing, theatre...) no food! Participants should prepare the presentation before arriving to Slovenia. Info about when each country will have presentation is in the timetable.



- Each group should have a flag from their country

- Each group should have at least one computer

- Each participant should bring warm clothes, sport clothes for team building, sport shoes & clothes that can get dirty while our work action

- Each group should collect recipes of Roma cuisine from my country

-Each participant should bring a magazine or newspaper with any kind of article that includes Roma community

- Each participant is kindly asked to bring some toys, clothes, cosmetics or anything that they want to donate to Roma children, Roma kindergarten and Family centre which is working with Roma community.

- Each participant should bring old toys & clothes that we will collect and donate to organizations that are working with disabled people when we will visit them.

- Each participant should bring some traditional candies or sweets that we will present and donate to children when we will visit kindergarten, Roma village and House Fruits of society.

-If possible, each group should bring some traditional Roma clothes

- Medicine that they usually use (if they do)

- Passport or ID card

- Invoices and travel tickets for reimbursement

- European health insurance card (mandatory) or travel insurance



# ACCOMMODATION: MANSION RAKIČAN

Our project "ROMANO DROM" will take place near Murska Sobota, which is the biggest city in the region of Pomurje. We will stay in a beautiful countryside Mansion Rakičan. Our accommodation will offer us rooms, (which are equipped with private bathroom with shower & WIFI), room for activities, big park, dining room and a common space near our rooms.



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Name of the accommodation:

DVOREC RAKIČAN

Address: LENDAVSKA ULICA 28, RAKIČAN,  
9000 MURSKA SOBOTA





# ABOUT SLOVENIA



So Slovenia is cool, it's a tiny but beautiful Slavic country and people are also just as pretty and welcoming. Only these facts are the good reasons for you to come visit Slovenia and join our project that will be held in a beautiful Mansion from 14th century. But hey, why stop at these when we can show you a set of interesting facts about Slovenia!



## In the Heart of Europe

Where the Alps meet the Mediterranean and the Pannonian Plain meets the Karst, there is Slovenia. This small green country extends in the area of 20,273 km<sup>2</sup>. It is one of the countries with an exceptional number of top athletes and rich cultural creation. In Slovenia it is not difficult to compare the value of goods and services, as they are priced in one of the most important world currencies – in euros.

- 1# Fact – Cavemen friendly territory
  - 2# Fact – Slovenes love vineyards
  - 3# Fact – Slovenes love their towns
  - 4# Fact – Coast is small but pretty
  - 5# Fact – Land is full of fuzzy bears
  - 6# Fact – They have pretty weddings
  - 7# Fact – Mountains are in their blood
  - 8# Fact – Oldest vine is from Slovenia
  - 9# Fact – They love to jump from their mountains
  - 10# Fact – Slovenes are pretty
  - 11# Fact – Slovenia has some cool neighbors
  - 12# Fact – It's full of green forests
  - 13# Fact – They have pretty Lipizzaner horse studs
  - 14# Fact – Their Mount Triglav is pretty high
  - 15# Fact – They enjoy bike rides and hiking
  - 16# Fact – Film makers also love the area
  - 17# Fact – Their parks are ancient old
  - 18# Fact – They are happy, so are their festivals
  - 19# Fact – They have unique hostels
  - 20# Fact – It's the land of Dragons
- JOIN US! and get to know the facts!



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# POMURJE



The world of unique water sources and dreamy romance along the River Mura.



The Pomurje region is a land of springs of healing water. You will discover a floating mill and an island of love in the Mura River near Moravske Toplice, Radenci, Banovci and Lendava. The largest Baroque castle in Slovenia is also located in this area. You will be fond of this region, which is the most dynamic region in Slovenia when it comes to dialects, culture, and language, especially due to its open and Pannonian soul. Pomurje is also the meeting point of various cultures, faiths, and ethnic groups, because it is a home to Roma and a Hungarian minority. The climate is mainly continental-pannonian, with partial Mediterranean influences. The region is home to three protected nature areas: Nature Park Goričko, Nature Park Ljutomerski ribniki – Jeruzalemske gorice, and Nature Park Negova. It is divided into 27 municipalities.



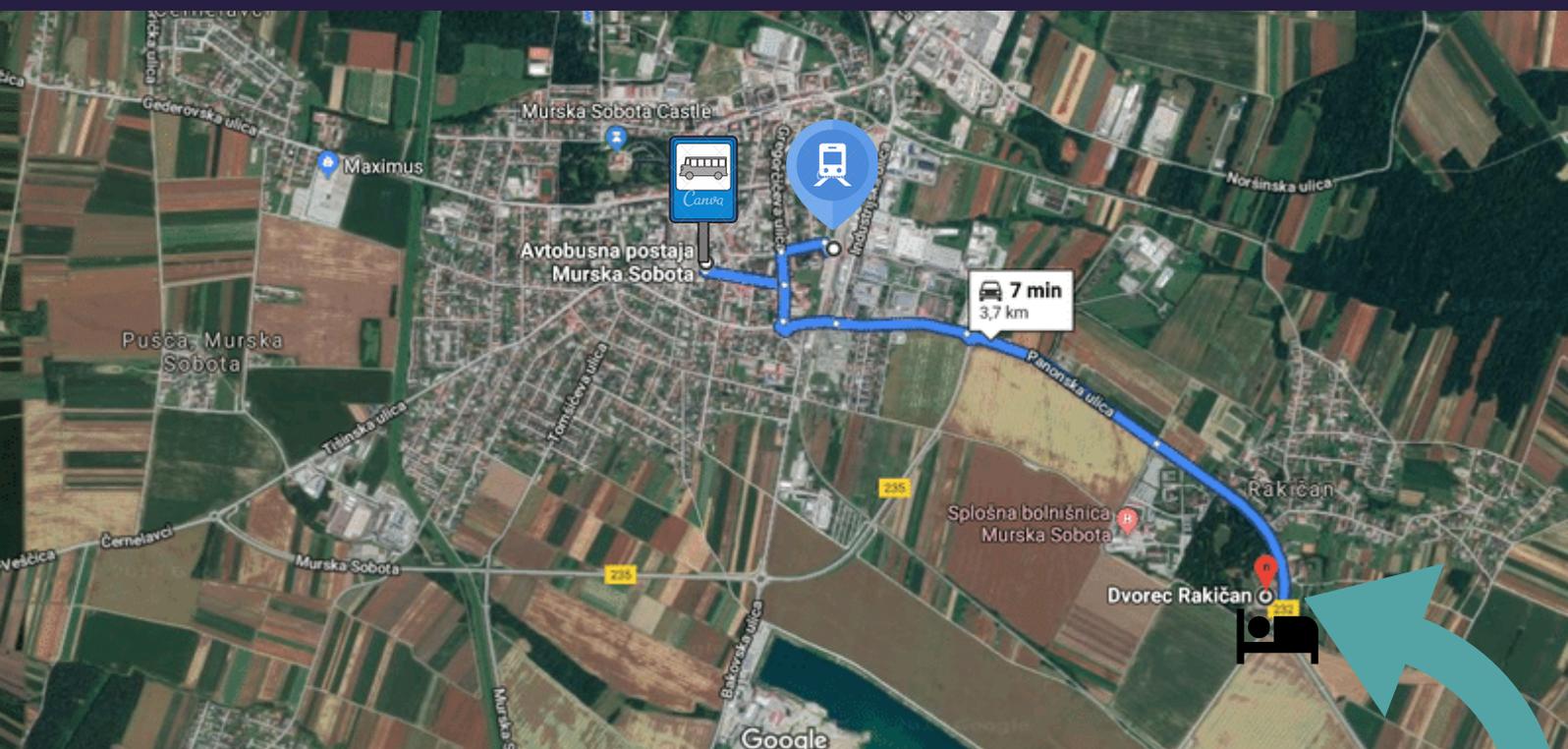
THOUSANDS OF MAGICAL THINGS MEET IN POMURJE, THE SUNNY LAND OF GOLDEN FIELDS, ON BOTH BANKS OF THE RIVER MURA

Check & follow: [pomurje\\_land\\_of\\_fairytales](#) Instagram & get to know the region before arriving to Slovenia & Pomurje

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- ✓ Each room has a private bathroom
- ✓ Each person will get one towel
- ✓ You don't need to bring your own bedding
- ✗ There is no hair dryer in the bathroom
- ✗ There are no cosmetics in the bathroom
- ✓ Tap water is drinkable

There will be a **participation, excursion and final cleaning fee** that each participant has to pay. All other costs (food and accommodation) are 100% covered. The cost will be 10€ per participant. It includes partially costs of excursion and organizational costs for documents and activities (agreements and travel costs process).



Taxi Badi 0038631737633

Taxi Sobočanec 0038631618051

Taxi Buba 0038631235471

Bus Murska Sobota - Rakičan

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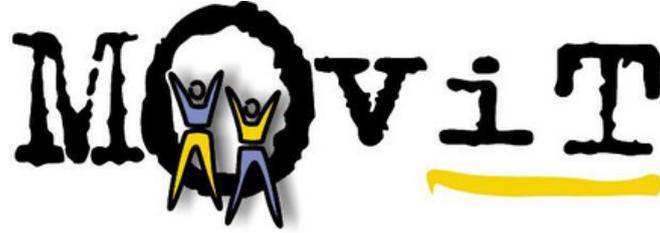
Our accommodation

We will reimburse taxi costs on short distance





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