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ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE

Echoes of Environment and Digitalisation

Audio-guides for Awareness-Raising and Learning

Vienna, Austria

01 - 08 November 2024

Including travel days!



Latvia, Croatia, Czechia, Greece, Austria, Slovakia, Serbia, and Slovenia

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



Latvia

Ecological Future Education



Austria

EMOTiC



Croatia

EAST



Greece

Active Green Solution



Czechia

Petrklíč help, z.s.



Slovakia

IKReON



Slovenia

EPEKA



Serbia

INKLUZIVNI POKRET



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BACKGROUND STORY

A major challenge we face today is the overwhelming amount of misinformation surrounding climate change. Additionally, the current methods of learning about environmental issues are often not engaging or stimulating enough to captivate people's attention. Environmental awareness and the actions necessary to help heal our planet—such as combating pollution, recycling, supporting local activities, and addressing bad habits like littering—are frequently seen as distant problems that don't directly affect our daily lives. This perceived detachment creates the illusion that our sphere of influence is limited and the dangers of climate change are remote, leading to a lack of urgency in taking action. However, modern technology, particularly **immersive tools and audio guides**, offers an opportunity to change this perception. These technologies have the power to bring environmental problems closer to home, making them feel more immediate and relevant. Through **immersive experiences and site-specific interventions, along with the wide-reaching impact of podcasts, audio storytelling, and interactive guides**, we can create compelling narratives that not only raise awareness about environmental issues but also engage people in finding solutions. This project aims to harness the power of immersive artistic experiences and interactive storytelling to shine a light on pressing environmental issues. By developing interactive audio guides, we will explore environmental topics together, becoming both creators and learners in the process. Through this collaborative approach, we can foster a deeper connection to the environment and inspire meaningful actions to help protect and preserve it. **How cool is it to create your own Audio-guide about an environmental issue?**



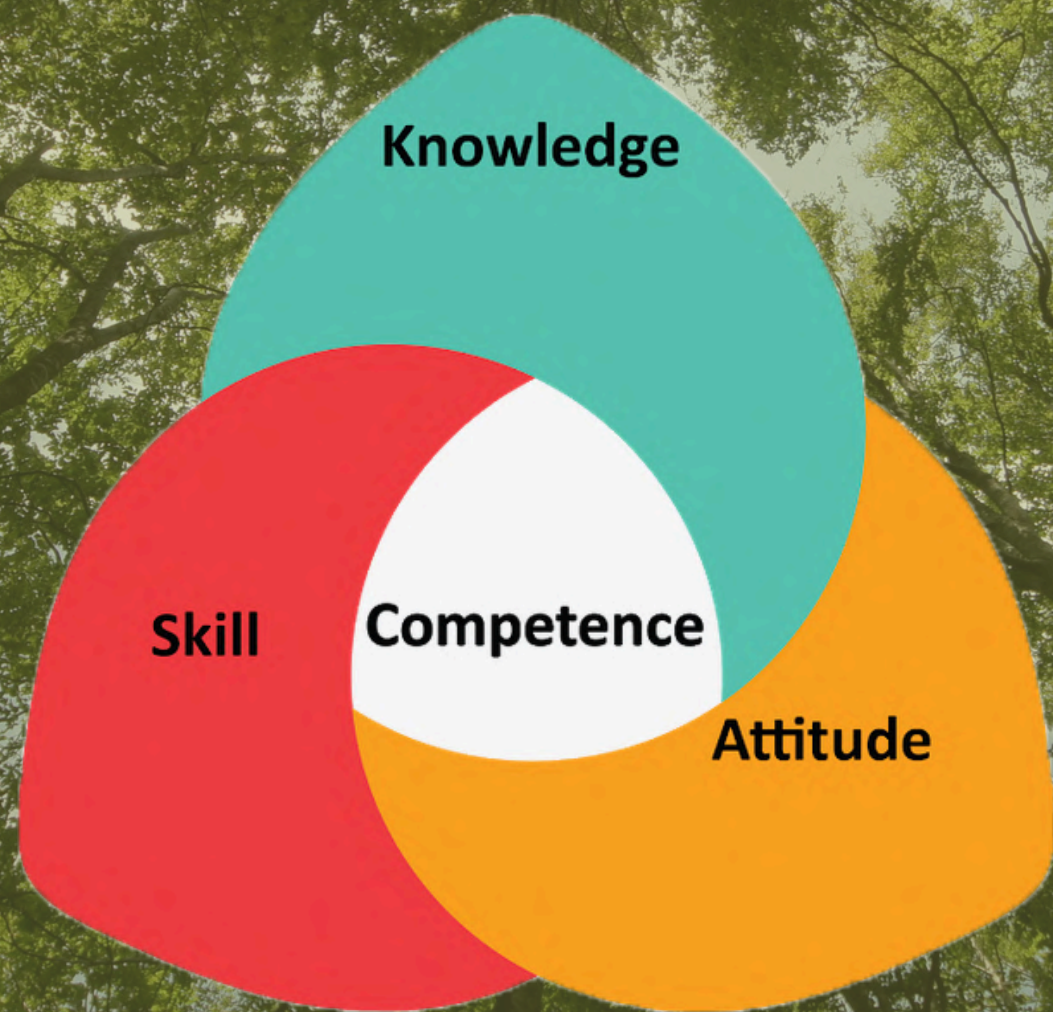
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EXPECTED GENERAL LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Develop critical transversal skills (both personal and professional) to meaningfully and actively engage in climate action, empowering participants to take initiative and make impactful contributions.
- Leverage audio guides as an innovative digital tool to create immersive and interactive learning experiences, enhancing our engagement, sense of initiative, and active participation in climate action.
- Engage in holistic experiential learning that cultivates cognitive, practical, and social competencies in sustainability, empowering participants to connect theory with practice in their everyday lives.

SPECIFIC FOCUS:



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THEORETICAL KNOWLEDGE

- *Learn about the interplay between environmental sustainability and digitalisation.*
- *Explore the role of digital tools in environmental activism and problem-solving*

PRACTICAL SKILLS

- *Learn how to use digital tools and technology to raise awareness about environmental issues.*
- *Develop practical eco-friendly habits, such as reducing waste or sustainable digital practices.*

MENTAL TOOLS AND RECONNECTION

- *Discover innovative ways to foster a healthy connection with nature through digital solutions.*



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WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

- young person 18–25 years old, resident in one of the partner countries (Latvia, Austria, Greece, Croatia, Czechia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Serbia);
- Young people from Austria, as local participants, can be between 15 and 25.
- able to communicate confidently in English;
- willing to experience a week of reconnecting to nature, learning about urban agriculture, and planning to implement changes to live better, healthier, and more sustainably;
- willing to commit to preparation and follow-up period;
- No previous experience in Erasmus+ or sustainable development is needed.
- We will select 4 young people from each country +1 group leader of any age.
- The group leader can be up to 30 years old.
- The oldest person in the group must be the group leader.



Program: Structure and focus of each day!

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**INTRODUCTION AND
BACKGROUND**

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**AUDIO-GUIDES AND
STORYTELLING**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL
AWARENESS & ISSUES**

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**CREATING AND
RECORDING NEW
AUDIO-GUIDES**

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**DIGITALISATION AND
IMMERSIVE LEARNING**

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**BRINGING TOGETHER
MOFORWARD**

PROVISIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

SOME TIMES WILL CHANGE BASED ON ARRANGEMENTS AND LOGISTICS.

	Arrival	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	Leaving
Date Time	1 NOV	2 NOV	3 NOV	4 NOV	5 NOV	6 NOV	7 NOV	8 NOV
10:00 11:30	Arrival to the venue	Welcoming and teambuilding	Environmental presentations	City Challenge	Eco-narratives	Group Creation	Personal goal setting, non formal reflection, celebrations & letting go	Departure from the venue
12:00 13:00		Introduction to the Exchange and Program	Environmental presentations	City Challenge	Interactions and Theatre	Group Story Writing	Actions' Presentations & feedback	
15:00 16:30		Assessing our own competences, Mapping and Learning from each other	Environmental Concepts	Immersive Simulation Audio-guide experience	Writing and Storytelling	Finalising Recording	ERASMUS+ YOUTHPASS EVALUATION	
17:00 18:15		Final Preparation of the Environmental presentations	Environmental Concepts	Immersive Simulation Audio-guide experience	Audio-Guide Experience	Testing	Stepping over the home boundary	
18:15 18:30		Reflection time	Reflection time	Mid-term evaluation	Reflection time	Reflection time	Closing the journey	
20:00		Intercultural Talks	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	Community Time	Farewell Party	
06:45-08:45 Breakfast 11:30-12:00 Break (JUST Coffee & Tea) 13:00 to 15:00 LUNCH Break 16:30-17:00 Break (JUST Coffee & Tea) 19:00 - 20:00 Dinner Time								



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PROGRAM METHEDODOLOGY

"Learning by experience"

- Hands-on activities and interactive experiences to apply digital tools and technologies to environmental projects, fostering personal and practical growth through real-world application.

Digital Creativity for Environmental Change

- Using creative digital tools such as audio guides, apps, and multimedia platforms to explore and address environmental challenges, fostering innovation, teamwork, and purposeful digital engagement.

"Learning Through Nature"

- Engaging in outdoor experiences to explore the connection between the environment and technology, combining outdoor learning with digital tools to promote sustainability and environmental action.

Learning Process and steps

PRE-ARRIVAL –
PREPARATION PHASE

YOUTH EXCHANGE –
LEARNING PHASE

ONE MONTH
FOLLOW-UP PHASE

ONLINE SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE AND DISSEMINATION



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FINANCIAL COSTS



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All costs for accommodation, food, materials, and local transportation during the exchange mobility are covered by the ERASMUS+ grant;

Participants should book their own travel tickets to and from Vienna (by themselves / with help from the partners), and the hosting organizer will refund all costs after the full and successful participation in the mobility and after handing the original proof of tickets/invoices/boarding passes/receipts;*

Max travel reimbursement amounts:

** Financial aid will be available if needed.*

Green Travel

Slovakia - €210

Slovenia- €210

Serbia - €210

Green Travel

Croatia - €210

Czechia - €210

Austria - 0

Air travel

Latvia - €275

Greece - €275

All costs related to the youth exchange such as food, accommodation, and other practicalities during the formal mobility dates are covered.

The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the determined limit. Any amounts beyond these limits must be afforded by the participants themselves. Buying tickets is the own responsibility of each participant (with the support of sending organizations, after the approval of the coordinating and hosting organisation). To be reimbursed, the participant has to provide all evidence of travel documents such as original train tickets, original boarding passes, original invoices, etc. as well as the evidence of payment (e.g. bank transcript of payment). Before purchasing the tickets, you will need to send us the potential itinerary and costs and wait for our confirmation. The implementation of the local follow-up is a must for the travel refund.

If you want to arrive earlier in Vienna, or leave later, and still receive your travel refund, it's possible to arrive max. two days in advance OR leave max. two days after the mobility, or one day before and one day after. Please be informed that participants will have to take care of own costs and expenses on these extra days. The official arrival day is 01 August 2024 and the official departure day is 08 August 2024. If you arrive earlier or leave later and the cost of travel on these days is more than the cost on the official days for travel, we will consider only the costs for the travel on the official days, and you should cover the extra different amount.

OTHER IMPORTANT DETAILS FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE TRAVEL COSTS:

- Missing or lost tickets will not be reimbursed;
- Taxi, car, or petrol costs and travel agency fee charging are not reimbursed;
- Boarding passes for all the parts of air travel are essential for reimbursement.
- We are not responsible for any fee that you might have to pay for your sending organisation.

VENUE

The mobility will be held at the Jugendgästehaus Wien Brigittenau in Vienna, Austria. Participants are required to arrive from the airport to the venue by themselves and also depart by themselves to the airport. You will be accommodated in rooms with 2 – 4 bunk beds (mostly only 2), which you will be sharing with participants of the same gender, however, mixed with participants from other nationalities who are also participating in the youth exchange. All meals will also be provided by us at the same venue.

Address of the Venue: Jugendgästehaus Wien Brigittenau, Adalbert-Stifter-Strasse 73, 1200 Vienna.



HOW TO GET THERE?



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VIENNA OR BRATISLAVA AIRPORT

Use Skyscanner.com or
kiwi.com for cheap tickets.

LOCAL TRAIN

Use the local train (S-bahn)
directly from the airport, or
if arriving from Bratislava,
buy a flibus ticket to
Vienna.

LOCAL TRANSPORT

Buses, trains, trams, and the
metro are all readily
available for transport
through Vienna. We
recommend using Oebb on
the trains.

REIMBURSEMENT

All tickets/boarding
passes/invoices/receipts
must be sent to EMOTiC
and EFE in order for
reimbursement to be
processed. Travel must be
confirmed beforehand in
order to process
reimbursement

ECONOMIC TRAVEL

For travellers within Austria,
we encourage the most
environmentally friendly
option possible.

WHEN TO GET THERE?

Arrival day: 1st November, before dinner.

PROGRAMME:

2nd to 7th November, in total 6 days PLUS THE 2 travel days.

Departure day: 8th November, after breakfast.

- It may be possible to arrive/leave outside of this range, however this must be discussed beforehand and all food/accommodation costs must be individually covered.



WHAT TO BRING?

PACKING LIST:

- Passport/ID card;
- Comfortable walking shoes and clothes for outdoors;
- Small umbrella;
- Anti-rain jacket;
- Warm clothes;
- **Towels and Shampo (not provided by th hostel)**
- Mobile phone, headphone & laptop.
- Your own water bottle.
- Your own reusable cup for any drinks including hot ones.
- Any needed medicines;
- Insurance (please bring your EHIC card, and ensure your belongings in other ways).
- Games, songs, dances, quizzes, food, beverages, and traditions to represent your country in the intercultural evening.



ALLERGIES? MEDICINES? OR DIETARY NEEDS?

DON'T WORRY! IF YOU HAVE DIETARY NEEDS, ILLNESS, PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS AND/OR USE MEDICINE WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT, PLEASE INFORM US. IF YOU ARE VEGETARIAN OR HAVE SPECIAL DIET, LET US KNOW, INDICATING WHAT YOU CAN AND CANNOT EAT, SO THAT WE CAN ARRANGE THE SUITABLE FOOD.

APPLICATION

All those eligible for participation and interested in this youth exchange should fill in the following application form by the latest **20.October.2024** in order to be considered for the selection.



Form link is [here](#).

Project page: <https://www.emotic.org/2024-audioguides-environment>

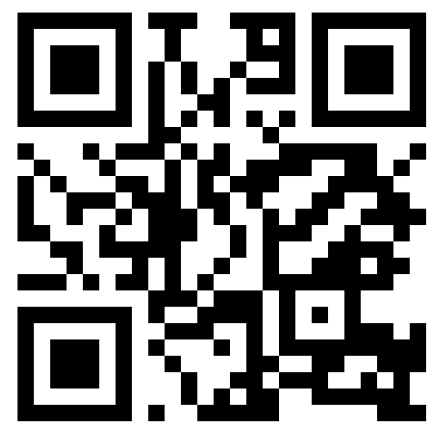
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