

ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING NOVA GRADIŠKA

PRESENTS

POWER OF ART

STARRING:

CROATIA, PORTUGAL, ROMANIA, SLOVENIA, SPAIN, TURKEY

18TH - 26TH OF JUNE 2018
NOVA GRADIŠKA, CROATIA



THE POWER OF ART CAN BREAK THE SHACKLES
THAT BIND AND DIVIDE HUMAN BEINGS.

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Dear partners and participants, in this document you will find all important information about our youth exchange 'Power of Art' that will be held in June in Nova Gradiška, Croatia.

Please read the information carefully!

Looking forward to see you soon 😊

Welcome to our Youth exchange!

This Information Pack shall provide you with all the necessary information to guarantee a great, interesting, educational, funny, respectful, joyful and creative experience under the guidelines of the EU Erasmus + Programme.

Summary

The youth exchange „Power of Art“ was created as a follow-up of the successful Youth Exchange "Echoes of Art" that was held in March 2017. The young participants addressed the problem of increased radicalization of youth happening at the European and world level, often caused by spreading viral posts on social networks and the so-called fake news, and by ignorance about diversity, difficulties in the process of integration of minorities into society and the fear of the unknown.

Guided by the idea that well-designed activities within nonformal education can contribute to the prevention of radicalization, by providing an intercultural and experiential learning experience and the experience of living together with the ones that are in any way different, young people have created this project idea.

Youth Exchange "Power of Art" aims to provide young people from 6 European countries with the knowledge and skills needed to create meaningful artistic messages aimed at promoting the fundamental values of the EU, as contained in Article 2 of the Lisbon Treaty, and to ensure an inclusive participation of all young members of our communities, regardless of the obstacles they encounter, through intercultural exchange and dialogue.

The exchange will take place in **Nova Gradiska, Croatia**, from **18th to 26th of June 2018**, and bring together 37 participants from 6 European countries: Croatia, Spain, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey, and Romania.

During this exchange the participants will gain a set of knowledge and skills, through the use of nonformal learning methods and participative approach; with a focus on the development of digital competence, social and civic competences and cultural awareness and expression; and acquire knowledge of expressing and articulating attitudes through digital artistic creation and expand their knowledge about other cultures and differences, break prejudices and stereotypes, and internalize attitudes and opinions that encourage and promote the culture of positive peace. The methodology of intercultural and

experiential learning and the use of art as a tool in nonformal education will enable participants to develop creativity and a high valorization of art as a tool to combat intolerance.

We want to emphasize the fact that for an active participation in the activity there will be no need for a pre-knowledge in video editing, recording, and processing, nor the need for professional tools and expensive recording equipment. Our goal is to create an inclusive environment where individuals develop their existing creative competencies, gain new ICT knowledge and develop teamwork by promoting messages of communion, inclusion, understanding and European citizenship.

This Youth Exchange will result in the creation of a series of short films, which will address the following topics: diversity; fear and misunderstanding; ideology; the culture of violence; tolerance; the culture of peace; freedom; equality. The acquiring of the aforementioned knowledge, skills, and attitudes will have a positive impact on all the participants as it will enable them to encourage and promote the culture of positive peace within their community through video creation as a simple, yet powerful tool. We expect that the participants of this exchange will continue using the knowledge and skills gained from this project in the strengthening of social activism among youngsters.

The long-term impact of the project on the target group will be achieved by increasing their competencies and capabilities for easier detection of negative behaviors in their environment. Ultimately, the promotion on the social networks and the organization of "movie nights" in 6 countries, will contribute to raising the awareness of the problem of youth radicalization; and achieving a greater involvement of relevant stakeholders in resolving it.

Hosting Organization

Association of the deaf and hard of hearing Nova Gradiška is a non-governmental, non-profit and non-partisan organization. The objective of the Association is to gather people with hearing problems, and parents of children and youth who do not have, or have a limited ability to work, in order to achieve and promote the quality of life in the protection of their individual and collective interests. Areas of the Association's activities in accordance with the objectives are: social activities; education, science and research; international cooperation; Human rights protection and promotion of democratic and political structure. The Association has been involved in youth work in local level since its founding. We have also implemented and participated in projects within Youth in action Programme and Erasmus+ since 2012; and by then implemented 20 projects within this programme.

Participants

Filming is a powerful tool that can provide the voice to ones usually left unheard. Thus, the priority will be given to participants with fewer opportunities in order to make them able to share the public arena with the young professionals. Therefore, considering the needs of the organizations involved, we have decided to address this youth exchange to 36 youngsters that are willing to take active part in every step of this project.

The age limit for participants is 18-25 and there is no age limit for the group leaders.

At least 13 of them will be youngsters with fewer opportunities, as follows:

1. Disability - youngsters that face any kind of disability.
2. Geographical obstacles - participants that fall into this category are living in remote or rural areas, with poor public transport and low access to different facilities.
3. Social obstacles - participants that fall into this category are the ones facing different levels of social exclusion based on several reasons – national/ ethnic minorities' discrimination, homophobia, gender discrimination etc.
4. Cultural difference – youngsters that are coming from different cultures than the prevailing Western culture; and youngsters that are members of minority groups in their countries. Also, youngsters that are coming from much closed communities and thereby experiencing the fear of different are more than welcome to join this exchange.

We would also like to encourage you to involve participants that aren't perfect in English, therefore usually afraid of joining these types of events.

Another criteria that will have to be respected in the selection process is that the participants are willing to contribute to the project by sharing their photos, that are interested in photography as such, that they are able to express themselves in Basic English and able to attend the exchange through its full duration.

The emphasis is on the fact that for the monitoring of activities there will be no need for a previous experience in video editing, recording and processing, and we will not need professional tools and expensive recording equipment. The goal is to create an inclusive environment where individuals develop their existing creative competencies and get new digital and teamwork work skills during transmitting messages of communion, inclusiveness, understanding and European way of life. This YE will have a positive impact on all participants as it will enable them to use simple, yet powerful tool of filming, express their views, feelings and promote ideas of tolerance and peace within the community of national and international contacts.

Working methods and preparation for project

The project is organized from and for young people. Our activities during the preparation, implementation, evaluation and follow up phase ensure active participation of young people in each stage of the project. We want the project to make a positive change in the life of young participants and thus we value their reaction, opinion and feedback at every step of this project.

Working methods of this project are based on:

- ✚ active participation in workshops, presentations, study visits
- ✚ personal and group discussions
- ✚ brainstorming and sessions for enhancing creativity
- ✚ personal development activities and reflection sessions
- ✚ team-building activities, energizers, games (music, dance)
- ✚ intercultural dialogue and presentation

- ✚ Video sessions
- ✚ preparing and implementing an movie festival

Financial conditions (travel, accommodation)

Accommodation and food: 100% covered by Erasmus + Program

Travel costs: are budgeted according Erasmus + conditions (using the EU distance calculator) http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

Partners, travel costs and number of participants are as follows:

Country	Partner organization	Number of participants	Reimbursement per participant
Romania	ASOCIATA D.G.T	5 participants + 1 group leader	275 €
Portugal	AKTO	5 participants + 1 group leader	360 €
Spain	Backlash	5 participants + 1 group leader	275 €
Slovenia	Javni zavod Center za mlade Ruše	5 participants + 1 group leader	180 €
Turkey	Aktif Genclik ve Spor Kulubu Dernegi	5 participants + 1 group leader	275 €

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The participants are expected to provide participants' contribution of **20 €** per participant. This will be used to organize a surprise trip that will enable you to enjoy Croatia and Slavonian culture a bit more ☺

Travel (ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE)

The participants should arrive to Nova Gradiška on **18th of June, not later than 5 p.m., and depart on 26th of June 2018.**

Some info about transportation:

1. Zagreb Airport to city centre timetable: <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/en/page/timetable>
2. Zagreb Main bus station: www.akz.hr
3. Zagreb Main train station: <http://www.hzpp.hr/en>

If you arrive by plane to Zagreb, you should take the Pleso airport public bus that will take you directly to Main Bus Station. Then you should take a bus to Nova Gradiška; there are several busses a day; though we request that you arrive to Nova Gradiška by 5 p.m. latest, so plan your trip accordingly ☺ The ride is approx. 2 hours. You can buy the ticket online on www.autotrans.hr as well. Once you arrive to Nova Gradiška you will be picked up by our volunteers. In case you decide to travel by train you should go from the airport to the Main

train station in Zagreb and take a train to Nova Gradiška. However, we highly recommend the bus.

In case you're planning your trip via other airports we would like to inform you that Nova Gradiška is very well connected with most of the cities in the surrounding, however please inform us about your plans on time so we can give you the best possible advice 😊

We kindly remind you that early accommodation and extra overstays will be your responsibility.

Travel Tips

- Make sure you have a **valid (not expired) ID card or a valid Passport**.
- Make sure to have your **European Health Card** in your wallet.
- Pack in your hand luggage some "back-up" clothes and underwear in case your suitcase gets lost in the airport.
- **Keep all your boarding passes and travelling tickets** otherwise we will not be able to make any reimbursements.
- Only public transportation will be reimbursed (e. g.: taxi at your own expense).

Venue and Accommodation

- The youth exchange will take place in Nova Gradiška, a small city in the Slavonia, east region of Croatia. Further info about Nova Gradiška can be found here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nova_Gradi%C5%A1ka

- Participants will be accommodated in "Slavonski Biser". You can check it out here:

<http://www.slavonskibiser.com/site/index.php?biser=onama.php>

- Internet connection will be available at all venues of the project

- Towels are provided by the accommodation facility but we advise you to bring your own personal hygiene items.

- The venue is only 10 minutes walk from the city center and there are shopping facilities on walking distance

In case you want to arrive in Nova Gradiška before or stay longer after the youth exchange, you have to arrange your accommodation at your own expense.

WHAT TO BRING, WHAT TO PREPARE

- 📱 Your smartphone
- 💻 At least one laptop per group
- 📷 We encourage you to bring your photo camera, if you have one 😊

Intercultural Evening

The concept of our Intercultural Evening is a bit different than what you might see before. In this project you will be invited to prepare an intercultural presentation of another country, in order to avoid the boredom and lack of interest in the group.

It will go as follows:

Slovenia will present Croatia;
Croatia will present Turkey;
Turkey will present Romania;
Romania will present Spain;
Spain will present Portugal;
And Portugal will present Slovenia.

Before the activity, the national teams will be invited to use our Facebook group to get in touch with the participants from the country they will present, and teach them about your country and culture by sharing online resources, telling them some curiosities about your traditions or social behaviors, showing them some dance or traditional games, so they could learn it. Your group leaders and sending organizations will provide you help in this process of preparation.

Of course, you are still invited to bring something typical from your place: food, drinks, traditional clothes, music, any "strange stuff" to show and we'll enjoy them after the presentations.

Everything is welcome **but** power point presentation and touristic videos from YouTube!

Comfortable clothes

Make sure to bring comfortable clothes. During June the weather in Nova Gradiška is quite warm, with a daily average of 25°C; but the mornings can be colder. You will need your summer clothes along with few light jackets and shirts. Still **do not forget to check the weathercast** before arrival!

Personal insurance

Insurance cover for personal effects is the responsibility of the individual participant. You are recommended to ensure that you have adequate medical and travel insurance to cover the period of your stay in Croatia. Neither our organization nor any venue used during the event can entertain claims against loss of or damage to personal property.

PROOF OF ALL THE TRAVEL EXPENSES

If you come by plane, please be sure to bring evidence of the sum actually paid (invoice) and boarding pass. Electronic tickets will only be considered as acceptable on proof of payment (invoice) and on presentation of the boarding pass for the outward journey. Please keep in mind the travel rules of the ERASMUS PLUS Program. If you come by train or bus do not forget to buy a return ticket. Please copy your tickets before you leave your home.

For the reimbursement you need:

- An invoice for the tickets.
- A receipt (showing that you have paid the money) – only for train and bus tickets;
- printed document showing that the money was paid (receipt, bank confirmation etc.) – for the airplane tickets;
- Flight ticket (with the name of the passenger and flight details);
- All boarding passes;
- A printed confirmation of reservation.

Please, make sure that you have all these papers when you come to the exchange (of course, the return boarding passes might be sent after the YE).

P.S. Please send us the prices of the tickets when you have them, so we could plan our budget.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

According to the rules of Croatian NA we have to make sure that your tickets were bought following the principles of good management. That means that we'll need you to check at least 3 offers and make screenshots (print screens) of each offer. Please do not buy any ticket before our approval!

NB! Please note that we cannot reimburse travel costs if you lose your tickets or we do not receive all details and proofs of your expenses!

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Weather: The average temperature in June is usually 15 – 25°C degrees, although it can be colder or warmer. Please check the weather forecast before your travel.

Currency: Croatia is not part of the Euro zone and our currency is Kuna (KN or HRK). You can change money in exchange offices, banks and kiosks. We recommend changing only 10 € in the Airport, so you can buy a one-way bus ticket for city centre that costs 30 KN. In Croatia you can use your credit and debit cards (VISA, Maestro, MasterCard etc.) almost everywhere.

Emergency phone numbers in Croatia:

Emergency number for all purposes: **112** (you can call from any device, regardless the country your phone number comes from)

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