

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: 21 March 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

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, BOLT 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).

!!! ATTENTION!!! Scanned, photographed, screenshots, jpg, png etc. format documents are **NOT ACCEPTED**. If you do not manage to save them in PDF you can forward the email that contain the document to us via email: beyouroumania@gmail.com

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 boardingpass 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

Romania exits the state of alert and lifts all restrictions. This means that wearing a mask is no longer mandatory in open or indoor spaces, and the green pass is no longer required to enter public institutions, shops, malls or events. Plus, indoor cultural, scientific, artistic, sporting or leisure activities can be organized without restrictions.

Travellers can enter Romania without a green certificate. Also, travellers entering Romania no longer need to complete the Passenger Locator Form (PLF), and those without a COVID-19 certificate no longer have to quarantine.

Note: Please inform yourself about the conditions for returning to your country! The responsibility regarding needed documents to return in your country is fully yours.

INTERCULTURAL EVENING

Each national group will have the occasion to present their country, culture, customs and traditions to all participants.

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!