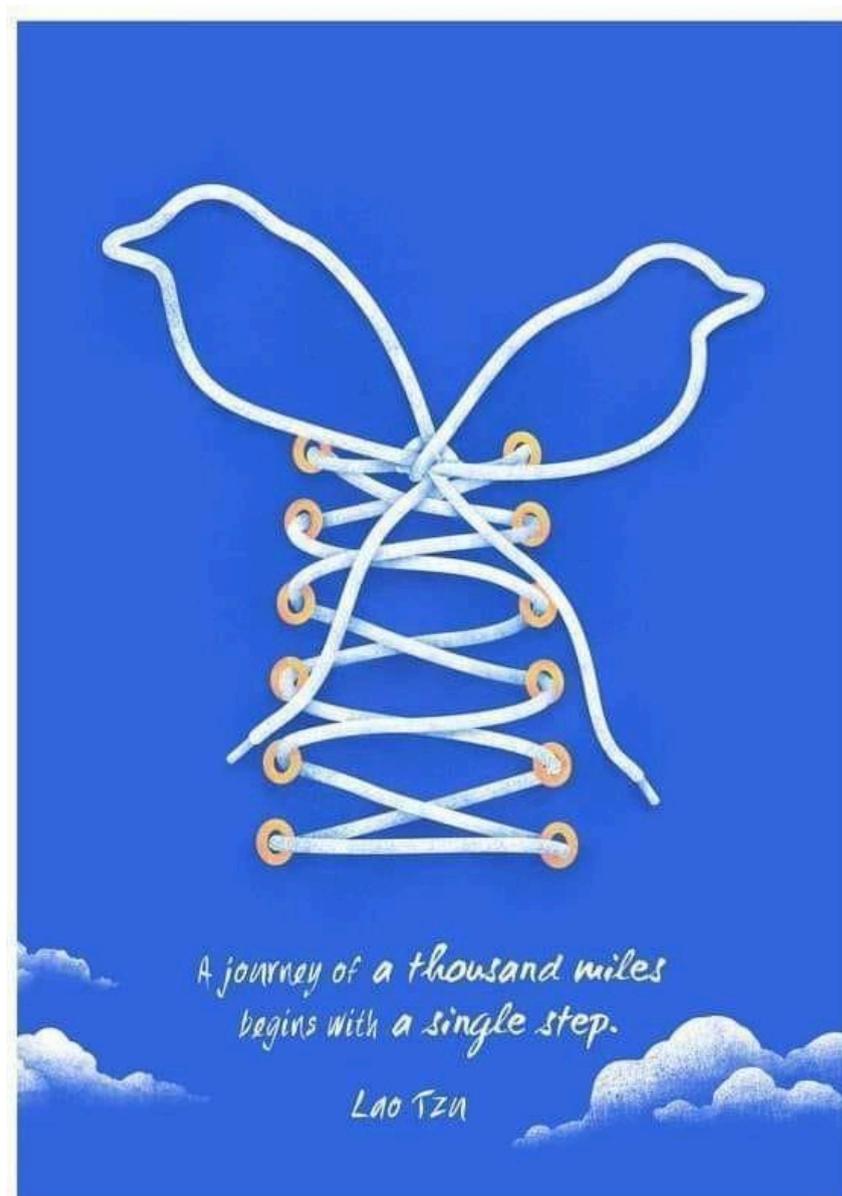


Act local, think global

Youth exchange

Malino, Croatia, 08.11. – 14.11.2021.



Information package

Dear partners and participants, here you will find all the important information about our youth exchange which will take place soon in small charming place Malino, Croatia.

Please read all the information carefully!

Looking forward to see you soon

Lets start with information

WHAT: Erasmus plus project – youth exchange

TITLE: Act local, think global

PLACE: Malino, Croatia **APPLICANT:**

Arteco

<https://arteco.hr/en/home//>

DATE: 08.11.2021 – 14.11.2021 (08.11. arrival day, 14.11. departure day; 09.11. – 13.11. working days)

Who is target group of this project? (PARTICIPANTS)

Through the project "Act local, think global" 42 young people and their leaders will participate in youth exchanges in Malino in the Municipality of Oriovac in BrodPosavina County. The Youth Exchange will bring together seven representatives of partner organizations from six countries. Along with hosts from Croatia, the exchange will be attended by young people from Turkey, Romania, Spain, Greece and the Republic of Northern Macedonia. The focus of youth exchange will be on young people with fewer opportunities, especially those from rural areas, the unemployed, members of the NEET group, and members of the Roma and Kurdish people, with a focus on young people aged 18-29, equally of both sexes.

Number of participants per country and travelling budget per person:

CROATIA: 6 + 1 (20 EURO)

GEEECE: 6 + 1 (275 EURO)

SPAIN: 6 + 1 (360 EURO)

TURKEY: 6 + 1 (360 EURO)

ROMANIA: 6 + 1 (275 EURO)

NORTH MACEDONIA: 6 + 1 (180 EURO)

Working language of youth exchange will be English. (Your English doesn't need to be perfect, neither is ours! Better a little English than no language communication at all.)

Project summary

Main topic: creativity and culture, inclusion and art, migrants issues

The aim of the project is to make youth aware of the importance of diversity and it's benefits, with the aim of increasing tolerance, solidarity and greater social inclusion and empowering positive initiatives among youth. The issue of inclusion of marginalized groups has been recognized as important issue in the countries where partner organizations operate, and through it we will encourage and empower young people to develop competences and skills for critical thinking, solidarity, creative expression and a sense of initiative in your local community.

The objectives of the project are closely related to the objectives of the Erasmus + program, which is particularly evident through the work on developing competences of youth with fewer opportunities, with a particular focus on rural youth, unemployed youth, members of the NEET group and Roma and Kurdish youth. In this segment, the project focuses on intercultural and inter-religious dialogue by promoting the social inclusion and solidarity of youth towards others and through the promotion of diversity and tolerance. By empowering youth through the acquisition of competences, tools, methods and skills, they will strengthen their confidence and sense of initiative and promote their shared EU values in their local community. Such an approach and action will contribute to the reduction of radicalism among youth and its marginalization.

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
 - role play
- art and creativity will be main method for teaching and developing skills**

This project is not only based on a "one-way information-flow" but requires a proactive participation from you. So, we would encourage you to search about the issue in your country, local community, university, NGO.

For more information about the ERASMUS PLUS Program you can visit the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.html

Each national group will be responsible to host one session, we as organization will help you to shape your session in best possible way as learning experience. Remember, this is non formal education and main purpose of your active involvement is to develop soft skills.

You are expected to attend the full duration of youth exchange!

Financial condition (travel, accomodation)

Accomodation and food: 100% covered by Erasmus + Program

Travel costs: are budgeted according Erasmus + conditions (using the EU distance calculator).

Travel (ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE)

The participants should arrive to Malino on 08.11. and depart on 14.11..2021.

- You are invited to use most optimal and cheapest means of travel. If you choose to travel by plane, we recommend you to choose Zagreb airport.

1. When you arrive to Zagreb airport you can use train that can get you directly to Malino. In case that direct train to Malino does not fit your needs you can travel to Nova Kapela and from there we will pick you up (It is just one stop from Malino)

2. You can travel fro Zagreb by train to Slavonski Brod and that take another train to Malino or to Nova Kapela

2. You can travel from Zagreb by bus – and go to Nova Gradiška or Slavonski Brod – from there you can use train to Malino or Nova Kapela, or you can just travel to Nova Gradiška or Slavonski Brod and we will pick you up – but you need to let us know your traveling agenda so that we can help you

- You can use near by airport in Budapest (Hungary), Belgrade (Serbia) and that from those destinations you can reach Slavonski Brod or Nova Gradiška

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

If you need assistance in order to plan your travel please let us know and we will help you.

Plese take in considiration that there is still COVID-19 pandemic and try to reach destination of project in most easy way – just to make things go more easy.

If you need assistance how to reach us you can always contact us by e-mail or by our phones:

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Accomodation

When it comes to accomodation and your staying in Malino, we have prepared special conditions for your overall experiance. You will be hosted in our place that we have build – in sustainable, eco friendly, natural **Hobbit houses**.

We build this place with lot of love by respecting nature and with intention to offer part of fairytale in unique envirnoment. Everything that you will see there commes from our creative mind and it was created using materials that we could

find in nature – and this is very important for us. In that way we are **0 waste** and **environmental friendly robinson** kind of people.

We highlight fact that our accommodation is robinson style of accommodation that tells story about how it is important to take care of nature, but also, what you can do with what nature can offer you.

Also, we understand that people nowadays live in modern technological society – our place is not like this. We will take you and bring you in fairytale – in place where you can find your inner peace and discover yourself again. (Ofcourse, we have water, electricity, internet, we are not far away from all things that you need: stores, hospitals, bars, train station, bus station and all other things that make us modern people – you will not feel isolated.)

When it comes to night time, and sleeping – you will sleep in sleeping bags. Maybe this sounds scary to you – but this is part of learning experience and it goes along with our story about environmental friendly robinson fairytale . This is small step outside your comfort zone, but big step for personal empowerment.

In our accommodation we will offer you 3 meals in a day and coffee breaks. When it comes to food – you will eat organic and local food prepared by us. Only the best that nature can offer you, we will bring to you and serve it with lots of love. Our accommodation and environment will help in process of your personal development, and food will satisfy your personal needs.

We will take care of your needs and if you are vegan, vegetarian or omnivorous we will offer healthy and eco friendly (organic) food to you. If you have any special needs when it comes to food you will let us know in app form – and we will take care of it.

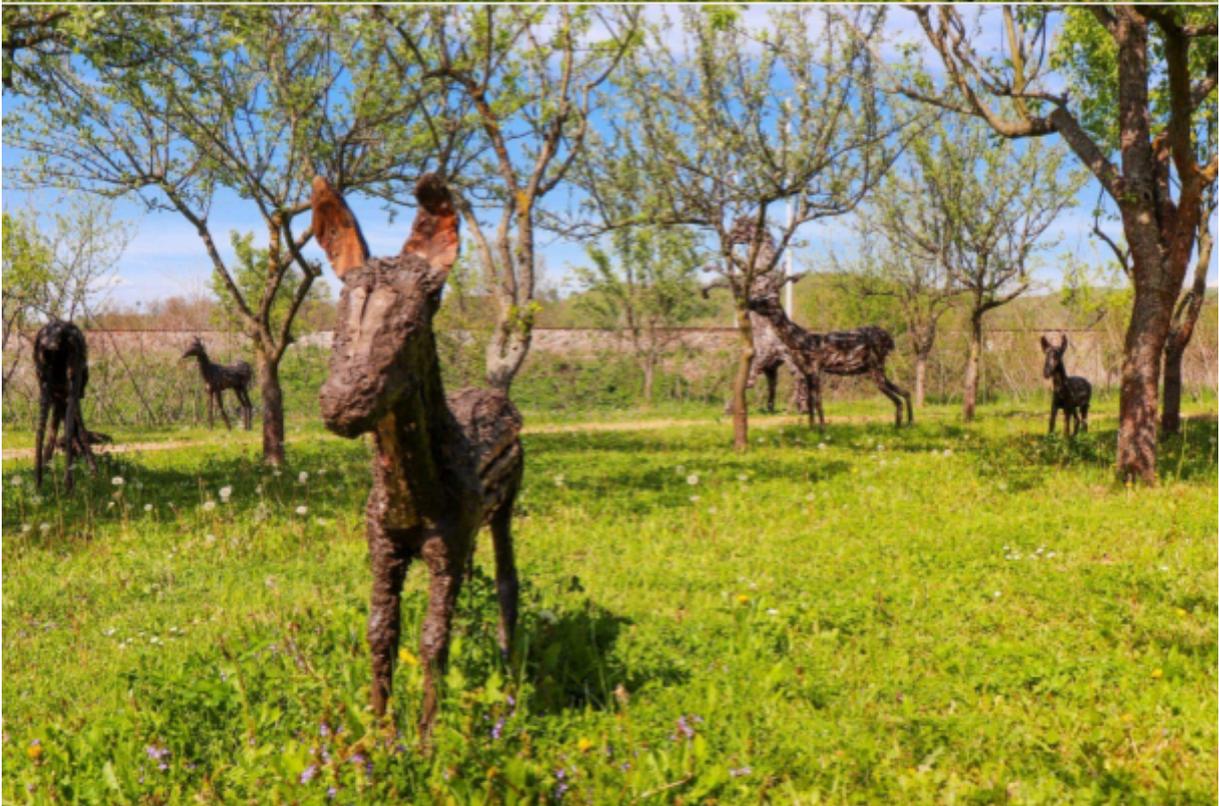
Also, you will need to bring towels with yourself :D – if you forget, we will help you, but take in mind that towels are your responsibility.

Our address: <https://goo.gl/maps/BTukNnwg2iBv4rsi8>

Here you can take a look about what we really are:







What to bring with you?

In Croatia you are obligatory to wear face masks in super markets and stores but also inside of every institution and every closed space, so bring face masks with you, medicine and other things for personal protection against COVID-19. Please be responsible.

1. Materials About Your Organisation

During the youth exchange, each one will get the opportunity to present their own organization in a visual way on Organizational Market Evening. We encourage you to bring as much –relevant- materials as possible.

To bring with you:

- Information about your organization; brochures, leaflets, etc (in English if you have).
- All relevant information you have on the previous international project(s) you've organized/been part of (reports, gadgets, and press releases).
- Picture, posters, etc.

2. About Your Country/Region/Town:

Please bring your national food, traditional drinks, music or souvenirs for the intercultural evening. On this evening you will be able to show what is typical for your country; it can be food, drinks or whatever you would like to present from your country.

3. 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.

ALSO, PLEASE, DO NOT FORGET TO BRING:

- Medication, shampoo and other personal items. - Standard seminar equipments, varied and comfortable clothes.

Please check the weather before you start packing.

Documents needed for reimbursement of travel costs

Please take in count that ONLY THE TICKETS FOR BUSES OR TRAINS ARE ALLOWED TO BE PAID IN CASH. FOR THE AIRPLANE TICKETS YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY USING THE BANK SERVICES (ONLINE TRANSFER, PAYMENT ORDER, ETC.) EVEN YOU ARE BUYING THEM ONLINE OR DIRECTLY FROM THE AIRLINES COMPANY (OR ANOTHER TRAVEL AGENCY). During project you will also need to provide evidence that you paid your tickets that amount that you claim: if you buy tickets oline we will need bank transaction evidence, and if you pay by cash we need to have original bill with all information – we will check during project are your tickets ok (we had some experiance where participants tend to fake their tickets in order to get more money for them – in case that you do that you will be sent home without reimbursement and we will report your act to National agency).

For reimbursement you will 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 money was paid (receipt, bank confirmation, etc.)
- For the airplane tickets;
 - Flight tickets (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 youth exchange (of course, the return boarding passes might be sent after exchange).

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

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!

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is necessary that all participants on this youth exchange have travel insurance. So buy travel insurance for the dates of this youth exchange. If you have EU health card please bring it with yourself.

PASSPORT

If you have a passport please bring it.

REIMBURSEMENT will be done after you go back to your home, after you send us all tickets of your journey back and after you do dissemination. We will transfer money to your NGO bank account and they will send you money on your account, or, we can transfer money to bank account of group leader.

Agenda

All workshops will take place in the Pavletić Theme Park, managed by Artec Pavletić, it is a park that abounds in numerous works of art set up outdoors made from discarded materials from nature. In addition to the artistic component, the Park abounds in natural beauties such as streams, plants and trees. During the preparation of the workshops, representatives of all partner organizations participated in their development and formation, and a framework was set by which the goals, activities and results of the exchange contribute to the goals of the Erasmus + program and the goals and strategies of partner organizations. After the selection of participants by the partner organizations, the participants will participate in co-creating the workshops through group meetings with their national facilitator. After that, the leaders will hear each other and agree on all the necessary and important details before coming to the youth exchange. Details will be defined during the youth exchange leaders' meeting and at the national coordination meetings. Some of the methods to be used: group work, individual work, research, critical analysis, SWOT analysis, role play, simulations, presentations, thought maps,

experiential learning, creative expression, self-reflection, etc .. The first day is scheduled for the arrival of participants , their placement in the Theme Park, introduction to the Park and other participants. Introduction and work on creating cohesion will follow. Methods will be used: icebreakers, games, communication exercises, dating games, energizers. A meeting of the group leaders will follow, who will go through and analyze the agreements reached in the past weeks via google drive and video call. The final agreement will be followed by national coordination meetings where participants will receive all the information and support during the final preparations of the workshops for the next day. The obligation to prepare and lead the workshops will be assigned after the selection of participants and they will then prepare them until the arrival of the exchange in the national teams. A meeting of the facilitators is scheduled every evening, followed by a national coordination of the participants' responsibilities for the sitting day to make sure that everything is ready and, if necessary, that the facilitator supports the participants in the preparation process, which is also a form of learning. The second day is focused on creative analytical thinking, taking the initiative and improving communication and negotiation skills, the adoption of which significantly contributes to strengthening self-confidence. Following is an introduction to the project objectives, their expectations / fears / contributions, and in general to the Erasmus + program and Youthpass through the first workshop. Methods of brainstorming, individual work, group work, presentation, role play, group discussion, discussion, active participation, quiz, experiential learning will be used. The third day in the morning is scheduled for a reception with the mayor as an important local stakeholder who will emphasize his support for the project and the importance of international mobility for the young people from his local community who participate in them and all young people in general. After lunch, young people will get acquainted in three different workshops with general concepts important for understanding the topic of exchange and the importance of self-confidence for more active participation in community life for inclusion in individual and creating youth initiatives in all important areas. The third workshop will be a complement to the previous two and their unification through art. Methods to be used in the afternoon three workshops are: mandela, writing to yourself in the future, brainstorming, attitude barometer, group work, individual work, presentations, taking initiative, intercultural learning, creative expression, presentations, etc. Each evening participants are scheduled to get to know the culture and gastronomy of one national team. The entire fourth and fifth day until lunch is focused on taking the initiative and creative action of the participants with the aim of publicly expressing the attitude of support for tolerance, inclusion and celebrating diversity. The inclusion festival on the fifth day in the afternoon, in which the local population and young people will participate, will be the culmination of the youth initiative in their activities. The methods used in these two days will be: creative creation, experiential learning, group and individual work, brainstorming, analysis, presentation, public speaking. The sixth day is focused on creating new projects through the presentation of organizations and the design of new project ideas and the selection of one that will be developed and applied for one of the next application deadlines. The second Youthpass workshop follows and the evaluation of the whole project for the end.

We kindly ask our group leaders to contact us in order to shape your national session that you will deliver during youth exchange.

Each day is constructed as follows: Breakfast, Energizer, Session 1, Coffee brake,

Session 2, Lunch and free time, Session 3, Coffee brake, Session 4, Reflection Group,
Dinner, Evening activities

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