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Youth Exchange

“Youth against Plastic Empire!”

05.07. – 13.07. 2022 JAZAK, SERBIA





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WELCOME TO THE YOUTH EXCHANGE (YE) “Youth against Plastic Empire!”

About the project

„Youth against Plastic Empire!” is 9-day long youth exchange that will be implemented from 05.07. to 13.07.2022 in village Jazak on slopes of Fruska Gora mountain. This project will make 30 young people from 5 countries (North Macedonia, Croatia, Romania, Turkey and Serbia) be more aware about plastic pollution and its consequences on the health and the environment and will inspire and encourage young participants to strive toward more sustainable choosing their daily habits, since the change is always starting from ourselves.

Youth exchange aims to address this problem by targeting main consequences of plastic pollution and to provide participants sustainable solutions since the change will come only if people are aware of the problem and understand the dangerousness of it.

Participants will be in charge to prepare the materials regarding plastic free advices such as video material and posters they will share in online campaign ones they return home in order to share their experience and knowledge, motivating youth in their local community to start acting green and plastic free habits also informing them about Erasmus+ programme, Youth Pass and key competencies they gaining while participating on this youth exchange. By ingraining themselves into the local plastic free campaign where they will support very popular local plastic-free initiative with collecting the plastic chaps from the drinks, they will learn how important is the local initiative in order to achieve greater good and cleaner future while helping children with handicap to buy medical support for their every lives.

This project wants to help young people to get acquainted with the problem of plastic pollution and tools that lead to its implementation, prevention of making waste, choosing more sustainable solutions for everyday habits, promoting cleaner options and Erasmus+ to their peers, increasing competences in public speaking and practical skills. The profile of the participants that will be involved in this youth exchange is young people 18 to 26 years old that are enthusiastic to:

- learn more about the plastic pollution origins and consequences, prevention of waste and environmental protection, and how our daily habits are affecting the health of the biodiversity and us;
- be active on all workshops, and to take responsibility for disseminating the project activities, they will be obliged to share the posts of the online campaign that will be made by participants during the youth exchange, and shared on social media by applicant organization and partners after the projects finishes;
- improve their English language skills, public speaking and presenting skill as well as practical skills;
- learn about other cultures, languages, music and food overcoming the barriers, stereotypes and making international friendships;
- learn about Erasmus+ programme and the key learning competences that they will gain on youth exchange and fill in Youth Pass; share all the learned with their peers in the local community and on all other projects involved, national or international.

There will be no previous knowledge or specialization that will be requested from participants in order to attend this youth exchange, nor the previous experience in Erasmus+ programme, English language skills and other non-formal education won't be requested. Group leaders will make different mixed international groups for every workshop in order to ensure that there will be balanced teams of participants with different knowledge, age and English language skills.

Youth leaders that will be involved by all organizations have to be persons that had experience and is active in Erasmus+ programme and working with youth; ready to provide help for young participants during the whole project; are eager to prepare the workshops and carry them out with participants; are able to approach to the problems and know how to solve it.



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While choosing the participants for the project, partner organizations will pay special attention to make the team with an even number of participants of both genders if possible. All organizations will be responsible for finding participants for their national group.

The venue, Jazak, Serbia

Youth Exchange will be organized in the Center for rural development and applied learning – CERUDA <http://www.ceruda.org>, in village Jazak on the Fruska Gora mountain in Vojvodina, north part of Serbia.

The village of Jazak is situated on the southern slopes of the mountain ridge of Fruška Gora, 30 km from Novi Sad and 60 km from Belgrade airport. Jazak is a small village with around 800 inhabitants. We choose this venue because of the possibility to work in the open space with the adequate respect of the epidemiological measure's which will guarantee safety of all the participants.

More info about CERUDA you will find on <http://www.ceruda.org/>, about Jazak on <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jazak> and about Novi Sad on https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novi_Sad

Accommodation, food, work and safety

According to the rules of Erasmus+ Programme we will cover 100% of food and accommodation costs. **There is no participation fee for youth exchange.** But active participation in all activities is obligatory for all participants and youth leaders.

Participants will be accommodated in CERUDA and holiday home “Jazacka bajka”, which is 50 meters from the working place in CERUDA. The capacity of the accommodation is:

Holiday home “Jazacka bajka”- There are 3 bungalows. Two bungalows with 5 beds and one bungalow with 4 beds. Totally in the holiday home “Jazacka bajka” 14 participants will be hosted. Each room has a bathroom.

CERUDA – There are 3 rooms in CERUDA centre. One room with 4 beds and two rooms with 6 beds. In total, 16 participants will be hosted in the CERUDA centre. Each room has a bathroom.

Breakfast will be served in the CERUDA centre kitchen as a buffet. There will also be a possibility for eating outside on the terrace for every meal. Catering will everyday bring fresh and prepared food for lunch and dinner. Food will be prepared locally and part of responsibility for food preparation will be on participants during their national evenings.

We will work in the premises of CERUDA but also, we will have activities outside. **Bring shoes and clothing for work outside in nature, walking in nature and sports activities. We expect nice weather but nights in Jazak can be cold so please bring some jacket or sweater. Mosquito repellent is also recommended.**

During the youth exchange, we will follow all the current Covid19 prevention protocols. Measures for safety of the participants might be in terms of maintaining social distance, wearing masks in the common rooms, disinfection barrier in front of the common room as well as the disinfection in all the common rooms in order maintain high level of hygiene and maximally decrease the possibility of the infection of the participants. Common rooms will be daily ventilated and disinfected.

Youth exchange will be led and implemented by participants and youth leaders. Every group will be responsible for preparing and leading a part of youth exchange. Detailed arrangements will be made between youth leaders when group leaders and participants are selected by partner organizations. Each



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partner organization has a task to prepare their youth leader and participants for youth exchange and help them organize their travel in order to arrive safely and on time.

Every country group will have a task to present its country to the other participants during the YE. Time for presenting every country will be during the Intercultural nights. **All organizations will have preparatory activities with the selected participants in order to prepare the information about the plastic free solution they have in their country which will be needed for the workshops on the day 5.**

For Intercultural nights we expect that you present to the other participants why people in your country are special and what are facts about your country that we need to know. Also, you can bring some traditional food and drinks to present to others. Each team will have up to 30 minutes to present its country to others. Use your imagination, knowledge and creativity and make it interesting and funny. National clothes, music, flags and other things are more than welcomed! 😊

Travel

Each project partner is responsible for organization of travel for its group. Money for travel cost will be refunded to project partner organizations after the youth exchange and after Environment Engineering Group (EEG) as hosting organization receive all tickets and boarding passes. If some ticket / boarding pass is not sent back to EEG or it is lost we will not be in position to refund travel costs, because of strict rules of the donor.

Also, if needed, PCR test costs for entering Serbia and going back will be covered by the organizers.

Please note that all participants **MUST HAVE** a travel health insurance that includes Covid19 treatment!

Please keep all of your tickets!

We expect you to come in Center for rural development and applied learning in Jazak on 05.07. until 15 o'clock. <https://goo.gl/maps/PuhDUFsTLGnzMSP3.A>

Travel cost will be paid after youth exchange to partner organization via bank transfer based on contract with partner organization, copy of tickets and real travel cost for participant on youth exchange.

Maximum travel cost

Partner country	Number of participant	MAXIMUM reimbursement for travel cost in EUR
North Macedonia	6	1260 (210 EUR/PER PARTICIPANT)
Croatia	6	1260 (210 EUR/PER PARTICIPANT)
Romania	6	1920 (320 EUR/PER PARTICIPANT)
Turkey	6	1650 (275 EUR/PER PARTICIPANT)

How to reach Jazak

From the Airport “Nikola Tesla” and main bus station in Belgrade



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If you are coming to Serbia by plane you will come to Belgrade airport “Nikola Tesla” from where you have bus lines to the centre of Belgrade near the main bus station. The price for bus line A1 is 300din (around 2,5 euro).

From main bus station in Belgrade, you need to take bus to Novi Sad or to Ruma.

Novi Sad is the second biggest city in Serbia, so the departures from Belgrade main bus station are pretty often. Here you can find the list of departures:

<https://redvoznje.net/en/autobuske-linije/belgrade/novi-sad/?dan=05.07.2022>

Ruma is town next to Jazak (15 km) and from there we will pick you up and bring to Jazak.

For more information how to reach main bus/train stations in Belgrade
https://www.beg.aero/lat/parking_i_prilaz/transport/javni_prevoz.

For more information about timetable from Belgrade to Novi Sad see:
<https://www.polazak.rs/sr/red-voznje/Beograd-RS/Novi-Sad-RS/05.07.2022./00:00/>

If you have any question regarding transport, please contact Ana Pecarski by SMS or Viber +381 60 4570707, ana.pecarski@yahoo.com or send mail to organization izzsns@gmail.com

Arrival of participants

ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO BE IN JAZAK ON 05.07.2022. at 15:00!

If you cannot reach Jazak until 15:00. please let us know.

Departure of participants

ALL PARTICIPANTS NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN LAST SESION ON 13.07. until 13:00!!!

Plan your departure from Jazak for 13.07. after 13:00. If you cannot organize your departure after 13:00, please let us know.

Money

The domestic currency is the RSD (dinar). The dinar has a floating exchange rate to Euro (rate 1€ = 117 dinars – approximately). You can exchange money in exchange office. There are also ATMs in lot of banks in city of Belgrade and Novi Sad, but not in village of Jazak. But if you need to exchange money in Jazak don't worry we will help you to do it. All things you want to buy is possible to pay only in dinars so be sure to have always some with you. Since you can use only the dinars for payment in Serbia, we highly recommend you to exchange the money in the exchange office as soon as you arrive. 😊

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding travel, accommodation, food, venue or anything else please contact:
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Don't forget



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We will make a Google form for the application forms for selected participants, for now just select your groups so we can prepare everything in time.

ALL PARTICIPANT NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES PLAN IN PROGRAM :-)

Best regards and see you soon,
Environment Engineering Group TEAM