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Independent thinking for better understanding

KA1 Youth Exchange

12th July – 21th July 2017 (including 2 days of travel)

Wisła, Poland

About the Youth Exchange

The exchange will allow participants to develop their critical and independent thinking regarding challenges of modern world such as responsible consumption, climate changes, refugees and multicultural societies - in the context of United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Mutual learning and working in international groups will also help to build among young people attitudes of tolerance, regardless of country of origin or religion.

Main aims of the youth exchange are as following:

- to gain knowledge and deeper understanding about issues relating to responsible consumption, climate change, refugees and multi-cultural societies;
- to gain understanding of connections and linkages between the above. issues, so that young people will perceive problems and global challenges in a holistic way;
- to develop the skills of critical and independent thinking among young people;
- to make them aware of their own influence on the world (both globally and locally);
- to promote tolerance and respect for human rights, regardless of country of origin or religion.

Furthermore, this project will contribute to improve English skills. It will also be an opportunity for young people to exchange experiences and knowledge about how they can influence both their local environment, and the world.



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Profile of the participants

The Youth Exchange will be attended by 35 young people from 7 countries (5 persons from each of the country: Poland, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Portugal, Romania) and 7 youth leaders (one from each participating country).

Requirements:

- aged 18-25;
- good level of English;
- willingness to share acquired knowledge and skills with other young people in local community.

The group of each country will be obligated to conduct a dissemination events for other young people in their city/town, within 2 months at the end of the youth exchange.

Participants will be actively involved in the training. The group from each country will be given tasks to prepare for the training:

- the “table” of their country for international evening;
- presentation about the social inequalities in their country;
- short presentation about multiculturalism in their country.

More details about those tasks will be shared with participants.



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Venue

The training course will be held in Wisła, Poland.

Wisła is a beautiful town in southern Poland, close to the border with the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Attractively situated at the source of the Wisla River, and surrounded by beautiful forests on nearby mountain slopes, Wisla is popular tourist destination. Known as the Pearl of the Beskid Mountains, it has breathtaking views and landmarks.

Participants will be accommodated in double, triple and four-person rooms with private bathroom, grouped by gender.





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Dates and schedule

Participants should arrive before 6 pm on 12th of July. The departure will take place on 21th July 2017 after breakfast.

	12.07	13.07	14.07	15.07	16.07	17.07	18.07	19.07	20.07	21.07
Morning	Arrival	Getting to know each other	Inequalities in the world	How do my consumer choices affect the rest of the world?	Climate changes	Refugees and migrants	Multicultural societies	My role in the world	Trip in Wisła	Departure
Afternoon	Welcoming dinner	Plan of the youth exchange. Intercultural evening.	Inequalities in our countries				Tolerance	My role in the local community	Evaluation	

Costs

Accommodation costs (programme activities, food and accommodation) are covered by Erasmus+. There is no participation fee.

Travel costs will be covered, based on the country of participants, up to foreseen limits:

Bulgaria – 275 EUR

Greece – 275 EUR

Italy – 275 EUR

Lithuania – 275 EUR

Portugal – 360 EUR

Romania – 275 EUR

For participants from EU countries health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organizers. It is required to have the EKUZ card, which provides a free insurance for EU participants on the entire territory of the European Union.