



INFOPACK:

Youth exchange: Urban house

Where: Črnomelj, SLOVENIA
When: 09. 10. 2017 – 16. 10. 2017





Summary of the project

On the Youth Exchange »Urban House« that will take place between **9th and 16th of October 2017** in Črnomelj (Slovenia), will participate 36 group leaders and participants from **Slovenia, Croatia, Spain, Poland, Macedonia and Portugal**. In 2015 state of Slovenia abolished Student Dormitory in Črnomelj and transferred the building to the Municipality of Črnomelj. Municipality of Črnomelj entrusted 2nd and 3rd floor on a probationary period to Youth center BIT for our own projects and projects which municipality leads. The equipment in the building is very old and inappropriate for the present time. That's why this project was developed by local volunteers, EVS volunteers and foreign partners, who have already visited Črnomelj and have seen the problems in the building and want to improve it so it could be better for staying in it.



Goals of the project

1: To encourage youngsters in self-employment and social entrepreneurship.

We will inform participants what social entrepreneurship is, where to start, how to get the finances, introduce them with startup and crowd funding platforms and other business tools. With gained knowledge and competences, the participants will create their own business plan and try to realize it, when they come back home.

We will achieve this with cooperation, intercultural dialog, interactive presentations, team work, open thinking, self-development and self-confidence, sharing good practices from different countries and conversation with various successful entrepreneurs.

2: Creative artistic expressing with renovation of the hostel. This goal we will achieve through various practical

workshops, where participants will give the new urban look to this old building.

On the project Urban House, participants will present their own point of view, creative ideas and with cooperation with other participants also make it in realization. Through various workshops and renovation of the hostel, participants will acquire knowledge, skills and competences that are key tools in non-formal education and informal learning with a European dimension.

Participants will through practical creative workshops restore furniture, paint walls, transform terrace in an urban garden and so make a new urban image of an old building, which will be suitable and more comfortable for future projects and development of tourism for organized groups. Participants will also get to know the basics of social entrepreneurship as a tool for solving social problems in an entrepreneurial way.



Objectives of the project

Main objectives and highlights of this projects beside the renovation of the hostel are collaboration and teamwork, getting to know other cultures and countries, personal growth and self-esteem and discovering your own creativity. On the project Urban House, participants will present their own views, creative ideas and with cooperation with other participants also make it in realization. Through various workshops and renovation of the hostel participants will acquire knowledge, skills and abilities that are key tools in non-formal education and informal learning with a European dimension.

About the organizer Youth center BIT

Youth center BIT-social enterprise was founded in 2004 by the Students Society of Bela krajina (KBŠ) and Youth Culture Club Bela krajina (MKK). It has a status of a non-profit, private non-governmental organisation and social enterprise that works in public interest.

Check us on our web and FB page:

mc-bit.si



<https://www.facebook.com/mladinski.bit/>



What are we doing?

YC BIT is mostly lead by volunteers and is supported by contract partners. Our main target group are young people between the age of 15 and 30. We pay special attention to young people with fewer opportunities, especially those with social, economic and educational barriers.

We are running an educational-touristic centre with 14 rooms and 2 apartments for organized groups.

Our vision is to create a team that will efficiently work towards fulfilment of young people's needs and will consequently encourage youngsters to identify with the values of our organisation.

The mission is to prepare and coordinate programs and projects that enable young people to spend their spare time in a creative way and fulfil their educational, professional, cultural, artistic and other needs.



Main fields of our work are:

- youth information and counselling (individual and group),
- **non-formal education and projects on the local level** (workshops, courses, presentations, round table discussions, exhibitions, conferences, youth initiatives),
- **international youth projects** (European Voluntary Service, Training Courses, Youth exchanges, Seminars, Job shadowing activities, Networking),
- **club program** (Non-commercial/alternative concerts, Stand-up comedy shows, festivals),
- technical and organizational support to individuals and organizations (free access to internet, lending of technical equipment, assistance at work with computer and internet, printing, scanning).



Please check our page to see what we are doing:

<http://mc-bit.si/en/erasmus/zakjuceni-erasmus-mladi-v-akciji-projekti/>
<http://mc-bit.si/en/evs/>
<http://mc-bit.si/en/mladinski-center-bit/>

Črnfest (festival) movie:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nQhxDXnK44>

Cultural club MKK:

<https://www.facebook.com/mladinskikulturniklub/>

Student association KBŠ:

<https://www.facebook.com/KlubKbsSI/?fref=ts>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/mc_bit_crno_meli/



Slovenia is located in southern-central Europe, at the crossroads of main European cultural and trade routes, between Alps and Adriatic Sea, with the capital and biggest city, Ljubljana. Population of Slovenia is little bit more than 2 million people. Since 1 of May 2004, Slovenia is also part of European Union, and the official currency is € (euro).



Črnomelj is a small town (around 7.000 inhabitants) in **Bela krajina**, south-eastern part of Slovenia. It is situated 92 km from the Slovenian capital Ljubljana, and 100 km from Zagreb, the capital of the neighbouring country of Croatia. Both Ljubljana and Zagreb have an international airport so there is no problem with the transport to Črnomelj.



Check promo video on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6ANugialgE>



On the other side, **Bela krajina** is known as wine region, where is a lot of farmers producing their own protected wine, what is making this region even more richer in cultural and traditional aspect.



How to get here?

To Ljubljana:

You can reach it by:

plane

<http://www.lju-airport.si/sl/Main>

train

<http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/>

bus

<http://www.ap-ljubljana.si/>

We must warn you, that Slovenian air companies are not the cheapest ones!

So if you are thinking to come by plane, you should better check **Venice airports** (Venice Treviso, or Venice Marco Polo), they have all low cost air companies like Ryanair, Wizzair, Easy jet...

From there, the best option is to take a van from one Slovenian company called »Goopti«,

<https://www.goopti.com/>

which can bring you from Venice airport to Ljubljana train station (ticket is around 20€ one way, but **you need to book it and pay it in advance** on their internet site - we can help you with that).

Another option is **Zagreb airport**, which is 1 hour from Črnomelj (we will organize transportation from Zagreb airport to Črnomelj).

<http://www.zagreb-airport.hr/>



To Črnomelj:

By train from Ljubljana:

Ticket costs 7.70€ for one way.

If you come to Novo mesto, we will arrange transportation to Črnomelj (it's just 30 km away).

Bus connections from Ljubljana to Črnomelj are not so good, so we don't suggest you to use this type of transportation.



**DO NOT BUY TICKETS,
BEFORE INFORMING
US!!!**



Reimbursement

We will reimburse your travel costs according to the rules of Erasmus+ Program. Reimbursement of travel costs will be done upon presenting original tickets, receipts/invoices and boarding passes. Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and a receipt/invoice. All the participants will get their reimbursements via bank transfer after project is finished.

The reimbursement will be calculated based on the currency rate of European Commission for the month November.

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/infoeuro/index_en.cfm



Who are we looking for?

Young people between 18-30 years old (group leader with no age limit).

Deadline for sending us the names of participants is 1st of September 2017!

Before coming here, please fill the application form!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/138ns_ozFRK0mDB-m3JnoVvFM52IJ9tDhw9t2nh9bEBHc/edit?usp=forms_home&ths=true



Also join us in Facebook group, where we are sharing useful information before, during and after the project.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1718660468438327/>



Amount of money per participant:

FYROM (5 participants + 1 group leader)
COUNCIL FOR PREVENTION OF JUVENILE DELINQUENCY KAVADARCI
275€

Portugal (5 participants + 1 group leader)
Associação Spin
ASSOCIACAO SPIN
360€

Poland (5 participants + 1 group leader)
CENTRUM WOLONTARIATU W KIELCACH
275€

Croatia (5 participants + 1 group leader)
MLADI ZA MAROF
20€

Spain (5 participants + 1 group leader)
Spain ASSOCIACIO CULTURAL TABALA
275€

Slovenia (5 participants + 1 group leader)
MC BIT (hosting organization)
0€



Accommodation

We will stay in our **educational touristic center**, which is located 2 minutes from town centre. We'll be in shared rooms with 2 or 3 participants per room.

We also have **big shared bathroom**, one for boys and one for girls.

We provide meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and 2 coffee breaks. If any of the **participants have any special requirements** regarding food and/or health issues, please inform us in advance.

In center we have good internet connection, printer / scanner, all kitchen accessories, washing and drying machine and a nice terrace with a great panorama view of the town.

You don't need to bring sheets for the bed, because we have plenty of them.

Don't forget to bring towels with you!





If you have any questions, feel free to contact us on



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**See you soon in
Črnomelj!**



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