



Culture link

KA1 Youthworker Mobility project

within the Erasmus+ Youth programme framework



Project summary

The "Culture link" project is a KA1 mobility of youth workers under the Erasmus+ program, revolving around a Contact Making Event for organizations with a strong motivation of carrying out Erasmus+ youth and youthworker mobility projects. "Culture Link" aims to ensure the proper environment for building solid partnerships for future youth projects in Erasmus+, mainly focused on enhancing competencies of youngsters and of youthworkers using culture as a tool for social change. Encoding concepts of Intercultural dialogue, Inclusion and Youth work, the project has the following objectives:

- to develop strong Erasmus+ projects focused on using culture as a tool for enhancing competences of youth and youthworkers
- to ensure the proper environment for kick-starting long term partnerships amongst youth organizations and youth workers in the cultural field
- to provide the adequate setting for sharing experience and ideas of common interest
- to explore common needs and solutions offered by Erasmus+ in using culture as a tool for social change

During the 5 days of activities 17 youth workers from Greece, Sweden, Italy, Romania, Estonia, Latvia and Portugal will be part of a common setting for building strong partnerships, take part in various workshops, presentations, visits, round-table discussions and establish grounds for future youth projects related to culture. Based on non formal education tools and methods, participants will undergo a complete process of identifying potential partners, establishing common grounds for future projects and increase quality aspects in their youth work.

Through this project, establishing a collaboration platform, it is expected to have concrete partnerships on several Erasmus+ projects, preferably using the theme of Arts & Culture. But also, on a long term to create a proper network of organizations active in youthwork. Having this Contact Making Event at it's basis, future culture projects will already have a strong basis for quality projects with deep impact and correct competences development of youngsters and youthworkers.

Participants will come at the activity with cultural related project proposals or ideas, formulated together with young people or staff, depending on the situation. During the 5 days, participants will present their organizations' project application and negotiate partnerships with the other present organizations.

Project period : 1 August 2019 – 31 January 2020 Do not buy travel tickets before 1st August !

Partner organizations' tasks		
	<i>Task</i>	<i>Notes</i>
PREPARATION	Selection of participants	Please select participants as soon as possible following the indications in profile of participants.
	Support in preparation of participants	* Finding and/or purchasing best travel solution; * Creation /Selection/Update of materials representative for the organization; *Predefining project ideas based on the organizational objectives; *Participants are kindly asked to also bring along a national flag aprox. 80-100 cm.
	Visibility action	During the month of August, the coordinator will send out a press release about the project. Partners are kindly asked to translate and promote the project using their own website or other online/physical means of communication with local stakeholders.
	MOBILITY	The participants are the main actors of this phase. Please check the attached timetable of activities. Also, bear in mind that the program is draft. This means that whilst the activity workshops and items remain the same, we might make some modification based on the hosting partner's suggestions so we can increase local impact, but also take advantage if free time foreseen.
FOLLOW UP		
	Collaboration	Partners should communicate if and how they are working with current partners on project applications.

	Evaluation	Partners are kindly asked to send in a final report describing the impact the project has had on their work.
	Dissemination	Partners will be asked to contribute in the dissemination of the project results

MOBILITY

The mobility activity will be hosted in Sitia, Crete Island, Greece. The meeting lasts 5 days from the 6th to the 10th of September 2019.

Arrival and departure

Participants are expected before dinner on the 5th of September and to depart on the morning of the 11th September.

Although spending an extra day, max 2 can be allowed with prior notice and with proper reason, please note that the organizers will not provide any additional accommodation outside the dates of the training course and all incurred costs are the responsibility of the participants themselves.

Accommodation, meals and activity spaces

We have various options for hotels in the centre of Sitia and during preparation period we will decide on which one. Participants will be hosted in room with twin beds, 2 persons per room. Following the selection of the hotel, we will supply you with details on hotel, location and other details related. Nonetheless, the hotel will be in the city of Sitia with A/C, free wi-fi and own bathrooms.

Concerning meals, we will focus on having a full experience in local cuisine. This means that in different moments we will have meals in Sitia's restaurant, but also enjoy real homecooking in the community of Praisos (en. Praesus). As you will see from the program, most of the activities will be held in Praisos, which is a community part of the municipal area of Sitia.

Activities will be hosted in the hotel's meeting room, but also in Praisos, in their meeting hall and also outdoor.

Travelling

! It is highly important, for us and you as well, that you purchase airplane tickets as soon as project period starts, 1 August. This is because travelling to the location can become kind of expensive. Please use this time until the project eligibility period starts to select your proper participants, so you can buy tickets as early as possible.

Sitia has its own airport, that operates only certain flights. There are no direct flight to Sitia, but interconnected.

In order to reach Sitia, you have the two most common options:

1. **Via Athens.** From any airport of departure available to you, please reach Athens airport. Here you will have a connecting flight to Sitia using OlympicAir (<https://www.olympicair.com/en>). They operate daily flights to and from Sitia. Please check timetables and baggage allowance.
2. **Via Heraklion.** From any airport of departure available to you, please reach Heraklion airport. From HER airport you have different solutions to reach Sitia (130km away):
 - a. By bus from Heraklion to Sitia (costs 15-25 euro). Detailed info for travelling will be given. Buses depart at 7:00, 10:45, 13:15 and 18:45.
 - b. By ferry and trip takes aprox. 3.5 hours.
 - c. By private bus hire for more participants, which we can organize and costs will be deducted from your travel budget. In order to do so, we need most to understand if most participants will arrive on HER airport. Depending on arrival times of each one, some

participants may have to wait in Heraklion in order to have everyone on the minibus at the same time. Takes around 2 hours depending on traffic conditions.

- d. Car rental, but please take into consideration we will be able to reimburse you only the fuel.

Please find your travel allocation in the table below. We will reimburse eligible costs up to that limit. Any travel cost beyond that limit is the responsibility of the participants/sending organization.

Organization	Country	Budget per person €
Kungalvs Kommun	Sweden	360
Associazione Sabbeen Group	Italy	275
VitaTiim	Estonia	360
Young Folks LV	Latvia	360
Tineri in Europa	Romania	275
Associação Spin para o Intercâmbio, Formação e Cooperação entre os Povos	Portugal	530
POLITISTIKOS SILOGOS PRAISSOU	Greece	0

The reimbursements will be done by bank transfer towards the partner organization's account **only** upon receiving all original travel documents (invoices, receipts, boarding passes, train/bus tickets) with clear details, dates, sums and names. Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance of the activities and presentation of the original travel tickets with boarding passes, receipts and invoices.

Take into consideration that taxi journeys are not eligible except under very special circumstances.

Any tickets purchased in a currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month when the ticket/s were purchased, as stated in the official European Commission web-site at <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/>



Health/Travel insurance

The coordinator does not provide any travel/health insurance for the participants. If needed, the participants are requested to purchase individual travel/health insurance for their stay in Greece.

In any case, participants should have their European Health Card, which should entitle them at least for basic medical services if needed.

PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE

- Organization leaders
- Project leaders
- Other professionals working directly with young people

Each partner will send two (2) participants with the above described roles. Some selected participants may be invited to participate in one 1-on-1 skype interview or phone conversation in order to prepare the activity better.

Please take into account that we are looking only for partners who **DIRECTLY** work with young people in non-formal education (no project travellers, not organizations that find participants via facebook, not schools).



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Considering it is a partnership building activity and not a training course, at least 1 participant, preferably both, **has to be able to represent and speak for their respective organization, preferably having been part of coordination in at least 1 youth project.** In case, you have no availability, the second participant can be entry-level from within the same organization.

Communication and contacts

Please ask membership on this group, so we can have all participants in one place for random communications.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2492353377482637/> "Culture Link Erasmus+"

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