

# DIY, PLASTIC GOODBYE!

ERASMUS+ YOUTH EXCHANGE | MAY 15-22, 2019 | ORTA NOVA, ITALY

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# ABOUT THE PROJECT



We want to carry on this project because through the non formal education, the experience and simulation activities we want to create and impact on the young participants of the Youth Exchange, that will understand the impact of the use of plastic on our World. Then they will understand the importance of cooperation, use creativity and learn about environmentalist topics in order to reduce a problem like that. They will experience the importance of Erasmus+ and see how the EU supports youth initiatives. They will expand their horizons and demolish any stereotypes that they might have learning to be more understanding and tolerant toward minorities. The people that they will be in touch with during the project will represent a small part of the society that they might meet during their life. This will be an important experience that will benefit them and help them improve as human beings. What will be widely supported is the feeling of humanitarianism, volunteer-ism, tolerance, contribution and affection especially on the difficult times as the ones our society and whole "globe" is facing. An ideal atmosphere of learning will be created during the YE, in order to support the interactive learning and reflection group for the participating youth. One of the aims is also long term international cooperation in Erasmus+ among the participating organizations. Another action in the project is the participation in the EU-wide awareness-raising campaign on the World Environment Day on 5 June, launched by the EU Commission.

Objectives of the project:

- increase the awareness among young people on the damages of plastic use;
- activate young people to take actions for the Environment;
- make the young people understand about the empowerment strategies for becoming change agents in their respective societies;
- improve the level of competence in creative skills;
- understand how creativity can be used to take actions for a positive change;
- improve the level of key competences and skills of youth addressed by the Youthpass;
- grow the sense of awareness in young people about the multiple forms of culture, intercultural dialogue, cultural diversity from all ways and forms of communication;
- promote the Intercultural Learning through non formal education;

# PARTICIPANT PROFILE

Each partner organization will send 4 participants & 1 group leader. Participants and Leaders must agree to take part in the whole duration of the Youth Exchange (from May 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>th</sup>)!

## Participant Profile:

- interested in the Environmental topic
- interested in learning about the consequences of plastic use
- interested in improving their creativity skills
- passionate about DIY and want to learn how to use their creative skills for environmental topics
- sensitive to the environment issues
- with basic level of English

Participants with economical/educational or geographical obstacles (young people with fewer opportunities) are welcome (Half of the group in each participating Country)



## Leader Profile:

- has capacity to support his/her group and older than 20 years old;
- previously participated as participant and/or leader to any youth project at national or international levels;
- are willing to cooperate in the EU Awareness campaign actively;
- with high English literacy (B2 – C1) level;
- with previous experience in Youth Work;

# HOW TO GET THERE?

Before buying any ticket please ask us confirmation.

Your best choice will be to land in Bari Airport!

Choose preferably flights that are landing in Italy in the morning so you will have the time and the transportation to reach the Bari on time.

**Very important:** We will create a pickup point in Bari (airport or central station) accordingly to your arrivals. It is important that you will assure your presence at Bari not later than 17.00 on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Transport will be organized with a bus from the pickup point to the venue of the Youth Exchange, Orta Nova. Cost of this bus is around **20€** per person, and it will be covered with the travel budget. (This means that if your total reimbursement is 275€, you will be cut out 20€ from the total amount, so it will become 255€). (20€ is both for arrival and departure)

Do not reserve any train ticket in order to reach Orta Nova, as we will provide internal transport from Bari to Orta Nova. 😊👉

After you will communicate to us your arrivals, we will make a schedule that you can follow with information on the exact time and place of the pickup point!

Same goes for the departures, organize your trip with the departure from Bari so you will be taken there in the morning of May 22<sup>th</sup>.



# TICKETS GUIDELINES



- ✓ Arrival and departure day of the Youth Exchange are: May 15<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>th</sup>. You are strongly recommend to arrive to the venue before 5pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> and to plan your departure after 9am on the 22<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Eligible days accepted from the National Agency for extending your stay in Italy and be fully reimbursed by our organization are up to 2 days more. (Examples of traveling days are: May 15<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>th</sup>.)
- ✓ Travel route must be approved by us, so before booking your flights inform us and wait for our approval.
- ✓ Deadline for reserving flight tickets is: **April 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- ✓ Don't forget to keep all your tickets, receipts, reservations and boarding passes! In case of missing documentation we will NOT be able to reimburse you!

Needed travel documents for the reimbursement:

- ✓ **Flight tickets** – choose second class, cheaper flights. For flight tickets you will have to provide: Ticket Reservation (you receive it online after you buy your flight, on which you find the cost of the ticket) & Boarding pass (for both ways, printed in original).
- ✓ **Train, Bus and Shuttle tickets** - make sure the date, the itinerary and the price are visible on the ticket, if you can get an invoice is better;
- ✓ **Transport by taxi or Rent-a-Car** – reimbursement is allowed only if public transport is not available; a personal written declaration will be needed. (Before using it you can speak with us in order to arrange a cheaper solution if possible);
- ✓ Please avoid app or mobile tickets since it makes it difficult to save the proof.

# TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS & COSTS

Following costs will be covered by project budget:

- ✓ 100% costs for accommodation, 100% costs for 3 meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) & 2 coffee-break per day.
- ✓ Travel costs (from your house to the venue) will be reimbursed according to distance (please check table below).
- ✓ Reimbursement of travel costs will be done after all travel documents and payment proofs will be collected. Reimbursement will be transferred on the organization bank account.

Organization	Country	N° of Participants	Max sum per participant	Max sum per group
Asbl Connection	Belgium	5	€ 275	€ 1375
Tesura Cyprus	Cyprus	5	€ 275	€ 1375
Greek Odysseuses	Greece	5	€ 180	€ 900
ATDD	Romania	5	€ 275	€ 1375
Danish Youth Team	Denmark	5	€ 275	€ 1375

Leaders must collect all travel document for their group in this Drive Folder:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ifiaXccMt9hTJJ2cAzloQRl1Tk-k\\_Qnl?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ifiaXccMt9hTJJ2cAzloQRl1Tk-k_Qnl?usp=sharing)

After having collected all printed original forms, they will have to take pictures/scans and put them together with the digital version of tickets. Please find in the Drive Folder also an Excel file as Reimbursement guide to fill in.

Reimbursement will be completed only when all documents are correctly collected.





## THE VENUE



The venue of the Youth Exchange is in Orta Nova, a quiet small town in Puglia. The accommodation is B&B Villa Castellano, in the center of the town. For more information about accommodation please visit their FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/Bb-Villa-Castellano-588301154944180/>

Participants will be accommodated in many separate rooms according to gender and in mixed nationalities.

- ✓ Breakfast will be served at the hotel;
- ✓ Lunch & Dinner will be served in a traditional local restaurant with traditional food from Puglia, so be prepared to taste delicious food!
- ✓ Our special working room will be not far from the hotel and restaurant! (2 minutes walk)



# TO DO LIST FOR PARTICIPANTS

After you have been selected to take part in the Youth Exchange, remember to follow these few steps:

- ✓ Prepare yourself on the topic of the project, bring your creativity and be ready to present your Country and its environmental situation;
- ✓ Fill in the following form by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**:

<https://goo.gl/forms/g7lHO1IFzf1Y8FV93>

- ✓ Reserve your tickets by **April 10<sup>th</sup>**. Upload your tickets and reservations in our drive, as explained in page 6 of the Infopack.
- ✓ Join the official Facebook group, where we will share more info and updates about the project:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/458765288031317/>

- ✓ Cultural Night: Every national group of participants from one country will need to present their culture on the intercultural evening. You can bring some traditional food, show traditional dances and tell interesting facts and stories about your Country. You can also prepare games and quizzes!
- ✓ Safety and Insurance: the project budget will not cover a travel insurance, by the way we highly recommend to get an European Insurance Card;



## What to bring:

- ✓ First of all: your SMILE and ENERGY, Italy is waiting for you!
- ✓ A personal drinking CUP!
- ✓ Your small and shower towel;
- ✓ Light clothes;
- ✓ Your camera and laptop (with editing program);
- ✓ European plug adapter, in case you need one:





# CONTACTS

Our email where you can get in contact with us for any information or support:

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