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Together 
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sustainable 
future 

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Youth Exchange in
Velbert (Essen)



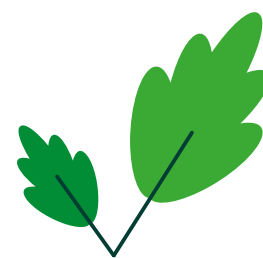
Brief Description of the Youth Exchange

The project "Together for a sustainable future" aims at conveying an awareness of sustainability and creating a common European sense of identity among the participants.

Our main goal is to create an awareness of the need for sustainability among our participants and to convey knowledge about the SDGs and the European goals and values.

Other objectives of the project:

- to impart the participants with theoretical knowledge on the Design Thinking method and to empower them to apply it independently and to look for innovative solutions of ecological problems in their communities and countries
- to encourage the participants to share lessons learned during the youth exchange with their peers and to empower them to look for innovative solutions of ecological problems in their communities and countries
- to support the participants development on the personal level: key competences and skills development.
- Increase youth cooperation between the countries of participants: Germany, Spain, Denmark, Cyprus, Romania, Poland and Bulgaria. Tolerance, understanding and antidiscrimination are getting extremely important in modern Europe as well as various issues of contact between different cultures, collaborate in the face of challenges. Build bridges between the participants from all countries and develop a network to create and provide further opportunities
- Project targets on increasing of youth mobility. Mobility is one of the most important conditions for developing of open-minded, respectful youth in our countries.



Group size and Partners

Target group of this project will be 42 participants, in co-operation of 7 organizations JuBuK e.V. Germany, Asociatia GEYC Romania, Danish Youth Team Denmark, DIONE YOUTH ORGANIZATION Cyprus, Fundacja Ornament Poland, Youth Senate Bulgaria and Youth BCN Spain.

Working Language

Working language of the youth exchange is English.

Profile of the Participants

Age 18-30

Group leaders: no age limit

Every partner - 5 participants and 1 group leader



Costs:

Board and accommodation will be covered by the hosting organization. The travel costs will be reimbursed for the cheapest and direct way of transport and only under the condition that the participant will take part in the whole project. The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the certain amount according to Erasmus+ rules.

Project participation fee is 40 Euro in cash (to be paid at the youth exchange). Maximum Travel Costs for each Partner Country according to Erasmus+ Distance Calculator:

Cyprus- max.360 EUR

Other countries-max. 275 EUR

Travel reimbursement:

Reimbursement will be done via bank transfer after the receipt of all travel documents including boarding passes. The tickets should be sent immediately after the activity.

Further Rules regarding the booking of the tickets and reimbursement:

- -The selected participants choose flight connections and send them to us or via the partners for confirmation. **Please don't book any tickets without our confirmation!**
- - Only the cheapest tickets will be reimbursed. We will not cover tickets with the deviation from the direct route, extra unnecessary stops and layovers. We don't cover seat reservation fees, leisure plus tickets, flexible tariff tickets, extra travel insurances. **Only hand luggage will be covered!**
- -Only tickets purchased online will be reimbursed. We can't cover travel agencies' fees. Travel agencies invoices for the flight tickets won't be accepted for reimbursement.
- - We can't reimburse taxi or private cars, only public transport will be covered.
- -You can arrive 2-3 days before the activity and depart 2-3 days after if you want to spend more time in Germany on your own, provided that the tickets on these days are not more expensive than on the official travel days.

PRINT your flight tickets and invoices and give them to us at the training course. Online Check-in (per email in PDF) is highly recommended, then you can't lose the boarding passes.

Arrival Day is the 28th of November -you can arrive at any time on this day. The dinner will be served at about 7 p.m. Departure Day is the 06th of December- you can depart any time on this day. There will be only breakfast on this day.



Some information about the airports around Velbert (Essen):

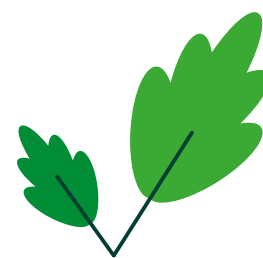
There are several possibilities how you can reach our location, so before booking the tickets we kindly ask you to check all of them and to find the cheapest one. Before booking the flight for each participant we ask the partners to send us the flight details and price, we will check and confirm or ask to book another alternative.

The nearest airports:

- Dusseldorf International Airport** - the biggest number of airlines and connections. Train station directly at the airport.
- Dusseldorf Weeze**- cheap flights by Ryanair and several other airlines.
- Cologne (Köln)** airport-many airlines, train station directly at the airport
- Dortmund airport**- cheap flights by Wizzair and others



How to get to the venue from the airport:



Dusseldorf Airport DUS

To find a possible connection for your arrival time, you need to use either google maps with the option on public transport or the website of the German Railway www.bahn.de (change the language to English). As a start you put “Düsseldorf Flughafen Terminal” and as the destination “**Am Buschberg, Velbert**”.

Buying Tickets:

You need **only one ticket !!!** for all the means of transport, it is valid in the train, metro and bus. We won't reimburse separate tickets for bus and train as they are not necessary. How to buy a ticket: When you arrive with the SkyTrain to the airport train station you will see the red ticket machine. Please change the language to English and you will see this:



In the right you see “Transport association”. Please touch this area of VRR. Your Tariff stage to Velbert is B. After pressing Tariff B, you can pay for your ticket. The single ticket costs 6,10 Euro and valid till your destination in Velbert in all means of transport except IC, ICE trains. Alternatively you can buy the ticket in ticket counter at the airport station.

Dortmund Airport DTM

To find a possible connection for your arrival time, you need to use either google maps with the option on public transport or the website of the German Railway (change the language to English). As a start you put "Dortmund Airport" and as the destination "**Am Buschberg, Velbert**".

Buying Tickets:

If you stay in Dortmund, you can buy the ticket in the bus. It is tariff A for 2,90 Euro. If you go next day to Velbert from Dortmund, buy the ticket at the train station, tariff C for 13,00 from Dortmund to Velbert. If you go to Essen, it is tariff C for 13,00 per person. Again you can buy it in the bus. Check the connections at www.bahn.de. There is also an airport shuttle to Dortmund but it costs 9 Euro and it will bring you to Dortmund central station, public metro is cheaper.

Cologne Airport CGN

There are many different options to go from Cologne/Bonn airport to Velbert. You can check them all here German Railway. You put as start Köln/Bonn airport and as destination **Velbert, Jugendherberge Velbert** (or am Buschberg, Velbert)

You buy single tickets in the ticket machine where you change to English and then put destination and time. The ticket to Velbert usually costs 18,30 Euro (for all means of transport including bus, train, metro). It is usually called SchöneReiseTicket or NRW Tarif but the machine will give you different options. The ticket is then valid for all means of transport except IC and ICE trains. It is possible to book this ticket online on www.bahn.de

Please don't buy expensive tickets for ICE, IC trains, we won't reimburse them!!!

There are also options to go by Flixbus or Flixtrain which you need to book online. They go to Essen and usually cost around 5 Euro. Flixbus goes directly from the airport and Flixtrain goes from the main train station in Cologne. From Essen train station you go by tram and bus and it costs 5,90 Euro from Essen.

Arriving by train to Essen train station

To find a possible connection for your arrival time, you need to use either google maps with the option on public transport or the website of the German Railway www.bahn.de (change the language to English). As the destination you put "**Am Buschberg, Velbert**" and as the start your train station.

About the accommodation:

Our youth exchange will take place in the **Youth Hostel Velbert Youth Hostel Velbert**
Am Buschberg 17
42549 Velbert

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www.jugendherberge.de/en/youth-hostels/velbert-466/portrait/

Bring your towels and cosmetic items.

The participants will be accommodated in 4-beds-rooms, WC/Showers are in the rooms.

Check-in is from 3 p.m. possible, if you arrive earlier, you can leave your luggage at the reception and go for a walk in the city.

WiFi

Please bear in mind that the WiFi in Germany is usually of a very bad quality, especially when all connect together. At the hostel it is slow and it works only in some areas. As we have now free roaming in Europe, check with your mobile provider, you should have free roaming data everywhere in Europe.

Food and Accommodation

Be prepared that we will not stay in the hotel, it is a hostel. The budget of Erasmus+ Youth mobilities projects is very limited and we can't book a hotel and to provide restaurant meals. However it is quite clean and cosy with a lot of different activity rooms and garden outside. The food will be basic German hostel food, nothing special, but nobody will be hungry.

Responsibility

Don't forget that you come as youth leaders and workers to this project, you are representatives of the partner organizations and you act responsibly and with respect to the learning process, group, cultural differences, laws of the country, rules of the venue and organizers. **Be aware of the Germany silence rules after 10 pm!**