



*MAD about EU - Music To  
Accept Diversity*

**Erasmus+ Youth Exchange**

**June 28th - July 5th 2024**

**Orta Nova, Italy**



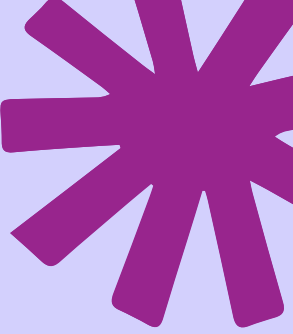
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# About the project



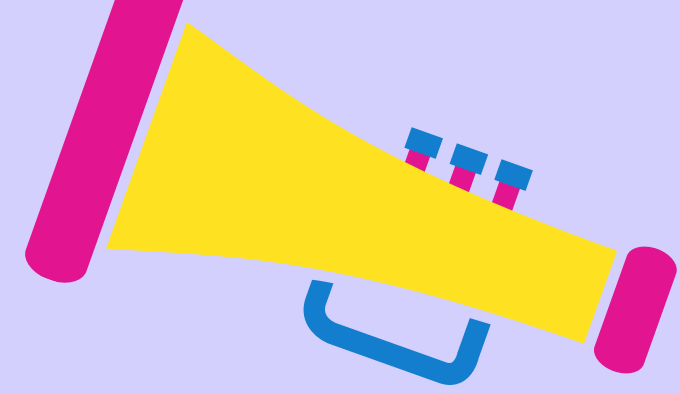
The goal of “MAD about EU” is to promote positive and inclusive social values in youth society, as well as art and music as a valid response to discrimination. This project will promote the value of combating discrimination and music as a vehicle tool. Through music and its promotion, participants will be able to expand the message of the fight against discrimination, promoting inclusion and spreading good practices in order to correctly disseminate the message.

The project will follow a non-formal methodology through workshops, discussions, group work, brainstorming, presentations, while also offering art and music workshops in order to promote other modes of learning, peer cooperation and cross-cultural learning.

The results of the project will be collected in a song and its music video and both will be produced during the Youth Exchange and promoted as a result of it. The song will be a combination of music and lyrics produced and written by each of the 5 different countries involved, whose participants will collect and express a message against discrimination for the promotion of inclusion.



# Project objectives



Through the project we aim to achieve the following objectives:

- promote the active participation in society and the inclusion of all young people;
- help and support young people in achieving skills, values and attitudes important for the development of a democratic society;
- promoting the principles of Erasmus+: tolerance, respect for other cultures, respect for human rights;
- promoting values and knowledge about the European Union and YouthPass competences;
- using arts, music and media as a mean to achieve positive societal goals;
- promoting music as a tool to raise awareness on social issues;
- develop young people's motivation and sense of responsibility for mutual understanding and the fight against discrimination and exclusion in a global way;
- stimulate young people's sense of initiative;
- create a new song that unites the different cultures and backgrounds of all the participants;



# Who can take part?



Each partner organization will send 7 participants and 1 group leader (8 people in total). Participants and Leaders must agree to take part in the whole duration of the Youth Exchange: June 28th – July 5th, 2024



## Participant Profile

- Age requirements: between 18 and 25 years old;
- Want to improve their creative and music skills;
- Sensitive to the social issues;
- Has a basic intermediate level of English;



## Leader Profile

- Age requirements: older than 18 years old;
- Is able to support his/her group;
- Previously participated as participant and/or leader to any youth project at national or international levels;
- Has high English literacy (B2 C1) level;
- Has previous experience in Youth Working and/or Erasmus+ programme;

# How to get to the accommodation? PART 1

Before buying any ticket the travel route must be approved by us, so before booking your flights, please ask your sending organization or your group leader to forward your travel itinerary to us. Once you have received their approval, you can proceed with the booking.

Your best choice will be to land in Bari Airport!

Choose preferably flights that are landing in Italy in the morning or the day before.

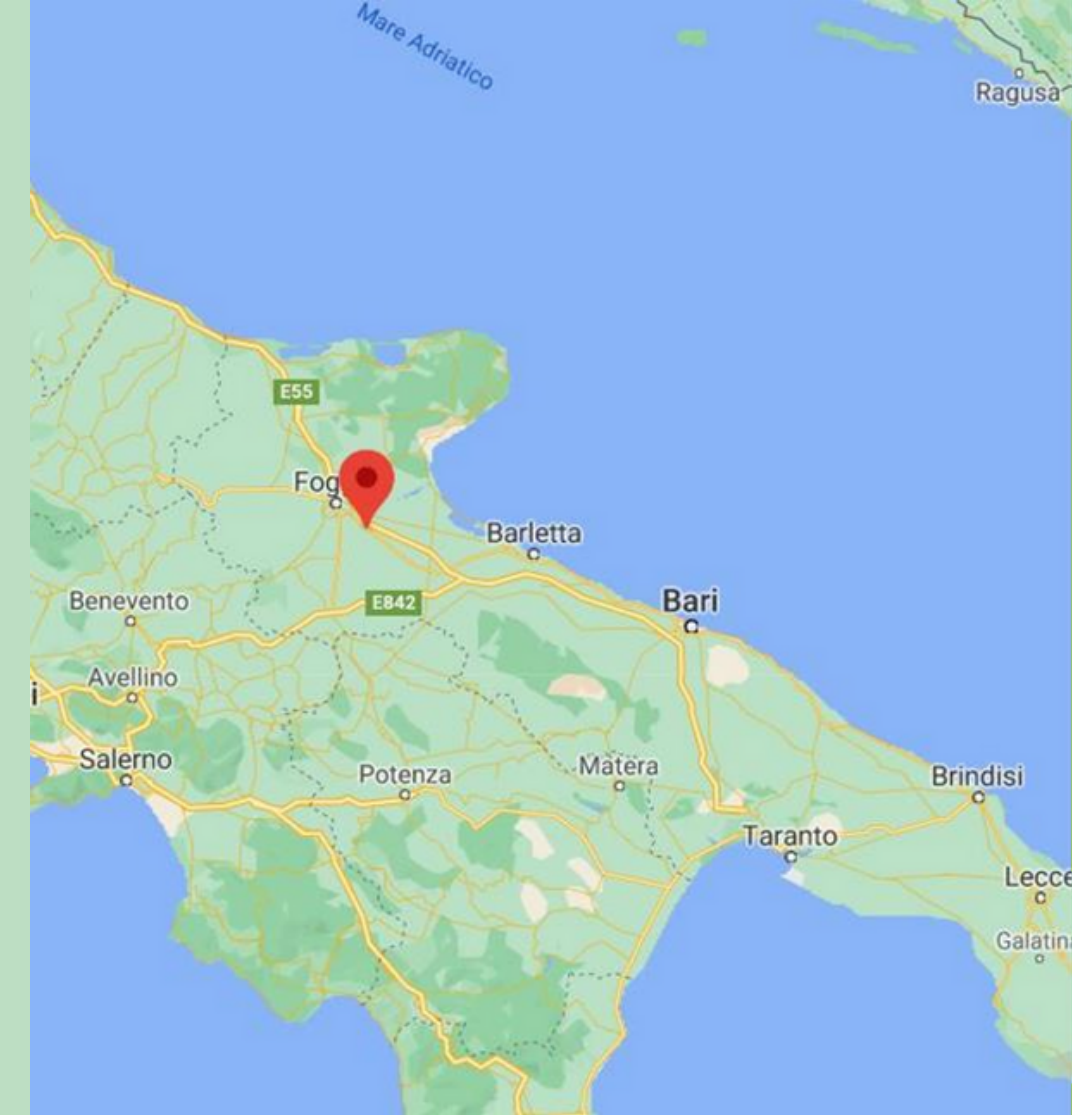
## VERY IMPORTANT:

Participants should plan to arrive at Orta Nova train station after 15:00 on the 28th. We will organize transfer for all the participants from the main railway of Orta Nova to the venue of the Youth Exchange (Railway of Orta Nova is far away from the venue of the project and it's not possible to reach the venue of the project by walking!!).

To reach the railway station in Orta Nova, the best way is to travel through Bari or Naples airport, as there is a very nice transport connection with Foggia, which is the nearest city to Orta Nova, Italy. There are lots of cheap flights to the airports in Italy and then you can travel by bus or train. The distance is not very big.

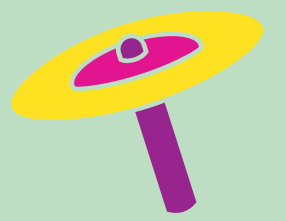
**\*If your flight arrives to Bari**

From Bari to Orta Nova – Trenitalia is the train line that you have to take. (Regional trains Bari Centrale – Orta Nova) <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en> (Trenitalia web site)



# How to get to the accommodation?

## PART 2



**\*If your flight will not land in Bari,**

you have to take a bus/train for Foggia (which is 20km far from Orta Nova), once arrived in Foggia, you can take a train for reach Orta Nova. From Foggia to Orta Nova, Trenitalia is the train that you have to take.

<http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en> (Trenitalia web site).

**\*If your flight arrives to Napoli,**

from Napoli STAZIONE F.S. (METROPARK) to Foggia – (Air Campania Company) is the bus that you have to take (Timeline link: <https://aircampania.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/34-CE-feriale.pdf>). The tickets can be directly purchased to Napoli STAZIONE F.S (METROPARK).

**\*If your flight arrives to Rome,**

trenitalia is the train that you have to take until Foggia and then again you will use Trenitalia train, to reach Orta Nova. (There are also some several bus from Rome to Foggia, like Flixbus which is the best one)

<http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en> (Trenitalia web site) <https://www.flixbus.com/> (FlixBus web site).

From Foggia to Orta Nova, Trenitalia is the train that you have to take. <http://www.trenitalia.com/tcom-en> (Trenitalia web site)



# Tickets Guidelines - Part 1



The following guidelines are very important. Please make sure to read them carefully, and if you have any doubt, please ask your group leader or sending organisation!

Arrival and Departure day of the Youth Exchange are: June 28th – July 5th, 2024.

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!

Eligible extra days accepted from the National Agency for extending your stay in Italy and receive your reimbursement for your travel fully by our organization are up to 2 extra days.

Please remember that the project accommodation cannot be covered for extra days by us.

Once again, the travel route must be approved by us, so before booking your flights, please ask your sending organization or your group leader to forward your travel itinerary to us. Once you have received their approval, you can proceed with the booking.

**Accepted travel days are:**

**June 28th - July 5th, 2024**

**June 27th - July 5th, 2024**

**June 26th - July 5th, 2024**

**June 28th - July 6th, 2024**

**June 28th - July 7th, 2024**

**June 27th - July 6th, 2024**

# Tickets Guidelines - Part 2



## TRAVEL ITINERARY SCHEME:

**When you create your travel itinerary, please forward it to your group leader or sending organization following the scheme below as example. This will help us to speed up the process and approve your itinerary as soon as possible! Any other format or screenshots will not be accepted by us as a travel proposal. Thanks for your collaboration!**

**Example of how a travel itinerary should be written:**

**(New York – Los Angeles)**

**Departure:**

**New York – Los Angeles**

**Date: 1/03/2023**

**Departure: 9:00 AM – Arrival: 10:00 PM**

**Cost: 30 euros (cabin baggage included)**

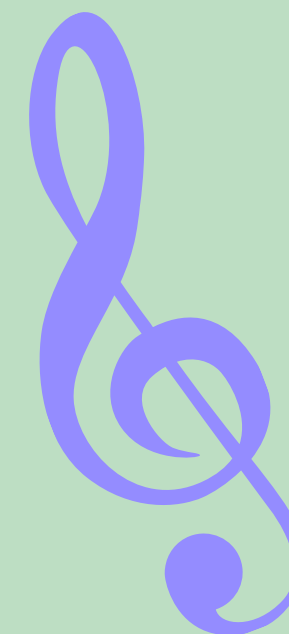
**Return:**

**Los Angeles – New York**

**Date: 10/03/2023**

**Departure time: 11:00 AM – Arrival time: 5:00 PM**

**Cost: 50 euros (cabin baggage included)**



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**Keep in mind to include local transportation to arrive at and depart from Orta Nova train station in your travel itinerary!**



# Tickets Guidelines - Part 3



## NEEDED TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR 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 or pdf) and reservations invoice.

**IMPORTANT:** we strongly advise you to choose either checked baggage or carry-on baggage at the time of booking. The travel budget will not cover both options and we can not reimburse both costs.

**Remember to take a screenshot of your boarding passes in the app as they will disappear after your travel. Therefore, we need to save the proof..**

- 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);

**All flight reservations, boarding passes, or any other tickets should be uploaded in PDF format to Google Drive.**

Google Drive Link: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i5uVRThb\\_wzz2vdtMeeNtH1RXRKIZO2F?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i5uVRThb_wzz2vdtMeeNtH1RXRKIZO2F?usp=sharing)

# Travel Reimbursement & Costs



Project budget covers: 100% costs for accommodation, 100% costs for 3 meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) & 2 coffee break per day.

Reimbursement will be done after all travel documents and payment proofs will be collected. Reimbursement will be transferred on the organization bank account.

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

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i5uVRThb\\_wzz2vdtMeeNtH1RXRKIZ02F?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1i5uVRThb_wzz2vdtMeeNtH1RXRKIZ02F?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 each Drive folder an Excel file called 'Reimbursement Calculation' to fill in once you have purchased your travel tickets.

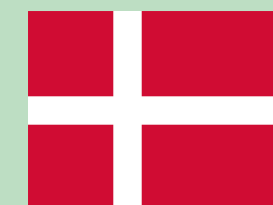
## TRAVEL COSTS



275€



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# The Venue



The venue of the youth exchange you are about to be hosted is a charming "Agriturismo" surrounded by beautiful countryside. The accommodation is designed to encourage socializing and collaboration, with hostel-like rooms that can comfortably accommodate several participants each. We believe that staying in this cozy and rustic environment will provide a unique opportunity for participants to connect with each other and experience the local culture firsthand, the way Italian families are akin to!

Check these links out to start dreaming of your Italian dream!:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WIE9LEDqdDs>
- [https://www.tripadvisor.it/Hotel\\_Review-g4580714-d10744795-Reviews-Kyathos\\_Agriturismo\\_Ortona\\_Province\\_of\\_Foggia\\_Puglia.html#/media/10744795/61247858:p/?albumid=101&type=0&category=101](https://www.tripadvisor.it/Hotel_Review-g4580714-d10744795-Reviews-Kyathos_Agriturismo_Ortona_Province_of_Foggia_Puglia.html#/media/10744795/61247858:p/?albumid=101&type=0&category=101)

Lunch & Dinner will be served by host organization with traditional food from Puglia, so be prepared to taste delicious food!

Breakfast & Coffee Break will be organized by host organization... we will try to keep you energized and happy!



# TO DO LIST!!

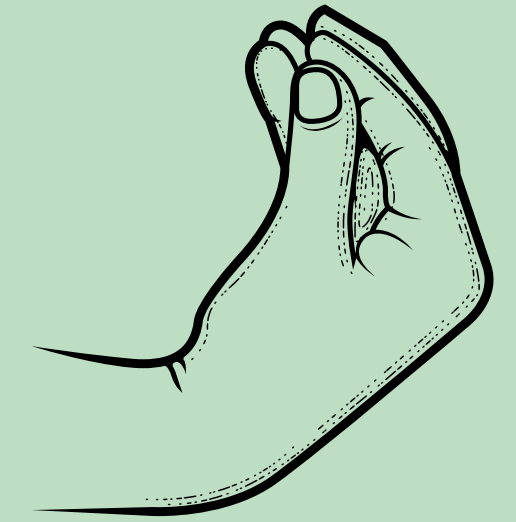


Please make sure to follow the next steps:

- Fill in the APP FORM by May 18th:  
<https://forms.gle/C4ZmudaDmNJxwuqn6>
- Reserve your tickets by May 23rd.  
Upload your tickets and reservations in our drive, as explained in page 7, 8 and 9 of the Infopack.
- Once you reserve your tickets, join the official Facebook group, where we will share more info and updates about the project:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/821143639826977/>
- Prepare yourself on the topic of the project, bringing your creativity and positive energy!
- 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 health insurance, by the way we highly recommend to bring with you the European Health Insurance Card or to stipulate an health insurance.



# What to Bring?



## Please do not forget:

- All your travel documents and tickets according to what explained in page 8 and 9;
- Personal cup and water bottles, to be refilled and used personally, in order to reduce plastic use and keep your liquids separate from others!
- Personal towels and hygiene items;
- Personal medicines or any unusual personal items;
- Snacks and drinks representing your country for the Cultural Nights (keep in mind that there will be no kitchen available to cook something on spot, so bring only ready food & drinks...!);

# Our Contacts & Partners



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CZECH REPUBLIC

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**GELISTIRME DERNEGI**  
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