

”Entrepreneurship - Just do it”

EXCHANGE: 13-22 Jun 2017

Topola, Serbia

Dear partners and participants,

We are glad to welcome you to the APV/Youth Exchange ” Entrepreneurship - Just do it” and we are looking forward to meet you in Topola very soon. Please, read all the provided information carefully and don’t hesitate to contact us with anything related to your participation in the project.



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About the project

Today's generation of young people are the best-educated generation ever, but still more and more young people are unemployed. or work for unacceptably long hours under informal, intermittent and insecure work arrangements, characterized by low productivity, meager earnings and reduced labour protection. The global youth unemployment rate, estimated at 12.6 per cent in 2013, is close to its crisis peak.

The European Union promotes entrepreneurship as a key competence that can boost competitiveness and growth. It has highlighted the importance of advancing a European entrepreneurial culture by fostering the right mind-set and entrepreneurship- related skills in the Europe 2020 strategy. As a result, entrepreneurship education is now being increasingly encouraged across Europe

This YE is set-up to facilitate the acquisition of the entrepreneurship key competence by the participants, will enable these young people to reflect about what it means to be an entrepreneur, discuss about the characteristics of an entrepreneur, to develop tools for entrepreneurship and develop ideas and ways how they can design their own job and become entrepreneurs.

Objectives

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- to develop their skills, information and knowledge necessary in order to realize that they can become young entrepreneurs
- to contribute to the development of youth entrepreneurship and generally creative activity of young people
- to empower young people, motivate them to take an active role in their lives and in the lives of their local community
- to encourage and empower young people, to make them realize that entrepreneurship can be an option also for them
- to inspire young people to take a more pro-active and entrepreneurial approach
- to encourage young people to use their talents and their capacity for action and creation;
- to promote intercultural learning through non formal education



Participants

YOUTH EXCHANGE: 47 participants from 9 country: Germany, Serbia, Spain, Hungary, Albania, Greece, Romania, Turkey and Montenegro.

5 participants per organization; 1 group leader + 4 participants

As this is a youth exchange participants will be 18-25 as the pillar topics we estimate are most appealing to this age group.

The target groups of the project are youth people; unemployed youth, group leaders and young people who want to learn and develop their entrepreneurs skills, young people with some ideas for entrepreneurship, young people with experience in entrepreneurship, youth people with fewer opportunity. Group of participants will be consisted of people who coming from different socio-economical, cultural, geographical background, and to them will be offered equal opportunities during the youth exchange. Participants should be ready for an intercultural experience. and interested in becoming agents of change in their organizations and communities.

The participants should be:

- Be able to work in English
- Fully participate in all the workshops and activities on the Youth Exchange.
- Share the newly acquired knowledge with members of their sending organization once they get back from the exchange, and take part in the follow up activities.
- Be able to attend the entire duration of the Youth Exchange

THE PROJECT YOUTH EXCHANGE WILL START AT 7 PM (DINNER TIME) ON JUN 13th. PLEASE MAKE YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS ACCORDINGLY !!!

About the Association of European Border Regions

Founded in 1971 in the territory of EUREGIO (Dutch-German border), the AEBR promotes Cross-Border Cooperation (CBC) and its added value to the European integration process, mainly by lobby-work as well as organisation of and participation in European CBC and Regional policy events. AEBR is the only Europe-wide organisation representing border and cross-border (CB) regions as well as the oldest regional association, and has as its aims:

- to make their particular problems, opportunities, tasks and projects intelligible
- to represent their overall interests towards national and international parliaments, other authorities and institutions
- to initiate, support and coordinate their co-operation throughout Europe
- to exchange experiences and information to formulate and coordinate common interests from the various problems and opportunities of border regions, and to offer solutions.



- to promote CBC structures, projects and programmes.
- to assist in the preparation of CBC events and other activities

In last ten years special attention has been paid to the youth. So far AEBR through its Task Force for External Borders has already organised eight Youth Forums with panel discussions, seminars, round tables, workshops and study trips dedicated to various aspects of cross border cooperation with young participants from all over Europe. Most of the alumni nowadays are CBC activists in their border regions. As a result of networking of these young people and the coordination of the AEBR Info Centre in the Balkans, a Network of Young Leaders for Cross-border Cooperation (AEBR YLCBC) was established at the VII AEBR Youth Forum in 2015 with the following working groups: Economic Development; Environmental Protection; Spatial Analysis and Territorial Cohesion; Cultural Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue; Peace And Conflict Resolution; and Gender Equality. AEBR YLCBC organized several panel discussions and workshops.

Finances

The youth exchange is implemented by support of the European Commission programme ERASMUS+ and the German National Agency. Travel Expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget. We will reimburse travel costs as listed below on the basis of the *cheapest* possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc. by bank transfer after the training and the receipt of all ORIGINAL tickets, bills, invoices, receipts, boarding tags/cards etc. Following the guide lines of the Erasmus + programme the travel back must be realised by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Please, keep the original tickets in order to get money back.

REIMBURSEMENT WILL BE AFTER PROJECT ENDED AND WHEN WE RECEIVE REST OF MONEY FROM NATIONAL AGENCY. IT CAN TAKE WHOLE YEAR.

Maximum travel costs for each participant is from home town to Topola (Serbia) and back:

| Country | Number of persons/YE | Costs per person |
|------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Germany | 6 | 170.00 |
| Serbia | 6 | 20.00 |
| Albania | 5 | 80.00 |
| Hungary | 5 | 80.00 |
| Romania | 5 | 80.00 |
| Spain | 5 | 270.00 |
| Greece | 5 | 170.00 |
| Turkey | 5 | 170.00 |
| Montenegro | 5 | 80.00 |

IMPORTANT: PLEASE KEEP ALL YOUR ORIGINAL TRAVEL INVOICES AND BOARDING PASSES.

Accommodation

The project will be held at Hotel Oplenac (Oplenac BB, Topola, Serbia).

It is near the center of the city just 5-10 minutes walking. Surrounded by greenery it offers a relaxing and panoramic view.

Full board: rooms with 2, 3 and 4 beds, bathroom, toilet.



Accommodation includes all the meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner every day.

People from the same country can not be in the same room.

During the exchange, costs for board and lodging are covered by the project. Extra expenses, such as drinks in the bar in the venue, extra days have to be paid by participants.

During the workshops there is 2 coffee break; during this break we will provide nes coffee and tea, also some kind of jus and sweets. This is for free for participants.

How to get there:

When you arrive at the Belgrade airport have direct bus (Line A1) which takes you to the train and bus stations. You must buy a ticket on the bus itself. The ticket price is 300 RSD.

From BAS (name of bus station) bus stations have direct bus to Topola

If arriving by train just to move the bus station. Railway and bus stations are next to each other.

With BAS (name of the bus station) bus station we have direct bus to Topola

Here you can find timetable for bus: http://www.bas.rs/basweb_eng/RedVoznje.aspx?lng=en

Ticket price is from 530,00 – 630,00 RSD.

Please do not by return tickets.

In any case, please send us before your departure an e-mail and inform us about your arrival time in Topola.

Food

The provided food (3 meals a day) may differ from the food you are used to from home. However, we will try our best to accommodate your needs and dietary requirements. Please make sure, you indicate any special needs in the application form!

What to bring

- **Insurance** - Travel Insurance

- Short presentation about entrepreneurship (youth) in your country

- To bring necessary things for representing your country (**FOR EXCHANGE**), because we will have **intercultural evenings** and this mean that you will have your own space (around 15 min) to present your traditions, cultures or whatever you think represent your country to whole group. Try to make something interactive for people, make them participate, try to show culture but please, don't play long videos from Youtube because this is something we can do at home, we would like to really experience your country in live ;-)

- And for sure, don't forget to bring food & drinks from your countries!!

-Good Mood



Some technical suggestion

- In the room there is only one socket, if you have a home, bring with you a plug with more sockets.
- for any case bring your towels

Where is Topola?

Topola (Serbian Cyrillic: Топола) is a town and municipality situated in the Šumadija region of Serbia. Topola is 80km far from Belgrade, 220km to the south is Niš and 280km to the north is Subotica.

Money

The domestic currency is the RSD (Dinar). The dinar exchange rate in relation to the euro is constantly changing. You can exchange money in any bank, and exchange office too. Before APV We will inform you about the dinar exchange rate. (Exchange office we have at the airport and bus station. Dinar will you be required to purchase bus tickets.)

If you have any questions concerning your participation or need additional information please feel free to contact us anytime !!!

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SEE YOU SOON IN TOPOLA