

ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET THROUGH SOCIAL INNOVATION IN YOUTH WORK (EMSI-YW)

Youth Exchange
30 September – 08 October 2019
Bansko, Bulgaria



**8 PARTNERS: ALBANIA, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA,
BULGARIA, KOSOVO, ROMANIA, SERBIA,
NORTH MACEDONIA, TURKEY**

THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

Entrepreneurial mindset through social innovation in youth work is a project which will engage 8 youth organisations, involving over 1000 youngsters in local and European level to participate in various sub actions, to increase their competencies on entrepreneurship education and social innovation themes.

A7 Youth Exchange , will be held in Bansko, Bulgaria (30 Sep - 08 Oct 2019), participating 41 youngsters all together, 5 young people from each country, and one member of support staff. This YE will bring together young people from partners who can share and test the gained experiences and best practices. It will also give space to them to visit social business models and be able to explore the concept from the practitioners, in order to further bring the experience in their associations. Young people will experience entrepreneurship education in an intercultural, international context using learning by doing approach.

Methodology:

Youth Exchange will be based on methodology of non-formal education and learning by doing approach. The non-formal environment will create safe space where participants will not only learn about the topic covered but also acquire other soft skills such as teamwork, public speaking skills, negotiation; non-violent communication, inter cultural communications which are an essential competence in today's European youth work. The working methodology shall include communication based methods (interaction, dialogue, open discussions), activity based methods (sharing experience, practice and experimentation), socially focused methods (partnerships, teamwork, networking) and self-directing methods (creativity, discovery, responsibility, action). Interactive methods and exercises will be used to make the participants the actors and reactors of this learning opportunity.

OVERALL AIM OF THE TRAINING COURSE:

**EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP COMPETENCIES AND
GATHER INFORMATION OF SOCIAL INITIATIVE AND
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The project aims to increase capacity building of consortium in entrepreneurship and innovation topic, transfer know-how and address key issues of interest for young people nowadays. To boost inclusion of youth with fewer opportunities through providing them skills and competencies in social innovation & entrepreneurship education, is the main goal the project seeks to achieve.

Specific objectives are:

- To train youth workers in developing skills in Social innovation, design thinking & innovative processes & transmit them to marginalised youth in their communities;
- To train youth workers on entrepreneurship education and explore the associated concepts such as youth entrepreneurship, social enterprise and start up culture in order to act as multipliers in future;
- To improve the skills of the youth workers in the fields of social innovation and entrepreneurship education for a better ability to include marginalised youth in everyday life of the local communities and foster youth;
- To increase inclusion of marginalised youth by actively involving and allowing them to apply the skills gained in local context;
- To promote Erasmus+ YiA and NFL as a great tool for transferring know how among the partners and civil society organisation at large;
- To promote trans-national learning mobilities and create networking between youth organisations in the EU and WB as a way to increase employability opportunities;

ORGANIZATIONS



NGO THY - Kosovo
Beyond Barriers - Albania
Somborski Edukativni Centar - Serbia
Gaziantep Egitim ve Genclik Dernegi - Turkey
Mladezhko Evropeisko Obshtestvo - Bulgaria
Asociatia Tinerilor Cu Initiativa Civica - Romania
Association for sustainable development SFERA - North Macedonia
Udruzenje Mladi Za Mir - Udruga Mladi Za Mir - Bosnia and Herzegovina



PARTICIPANTS PROFILE



We are looking for youth workers and youth leaders who are willing to share their experience and help each other. It is recommended for them to be residents/citizens of the sending partner country, as it is expected of them to continue their work with the youth in their organizations. Basically the project is targeting all people that are responsible (or will be in future) for transferring the knowledge within the organization and organizing and delivering project. All participants must be at least 18 years of age, and should be comfortable working in English and be prepared to work further with the youth. They should be motivated and able to attend the full length of the project.



PARTICIPANTS' RESPONSIBILITIES

- I am able to participate in the full duration of the Youth Exchange;
- Full active participation in the project. I understand that if my participation is not 100% in the workshops/activities of YE and my absence, for any reason, is not fully justified, I may not receive any reimbursement;
- I will prepare relevant tasks and materials in time for the project activity;
- I am fully responsible for my own health condition, ability to travel and participate in the activities of the Youth Exchange;
- I will keep all invoices and proof of travel, including boarding passes, tickets, etc. and submit them to the host organization in original format as requested by them in a timely fashion. In case of failure, I understand that I will not get reimbursement for the missing proofs;
- If selected, I will inform organizers about any changes of my availability to participate as soon as possible;
- During this Youth Exchange I am not participating in any other Erasmus+ long term project (student exchange, ESC/EVS or any Erasmus Program). I am aware that participation in the training course and Long term activity is double funding and it may cause financial implication to the organizers of both projects.

WHAT TO PREPARE BEFORE COMING



- Explore and be ready present good practices of social entrepreneurship, social innovation in working with youth realities of your country;
- Please prepare a short description of your organization in English for the presentation to other participants. You will have 5 minutes for your organisation's presentation, you can either use a PPT or present it in the form of discussion;
- You are encouraged to bring photos, brochures, newspapers or anything that can present activities of your organization;
- Should you have any ideas on how we can develop the visibility and dissemination strategy, you are welcome to share it with us during the meeting
- Bring some food, drinks and/or culture to present during the intercultural nights;
- Take some good mood and enthusiasm :)



PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promotion of the online application to other organizations in the partner country and on social networks in the country;
- Participation in the selection process of the candidates;
- Support and preparation of participants prior to arrival (flights, national evening, insurance etc);
- Writing an article and promoting it in partner country;
- Post evaluation of the project;
- Dissemination of the results with other partner organizations.

VISA



All participants, except Kosovo and Turkey, can travel in Bulgaria without any visa. You need only to show a valid passport or biometric ID card to the border police, please bear in mind that presentation of regular old ID cards is not acceptable to pass the border.



INSURANCE

Remember health insurance is your responsibility so make sure you have medical insurance. Health insurance or any other insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the project. Please note that each participant is required to have travel insurance and health insurance and it is not reimbursable as it is your choice with which company and plan suits you.

MEDICATION



If you take any medication please remember to bring it with you, we have pharmacies here but if you need prescription medication you cannot buy them over the counter without a prescription. Also please inform us of any medical conditions we need to be aware of in the registration application. If participants have any allergies especially to food this needs to be expressed in the application form.



TRAVEL COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of the original tickets with boarding passes and receipt/invoices. There will be no reimbursement without these documents!

Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice. Please note if you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EUR, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission website for the date of ticket purchase.

Following the guidelines of the Erasmus+ programme the travel back must be realized by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days (which is counted in total). In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) it is rather unlikely for the reimbursement of the travel costs. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. All participants are required to inform us about the price, time of arrival and departure before booking the tickets.

Taxi is not eligible mean of transport. Taxi in general can be reimbursed when there is no other way of transport and ONLY when it was agreed with hosting organization in advance.

No responsibility is held in reimbursing travel expenses of tickets which are not priorily confirmed by the project leader. After you book the tickets, you will have to send the details of your travel in emsiyw@gmail.com in order for us to arrange your travel to the hotel, where the meeting is going to take place.

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Note: Participants will be asked to choose the cheapest way to travel, business class air tickets and Taxis are not covered.

DO NOT THROW YOUR BOARDING PASSES AND ANY OTHER TICKETS

All boarding passes, invoices and travel documents must be kept and submitted after the project in original format and must also be emailed to the responsible officer of the host organization before the project. Travel costs which exceed the limit will be the responsibility of the participants or the sending organizations.

VENUE



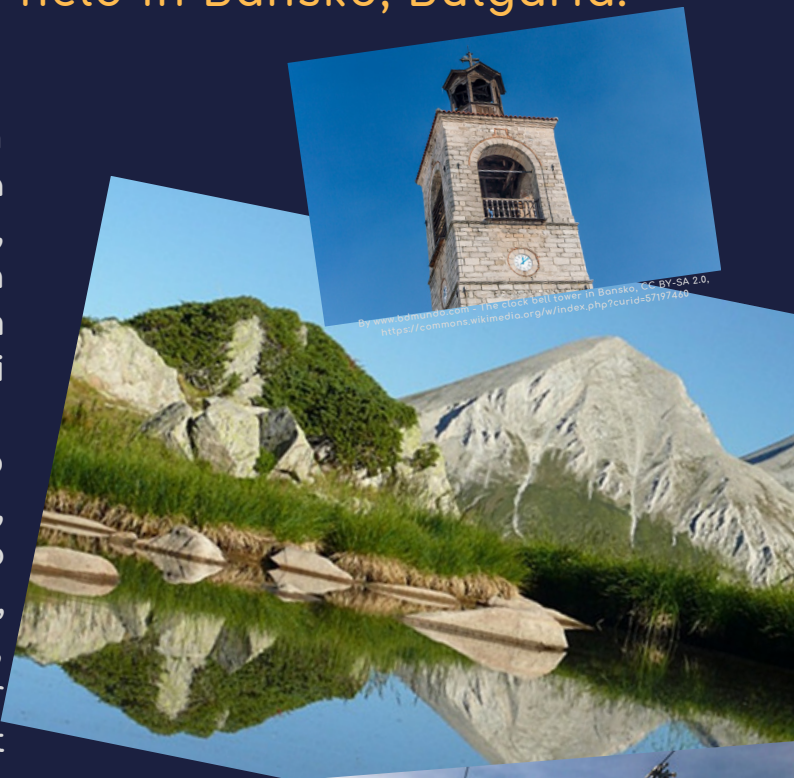
A7 Youth Exchange will be held in Bansko, Bulgaria.

Bansko (Bulgarian: Банско) is a town in southwestern Bulgaria with a population of around 8500 people, located at the foot of the Pirin Mountains at an elevation of 1200m above sea level. It is a popular ski resort.

There are several legends about who founded Bansko. According to one, Bansko was founded by people who lived in Dobarsko, a village in Rila, itself, according to a legend, founded by the blinded army of Tsar Samuil. Another legend claims that Bansko was founded by an Italian painter by the name of Ciociolino, hence the existence of the name Chucholin in Bansko.

The archeological traces of the inhabitants of Bansko and the Razlog Valley in general date to the early periods of the Roman Empire. There are several housing structures at the outskirts of the town, which date to 100 BC. However, there is no consensus nor credible theory on who these people were.

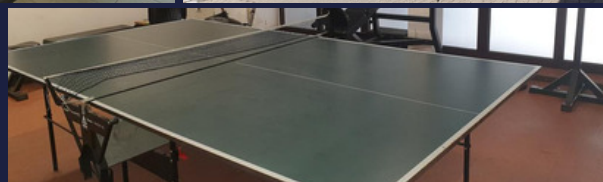
Nowadays Bansko is known as a popular destination for Digital Nomads. Coworking Bansko is a community of Digital Nomads that has two co-working locations in the north and south part of the town.



ACCOMMODATION

A7 Youth Exchange will be held in Bansko, Bulgaria and you will be accommodated in Royal Bansko Apartments.

The place has all the necessary facilities for developing a qualitative project and making your stay comfortable. Three meals per day and 2 coffee breaks will be served in the hotel, respecting your dietary needs and making sure you receive freshly cooked food.



- You will be accommodated with 2-3 persons in rooms. The hotel offers free wireless.
- The participants will be mixed nationalities in rooms in order to get to know and learn more about each other. The rooms will be separated for males and females.
- Beds linen and bath towels are provided, and if you need a hairdryer and you don't find them in the bathroom, please ask for it to the hotel staff.
- You will need to bring your own shampoo, soap, tooth brush and tooth paste, and any other personal hygiene items you need.



Royal Bansko Aparthotel is a 3-star venue located in Bansko. Featuring a garden, a fitness center, and a bar, Royal Bansko Aparthotel provides accommodations and mountain views.

It is 1.9 km from Velyanova House and 1.8 km from Sveta Troitsa Church. The property is 3 km from the centre of Bansko. Many of attractions in Bansko are within walking distance, such as Historical Museum and Bansko Lift.

HOW TO GET THERE

The closest airport to the training venue is Sofia International Airport, which is around 170 km far away from the venue

If you are landing in Sofia International Airport you can take Underground which goes to Central Bus station. Don't forget to buy ticket. Price is 0.80 EUR. Underground station is located next to Terminal 2 of Sofia Airport.

After that you can take bus to Bansko and the price of ticket is around 8 EUR.

Route	Company	Station	Hour	Sector	Price
SOFIA - G.DELCHEV	POPOV - GMEOOD	BANSKO	14:00:00	31	16.00 hr. Buy
SOFIA - RAZLOG - BANSKO - G.DELCHEV - HADZHIDIMOVO					
SOFIA - G.DELCHEV	SONYA TURS EOOD	BANSKO	16:45:00	30	16.00 hr. Buy
SOFIA - BLAGOEVGRAD - SMITLI - RAZLOG - BANSKO - DOBRINISHTA - G.DELCHEV					

If you come by bus:

Nearest main bus stations to Bansko are located in Sofia, Blagoevgrad and Plovdiv. You can buy your ticket to Bansko on spot.

If you come by car:

Just put on your navigation Bansko, Bulgaria. Note: There are vignette taxes on Bulgarian roads. You should buy your when passing the border from the first gas station.

For more, the hosting organization will help you arrange your travel from the airports or other places to the venue, the moment we have all your travel info, date of your travel all the necessary details.

We are ready and willing to help you with arranging the travel.

For any other information, please feel free to contact your organization's coordinator, or contact us.

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