



# Mission: Youth Employment INFOPACK

Youth Exchange  
10.11 – 18.11.2019  
Bansko, Bulgaria

7 PARTNERS: BULGARIA, SERBIA, NORTH MACEDONIA, ROMANIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, ITALY, ALBANIA



# WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The project "Mission: Youth employment" aims to help young people and particularly those of them who are at risk of being excluded from the labor market and those facing barriers at starting first job, finding new one, to get information and acquire knowledge, skills and competences through the methods of non-formal education, needed for smooth and successful transition to the labor market. Main activities will be held in Bansko, Bulgaria.

## Objectives:

- To raise awareness among young people for the problems of youth unemployment, the methods, the tools and the institutions to deal with it.
- To encourage young people to be more confident and self-esteem while they are looking for new or first job;
- To motivate young people to disseminate the learning outcomes in order to cover a wider range of young people who are at risk of exclusion from the labor market;
- To promote the methods of non-formal education among young people as tool to tackle with various problem related to youth.
- To develop long-term partnership between the project's partners as a method to work together for future issues related with youth.
- To explore employability of young people, inclusion, soft skills, young people with fewer opportunities and how it is searched in various sectors of life. These skills and competencies will be beneficial for participants for future initiatives, also helping participants become more aware of self-employment as a career option.

# ORGANIZATIONS

**Мladezhko evropeisko obshtestvo (Leading organization) - Bulgaria**

**KLUB ZA OSNAZIVANJE MLADIH 018 - Serbia**

**SPPMD - North Macedonia**

**Asociatia Tinerii 3D - Romania**

**ICM Jindrichuv Hradec z.s. - Czech Republic**

**EURO SUD - Italy**

**Pro~Youth - Albania**

# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

- **Youth exchange;**
- **Developing online platform (webpage) of the project for dissemination of the project's results.**

**In the youth exchange there will be 35 participants 2 facilitators and 2 staff from 7 different countries. Some of the countries have high rates of youth unemployment, while others decreased this percentage in order to have good balance between presenting the problems, tools and good practices of youth employment.**

**Online platform will be developed and all the project information, results, pictures, videos, etc. will be uploaded there. This platform will be used also for dissemination of the project's results.**

## WHAT TO PREPARE?

- Please prepare a short description of your organization in English for the presentation to other participants. Every NGO will have 10-15 minutes to present the organization, activities, projects, etc.;
- You are encouraged to bring photos, brochures, newspapers or anything that can present activities of your organization;
- Every good idea that will help us for dissemination and visibility of this project;
- Good mood and enthusiasm;

## PARTNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promotion of the project in social networks and their websites;
- Participation in the selection process of the candidates;
- Support and preparation of participants prior to arrival;
- Sharing pictures and reports in their social media as well as with a leader NGO;
- Writing articles and promoting in partner countries;
- Post evaluation of the project;
- Dissemination of the results with other partner organizations.

# VISA

**For countries that are participating in this projects there is no need to get VISA for BULGARIA**

# 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!**

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**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 web-site 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). 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 priorly confirmed by the project leader. After you book the tickets, you will have to send the details of your travel in [office@yesbg.eu](mailto:office@yesbg.eu) in order for us to arrange your travel to the hotel, where the meeting is going to take place.**

**Bulgaria - 20 EUR | Serbia - 180 EUR | North Macedonia - 180 EUR | Romania - 180 EUR |**

**Czech Republic - 275 EUR | Italy - 275 EUR | Albania - 180 EUR**

# VENUE

**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.

Bansko, then part of the Byzantine (Eastern Roman) Empire was added to Bulgaria during the reign of Khan Krum, most probably around 811 AD, and passed back and forth between Byzantines and Bulgarians for the next few centuries, before control fell to the Ottomans in the 14th century.

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.



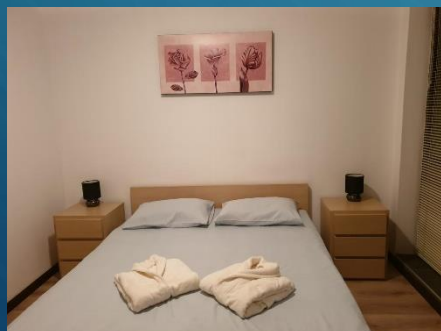
# ACCOMODATION

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.

Featuring a garden, a fitness center, and a bar, Royal Bansko Aparthotel provides accommodations in Bansko with free WiFi and mountain views. Including a spa & wellness center, this apartment also features a restaurant. The apartment features 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, a flat-screen TV with cable channels, a dining area, a fully equipped kitchen, and a patio with city views. The apartment has a playground. Guests can swim in the indoor pool, or go skiing.



# HOW TO GET THERE?

**If you come by plane:**

The closest airport to the youth exchange 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                                                                                                                  |
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| SOFIA - G.DELCHEV                                                         | POPOV - GMEOOD  | BANSKO  | 14:00:00 | 31     | 16.00 lv.<br><a href="#">Buy</a>  |
| SOFIA - RAZLOG - BANSKO - G.DELCHEV - HADZHIDIMOVO                        |                 |         |          |        |                                                                                                                        |
| SOFIA - G.DELCHEV                                                         | SONYA TURS EOOD | BANSKO  | 16:45:00 | 30     | 16.00 lv.<br><a href="#">Buy</a>  |
| SOFIA - BLAGOEVGRAD - SIMITLI - 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.

## SOME USEFUL INFO

- Price of mineral water in stores: 1 BGN for 1.5l
  - Price of mineral water in bars: 2 BGN for 0.5l
  - Price of Coca Cola in stores: 2.50 BGN for 2l
  - Price of Coca Cola in bars: 1.50 – 2.00 BGN for 0.250l
  - Price of beer in stores: 2-3 BGN for 2l
  - Price of beer in bars: 3-4 BGN for 0.330l
  - Price of snacks: 1-2 BGN
  - Price of chocolate: 1-2.50 BGN
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- EXCHANGE RATE EUR-BGN is fixed 1 EUR = 1.9558 BGN
  - You can pay in most stores and bars in Bansko with Debit/Credit card.

For any questions, don't hesitate to ask us at:

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