

INFO PACK CYBER EQUALITY

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Youth mobility, KA 1 project
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Dear participants,

We are glad to welcome you to the youth exchange „CYBER EQUALITY” (2019-1-HR01-KA105-060392) and are looking forward to meet you in Samobor in Croatia 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.

Organisers and partners

The organizer of project is Local action group SAVA (LAG SAVA) from Croatia. LAG Sava is a non-profit NGO. We implement various projects since 2013 (ESF, agricultural projects). Our focus is the holistic development of rural area. Thus far we have worked on different projects, from helping farmers to develop their production to unemployed people in local community.

See you soon
LAG SAVA

Partner organisations:

1. EVROPSKE CENTRUM MLADEZE BRECLAV/ EUROPEAN YOUTH CENTRE BRECLAV Z. S., Czech Republic
2. ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE JUMPIN, Italy
3. ASOCIACIJA TAVO EUROPA, Lithuania
4. UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS ASTIKI ETAIREIA, Greece
5. PARCOURS LE MONDE - SUD OUEST, France

About the project:

The aim of the CYBER EQUALITY project is to increase the awareness of young people about the importance of gender equality in the media space and to enhance their competencies, knowledge, and skills necessary for critical access to media content, ie to increase the level of media literacy among young people and to promote social inclusion and solidarity among young people with emphasis on young people with fewer opportunities (young people living in rural areas). The project also promotes equality and involvement through facilitation accesses participants who come from disadvantaged locations (rural area participants) or are disadvantaged (economic, social reasons) compared to their peers, whenever this disadvantageous position restricts or prevents participation in transnational activities with an emphasis on persons who are victims of gender discrimination. The project promotes lifelong learning, intercultural awareness, transnational connectivity, and language learning.

Motivation for the project lays in a reason to make young people aware of the importance of respecting others in cyber space as well as in non-cyber space. Project is focused on allowing young people to research the topic from different angles in order to equip them with new analysing skills (e.g. detection of elements related to equality in public space, analysis, recognition of an issue, planning of steps to be taken to change the situation, etc.) that will allow them to develop personal competencies which, in turn, might be beneficial for themselves as well as for their communities.

Objectives:

The CYBER EQUALITY project has the following expected results:

- ✓ increased awareness of the importance of gender equality in the media,
- ✓ enhanced competences, knowledge and skills required for critical assessment of media content, i.e. increased awareness, practical skills and knowledge about media literacy among young people,
- ✓ familiarization of local communities about the importance of media literacy and gender equality in the media;
- ✓ encouraging the interest of young people in local communities to join and create networks with other young people and participate in youth exchange projects;
- ✓ raising awareness among members belonging to target groups about media literacy and gender equality in the media;
- ✓ creation of an online database of project results (dissemination activities, project data, etc.) that remains permanently available to local communities and other interested parties around the world.

Project elements can be found also described in more detail on the website www.cyberakademija.com under the heading [Cyber equality: Erasmus+ project](#).

Activities:

The methodology is based on fundamental principles of non-formal education. Technique as work in small groups, discussions, presentation of good practices and others will allow participants to participate fully in the learning process, learning from experience and facilitating interaction and full participation in the group.

Activities to be carried out within the project are:

1. Preparatory activities needed for the implementation of youth exchanges.
2. Youth exchanges (within this activity included the number of subtypes detailed in the timetable)
3. Dissemination and reporting activities.

Youth exchange will take place in Samobor, from September 2 to September 9, 2019. Check the website for the day-to-day schedule.

Day 1 is arrival and get-to-know-each-other day. All participants are expected to come by 5 p.m.

Day 2: All participants will get a chance to know each other better and organize in teams that will be in charge of icebreakers, jokes, organisation and punctuality, cleanliness, etc. During the day 2, project objectives are presented briefly and participants can talk about their expectations, etc. By the end of day 2, participants will look into different modes of non-formal learning and organize activities for the YE. After dinner, a socializing evening is organized during which participants can present their culture and countries in the form of trivia quizzes, games, etc.

Day 3: The main topic is analysis of what media literacy and gender equality are and how are they related. During day 3 participants will look for ways to present their conclusions in fun and educational manner to others in local communities (booklet, video, etc.). Evening will end with Erasmus got talent vol. 1 show after dinner during which participants can present their personal talents, skills and/or competencies that can be anything from singing, dancing, juggling, etc. Participants prepare for this prior to their arrival.

Day 4 is dedicated to testing of created materials and tools in Day 3 as well as to the meeting of local women entrepreneurs in Samobor community and discussing with them topic of media and gender equality. Participants will research and compare their interviews with the situation in their own country and create materials that present their conclusions in different media forms (blogs, social media tweets/posts, etc.). Day will finish with the Erasmus got talent vol. 2 show after dinner.

Day 5 is dedicated to interaction of YE participants with local youth in Samobor youth center Bunker and discussion about media and gender equality. Afternoon will be free. In the evening, after dinner, there will be an NGO culture fair trade during which participants can present different aspects of their cultures (food, drinks, souvenirs that were locally produced, music, posters, books, etc., i.e. whatever they think would be interesting to share with their peers from other countries).

Day 6 is dedicated to field research on the topic of the project in Samobor. In the afternoon hours, participants will think of different ways to present their conclusions to local community on day 7. Day ends with a movie night and traditional games. Movies and games can be brought from the home country. Important: English subtitles!

Day 7: Participants present their conclusions and work to local community: everything that they have been observing and creating thus far. They sum up their thoughts and experiences in different forms (art works, videos, blogs, stories, etc.). In the afternoon hours, participants plan follow-up activities that they wish to undertake in their home countries, individually or as a group. Day ends with one more movie or traditional games.

Day 8: The project ends by 2 p.m., after all participants receive Youthpass certificates and the project receives one more final evaluation by all the participants.

Target group:

Participants will be from following countries: Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Greece, Italy and Lithuania.

There will be total number of 36 participants: Croatia (6), Czech Republic (6), France (6), Greece (6), Italy (6) and Lithuania (6). In each group there will be one group leader older than 18, preferably a person who has already been to at least one or two YE. Group leader can be also over 30. Other group members should be between 20 to 28 years old, preferably. It is not advisable to send participants younger than 18 to this YE.

Preference is given to young people who come from rural areas in their countries, young people who face economic or geographic obstacles.

Selected participants will have a task related to YE prior to their arrival to Croatia: preparation of quizzes and /or other activities to present their countries, preparation of their own presentations for talent show, etc.

Benefits for participants: Participants will gain a set of competencies for better understanding of media content. The benefits of participants will also be seen through creativity, perseverance, resourcefulness, self-confidence, taking initiative, taking responsibility, teamwork.

Financial conditions

The youth exchange is implemented by support of the European Commission program ERASMUS+ and the Croatian National Agency. Travel Expenses (according to Erasmus+ guidelines), accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by the project budget.

Important notice on food:

Please, keep in mind, that the provided food may differ from the food you are used to have in your country, and, even in case of providing food for special groups, e.g. (if you are heavily meat eater or vegetarian) it may not fully meet your expectations. We strongly recommend participants to inform the organizers **IN ADVANCE** about any special needs.

Travel costs

Participant needs to send a travel plan to organizers before buying a ticket.

After the travel plan is approved by organizer, participant can start to buy the ticket that the organizers have approved. If participants have any change in the travel plan they have to send it again to organizer for approval. Any other option in buying tickets will not be reimbursed.

Reimbursement will be done in EUR. All tickets' costs purchased in a local currency will be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month given by the European Commission. Find the details here:

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/inforeuro_en.cfm

The travel reimbursement will be done by a bank transfer after the project upon receiving all the original travel documents (boarding passes, train, and bus tickets) to one representative of the group or a partner organization.

Every participant should submit the following documents for the reimbursement:

1. Tickets (there must be a price and name of the person stated on it).
2. Boarding passes (in case of loss – please get a confirmation from the airlines, that the flight was taken)
3. Invoices – yes, even if you have a ticket, our accounting still needs an INVOICE.

- 4.** After you come back to your country please remember to send us the boarding passes and tickets from Croatia to your country.

No tickets, boarding passes and invoices – no reimbursement.

IMPORTANT: Be aware that you can wait several months for reimbursement of travel costs.

The YE will take place in September, however after it follows the period of dissemination. Dissemination has to be organized in your home country and proof of it sent to organizers. Only after that can the traveling costs be reimbursed. If you can't wait so much, please ones more consider if it is project for you. There is NO participation fee for this youth exchange course.

Country	Money in €
Croatia	20
Czech Republic	180
Italy	275
Lithuania	275
Greece	275
France	275

Weather

The weather in Croatia in September is relatively warm and sunny. Bring with you comfortable clothes, but don't forget also some warm garments and umbrella. You never know!

The updated forecast for the weather will be available at the website few days before arrival. Please do check it for more information.

Visa

All participants come from the EU countries so visa is not required to enter Croatia.

Insurance

Remember, health insurance is your responsibility, so make sure you have medical insurance. Also you are required to have travel insurance. Please note that each participant is required to have travel insurance and health insurance and it is not reimbursable. For participants from EU countries the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) is advised.

Currency

Croatian currency is kuna (HRK) and all local prices will be in HRK. It is not possible to pay with any other currency. There are plenty of money change offices where you can exchange your local currency into HRK, from airport to Samobor.

Emergency

112 is the general emergency number.

Medication

If you take any medication please remember to bring it with you, in Croatia there are 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 above, because changes to the menu will not be possible once the project starts.

Smoking and alcohol

We do not encourage drinking and smoking, but if you want to do it, do it as a responsible adult. It is forbidden to smoke or drink inside of venue for activities and rooms.

Drugs

It is completely forbidden to use drugs including “light drugs”. Participants who bring any type of drugs to the YE will be sent home at their own expense. Their traveling costs will not be reimbursed.

What to bring

1. Travel Insurance (For participants from EU countries the European Health Insurance)
2. Materials to present your countries (traditional games, music, anything you wish to share).
3. Ideas and examples of good practice in your country regarding media and gender equality.
4. PASSPORT and a copy to leave with the organizers.
5. Some traditional food/drinks to share during the Youth Exchange. We don't have possibility to use kitchen for preparation of food, so bring something that doesn't need to be cooked.
6. Good Mood 😊

An updated list of what to bring will be available at the website www.cyberakademija.com. Please do check it before arrival for more details.

Venue

Project will be held in Samobor at the youth hostel: <http://www.hostel-samobor.hr/>. Check the website to see the link to photos of the hostel as well as what amenities hostel provides and what you should include in the to-bring list.

Hostel Samobor
Obrtnička 34, 10430 Samobor, Croatia

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL MAKE ROOM SCHEDULES IN ADVANCE. REARRANGEMENTS ARE NOT POSSIBLE UPON ARRIVAL.

For more additional information and further questions you can contact us on:

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SEE YOU SOON!