



INFOPACK 1

Empowered Citizenship

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KA105 - Youth Exchange - Programme Countries



Activity Dates: **02/09/2021** - **10/09/2021**

Country: **Cyprus**

City/Town: **Larnaca**



Project Description:

In order for a country to function normally we need a system in place that takes into consideration the needs of all its people and of course the successful functioning of the system, thus not making choices which would destroy or damage the system. In essence we are describing democracy, or the democratic system which governs and rules a country. Looking at history, it is very rare that an entire nation supports one party or one idea, so there is always division or at least different opinions. When talking to young people from any country we will hear at least some form of dissatisfaction with their country, their government and even the people of their country. This project will look at exactly this from the perspective of the individual, this being active citizenship.

Our project will not focus only on the democratic act of voting, but will look at active citizenship starting from home. How do we deal with the issues, the choices and the actions we take in our daily lives and take these to understand how we act as citizens of our countries and of the EU? We have seen that many factors influence the choices of young people, we have seen how parents influence the educational choices of youth based on their personal beliefs rather than the needs of the labour markets or the desires of their children. Is this how young people are influenced to vote or how they deal with issues in their communities which are wrong or need reform?

This project is designed to allow young people to empower their life choices so that they can be more active citizens, from the simple choices of lifestyle, to education and ultimately to policy reform and the shaping of their countries and of the EU. We will explore the true meaning of active citizenship, looking at our past, the mistakes and even good practices of the past, those which have moulded our today, and then explore our options of how we mould tomorrow.

The Project will use the EU democratic model as the basis of democracy so that we can share the values of the EU, in understanding how the EU was developed and how it has become so strong, working together for the good of all its people, we will promote diversity and EU enlargement and show how the EU model works for all of us. We will also focus on inclusion, discrimination and diversity. We will give focus on young people at risk and work on ways to overcome these risks allowing all people to feel equal and for all human rights to be protected.

We have become a society of couch citizens, sitting back and just viewing everything as it passes our eyes, now is the time to get off the couch and to build the country, the EU and the world, we want to live in.

The project will use a series of proven non-formal methodologies to achieve its goals and will continue to empower young people to understand the importance of active citizenship so that we can all contribute to EU enlargement and the positive and collective growth of our countries.

We will examine the EU treaties and even EU laws and policies, see how our country influenced these, and more importantly how we as young people can influence and affect future policy in the EU.



Participant Profile:

4 Participants aged from 18 – 30, plus 1 leader no age limit. (5) in total

If a participant is underaged the leader must be a competent person that will be responsible. Rules for projects with under aged participants will apply. Please contact us for these procedures.

Gender Balance, respect differences and discretion should be kept.

Participants with fewer opportunities and rural areas should have priority.

Participants are obliged to register online by themselves using the link.

[ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

VISA Requirements for non-EU passports/ID holders:

If you need visa to enter the hosting country please request an invitation letter during registration (above) and send all necessary information in order for the hosting organization to issue invitation letters for you so you can send to your closest Embassy for issue of your visa.

VISA Costs are covered 100% up to a limit.

Travel Budget, Number of total Participants, Countries:

Bulgaria	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Cyprus	Larnaca	5	10 - 99 km	20.00
Slovakia	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Greece	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Hungary	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Italy	Larnaca	5	2000 - 2999 km	320.00
Lithuania	Larnaca	5	2000 - 2999 km	320.00
Poland	Larnaca	5	2000 - 2999 km	320.00

(The above budgets are the maximum reimbursable amounts per participant. The amount paid by the hosting organisation for local transportation costs - airport transfers- have already been deducted.)

Flight Arrangements & Covid-19:

Please read the Covid-19 Risk Management for more information. [HERE](#)

[General Partner Agreement](#) that your sending organisation has agreed upon before this project was submitted. Please keep all travel documentation (tickets, boardingpasses etc) in original format. Due to the pandemic we are giving the option (during registration) if you wish for the Coordinator to purchase the FLIGHT arrangements. Option A requires that participants or sending organisations will pay 30% of the travel budget prior for the Coordinating Organisation to buy. This amount will be reimbursed back to the participants/sending organisations as soon as the travel documents are sent and processed. Option B means that participants will buy after approval, their own flight arrangements. The Coordinating Organisation will cover the 2nd PCR cost of the test that will be done upon arrival.

Local Transportation in the Hosting Country:

<https://www.otinternational.org/index.php/en/mobilities/projects/reimbursement-guides/110-reimbursement-guide-cy>

Airport destination is Larnaca or Paphos. No other airports. Only public transportation and the local minibus option that will be arranged by the hosting organisation according to specific airport arrival times of the participants are eligible travel costs for the travel budget above. Please read the provided Reimbursement Guide above.

Infopack:

This is info pack 1, info pack 2 will be sent very soon with details about schedule, participant tasks, Facebook group, weather, accommodation/venue and many other vital information about the project.

Contact us:

For additional information and questions please do not hesitate to contact us using our

[**HELP DESK**](#)

Our Team will be happy to assist you!

Thank You!