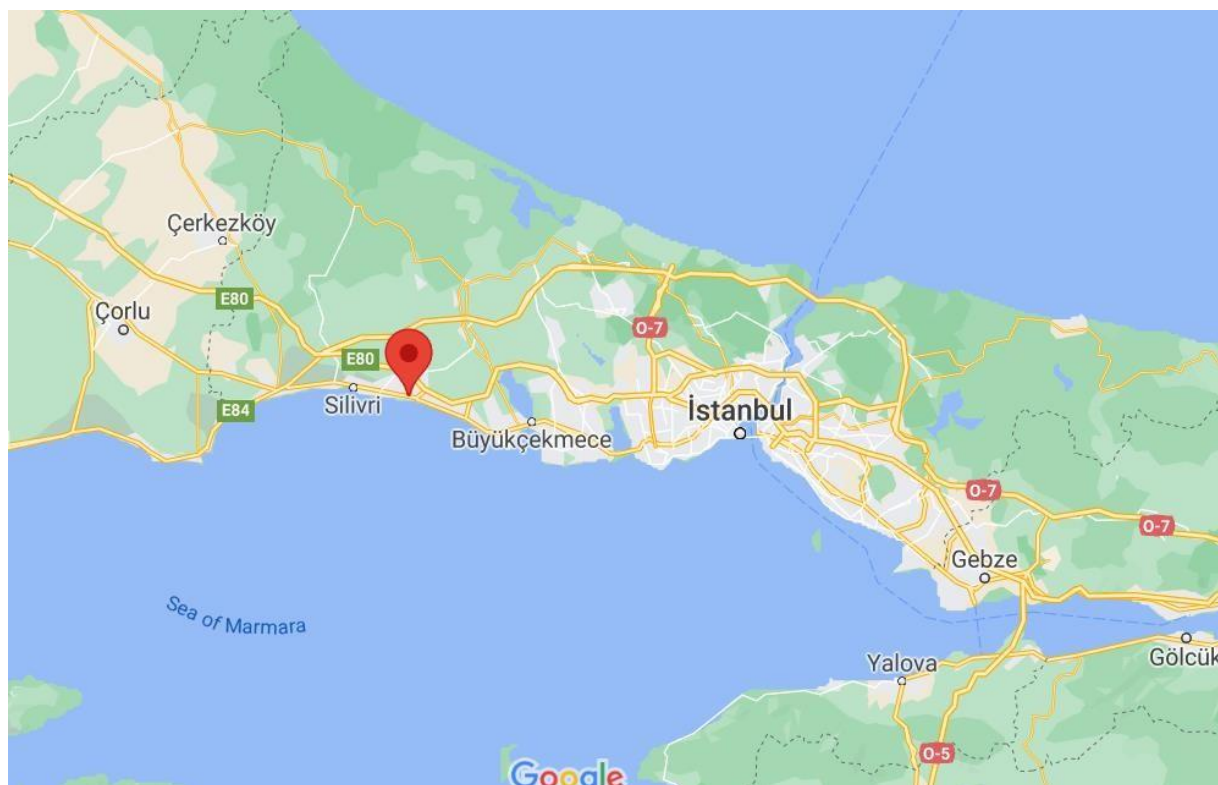




# Environment



## Youth Exchange Istanbul, Turkey

**PLACE AND DATE:** 9-19 August 2022, Istanbul, Turkey

**PARTICIPANTS:** 60 people (8 youth + 2 group leaders from each country)

**COUNTRY:** Partner countries will be from **UK, Turkey, Lithuania, Slovakia, Croatia, Czech Republic.**

**LANGUAGE:** The working language will be English.



# summary



The main issue this project will focus on is fewer opportunities for youth to raise their awareness about climate change and their rights to live in a sustainable world. This project is also an opportunity for them to gain the latest knowledge and innovation about how to exert influence and have their voices heard not only with decision makers but also in their community, schools, and peers.

There is a severe need for active and well informed youth participation in environment-related activities, exchange with other young people from different countries as well as opportunities for youth to network and create innovative solutions together. The project is meeting the objectives in the field of youth by engaging and encouraging youth to take active participation in policies on climate issues and their solutions.

- Environment and climate change
- Reaching the policy level/dialogue with decision makers

## ACTIVITIES AND METHODS



### Working Methods

“Environment” raises awareness of the importance of good environmental practices in a rural community by enhancing the environmental education of its members and by providing concrete examples of positive action, using methods of non-formal education in a multicultural context. Throughout the implementation, participants will learn more about ecology from each other, will make concrete actions connected to environmental protection, will learn about other cultures, will make new friends, all this helping them focus on the project’s specific objectives. Each national group will have the opportunity to show various cultural elements such as customs, traditions, food, typical clothes in the evenings specified in the schedule. The presentation of each culture will be done in an interactive way.

The working methods of “Environment” come from the field of non-formal education, for us being very important that they are interactive and not formal or theoretical and rigid. Just like the schedule timeline shows, the following methods can be identified:





## Who can participate in the youth exchange?



The participants for this youth exchange are youngsters from 6 European countries that have various cultural, educational, economic and social differences, as it is normal in every international Erasmus+ project. They may come from both urban and rural areas, and their knowledge regarding environmental protection, ecology and other issues connected to these may vary.

Age for participants are 15-30 years old. For group leaders there are no upper age limit.



## THE VENUE



**Note:** Organisers will not provide accommodation for any additional stay in Turkey. If participants plan to arrive a few days earlier or depart a few days later, they are kindly requested to inform us and we will be glad to offer assistance with booking a hotel

## COVID-19 SPECIAL MEASURES ISTANBUL:



Beside the rules that we all ~~wash food~~ are respecting ~~wash your hands~~ in our countries, the following rules are necessary for the creation of a safe and productive learning environment:

- **All persons coming to the youth exchange will need to take an RT-PCR test before the trip as it is mandatory to show a negative test upon entering Turkey. The costs related to the test are supported by the participant directly, if their country does not provide free testing.** The list of acceptable tests is constantly being reviewed as government continues to seek the most accurate alternatives to the PCR test. If you cannot present the correct test result, you may not be allowed to board your flight. **You are fully vaccinated; you are allowed to come to country without any PCR test.**

- Before traveling, please ensure the rules to return home to your country. Will you need to be tested? Will you need to quarantine? If you need to test before returning home, this must be indicated on arrival so that testing can be scheduled within the specified time.

- **All participants need to bring along face masks that you will use at all times in all common areas inside the accommodations.** We will be using masks inside the activity room and other common areas. You will not need to wear the mask inside your sleeping rooms or outdoors, as long as you maintain proper physical distance. If it is not a reusable mask that you can wash every evening before going to bed, you should bring one mask for each working day. Additional disposable masks may be provided on site.

- Every bedroom, bathroom and common area will be equipped with disinfectant spray,



disinfecting wipes and paper towels. The participants are responsible for disinfecting their room and the toilet inside the rooms. The youth center team will be disinfecting common surfaces several times during the day.

- Before each session, the participants will need to wash their hands and use hand disinfectant that will be available at the entrance to the workshops room. The same procedure is necessary before each meal.

- We will have two non-contact digital thermometers. Every morning, group leaders will need to check the temperature of all participants from their team. If someone has a high temperature, the person will need to skip the morning session and self-isolate in the room arranged for these situations.

- After each session, facilitators will gather all materials (such as scissors, glue, markers etc.) that were used by participants and disinfect it for the next session.

- **In order to avoid the use of many glasses during the day, all participants should bring one bottle from which they will be able to refill and drink water during the exchange.** Disposable plates, cutlery and cups for coffee, tea or juice will be available.

- The breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served for each participant. We will explain the procedure to everyone after you arrive at the venue.

- Please note that the wearing of masks is mandatory in all public spaces in Turkey. This includes shops, restaurants, nightclubs and public transportation.

**Our main priority is the safety of everyone, and we are sure that these rules and regulations will not stop us from having a good time and meeting amazing people from other countries. If anything is not clear to you or you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.**

## **ACCOMMODATION PLACE**

**Selimpaşa İMKB MTAL Uygulama Oteli**

**Photos and videos about our accommodation place and workshop place;**

**[https://selimpasa.meb.k12.tr/icerikler/uygulama-oteli-iletisim\\_8114890.html](https://selimpasa.meb.k12.tr/icerikler/uygulama-oteli-iletisim_8114890.html)**





**Rooms:** Participants will be accommodated in 3 or 6 people each room. Bed linen and towels will be provided. The main activity room is located in the hotel. Wi-Fi internet connection is available. Organisers will provide participants with three meals per day. Food will be served.

**We strongly recommend each participant to inform the organizers about any special dietary needs in advance.**

## **HOW TO REACH THE HOTEL**

**Two weeks before the project, we will share info about how to reach the hotel on Facebook group.**

**More discussions can be done in Facebook group.**

## **WHAT TO BRING**



Since there is going to be an international evening, we will ask you to bring something traditional, famous or delicious from home - that you would like to represent your country with, and share with the others, it can be any kinds of food, drink...





## HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in Turkey are quite high if you don't have.



The organizers will not provide the participants with any kind of insurance! Therefore, we strongly recommend every participant to acquire travel insurance at their own expense for the whole duration of the course. Also, please have a valid EU healthcare insurance card (if applicable).

Each of the participating countries should:

- ✓ Bring all your **travel documents** as presented above. **Print out all your documents even if they are online. We don't have printing opportunities.**
- ✓ Prepare a **presentation about the sending organization** (initiatives they have previously participated in, non-formal learning methods used, etc.). We want to get to know each other, to find out how people work with youth in other countries, and maybe to cooperate in the future.
- ✓ Find **interesting videos / games / exercises / educational activities on diversity.**
- ✓ Prepare **energisers** that could be done in the morning.
- ✓ Prepare for your **country's cultural evening**. Please, try to be fun and creative for this! :) No one likes regular .ppt presentations! Any kind of activities are welcome (e.g. video presentations, dances, songs, games, quizzes, posters, flyers etc.). Don't forget to **bring your national drinks, dishes or snacks** to share with others. Also, please **prepare a mini (and, of course, fun) language course** for the others. We count on you to make these evenings as interactive and fun as possible.
- ✓ check the weather forecast before arrival and **bring adequate clothes**. Please also **bring clothing and shoes that can be used for strenuous activities** (such as dancing).

**Whenever possible, bring your laptops, digital cameras, smart phones and tablets – we will be doing some multimedia work that requires mobile equipment!**



**SEE YOU ALL IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY**