



FEEL THE DIFFERENCES



YOUTH EXCHANGE BURSA, TURKEY

PLACE AND DATE: 13-22 JUNE, BURSA, TURKEY

PARTICIPANTS: 60 people (9 youth + 1 group leader from each country)

COUNTRY: Partner countries will be from **France, Italy, Turkey, Lithuania, Romania and Latvia.**

LANGUAGE: The working language will be English.



SUMMARY



The implementation of this project aimed to prepare the 60 participants for an active life, while also reducing discrimination against NEET youth and those with limited resources. Non-formal education methods and games were used to help the youth acquire key competencies.

The project had several objectives, which included:

1. Helping the 60 participants acquire key competencies to lead an active life over the 8 months of project implementation.
2. Involving 30 youth with fewer opportunities (economic and educational) in the project to improve their self-confidence over the 8 months of the project.
3. Combating social exclusion within the 60 participants by introducing them to new non-formal education methods and creating an intercultural environment over the 8 months of the project.
4. Developing partnerships between the 6 partnering NGOs through operational growth, experience exchange, and mentorship for the 60 youth involved over the 24 months of the project.

ACTIVITIES AND METHODS



Working Methods

Throughout the project, non-formal educational methods will be utilized, which will include practical exercises and opportunities for experiential learning. The methodology will involve the use of interactive presentations, open discussions, role plays, and a variety of creative workshops, including both individual and group work.

Who can participate in the youth exchange?



The project involves 60 individuals between the ages of 15 and 30, each group led by a leader who must be at least 18 years old, from 6 different countries. The project comprises of several main activities, including preparation, youth exchange in Turkey, evaluation, and dissemination. The preparation activities consist of various elements such as selecting and preparing the participants, making logistical arrangements, and organizing online interactions such as Skype meetings and emails among partner organizations. Local preparatory meetings will also be held at partner institutions to discuss project presentations, gender balance, safety rules, and other related tasks. Participants will be required to complete some preparatory tasks related to national cultural parties and improve their language and topic-related skills through individual preparation. All partners from all countries will be involved in preparatory activities at their respective venues during the planned dates.



TRAVEL COSTS

The calculation of travel cost reimbursement will be done in accordance with the updated Erasmus Plus regulations, utilizing a designated software known as the Distance Calculator.

| Country of Origin | Country of Destination | Distance Band | No. of Participants | Travel Grant per Participant |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| France | Turkey | 2000 - 2999 km | 10 | 360.00 |
| Lithuania | Turkey | 500-1999 km | 10 | 275.00 |
| Latvia | Turkey | 500-1999 km | 10 | 275.00 |
| Romania | Turkey | 500-1999 km | 10 | 275.00 |
| Czech Rep. | Turkey | 500-1999 km | 10 | 275.00 |
| Turkey | Turkey | 0-0 km | 10 | 0.00 |

Participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses after they have sent their tickets and boarding cards. The travel costs, including flights and other means of transportation, will be compensated up to 100% based on the actual expenses incurred and the distance between the participant's location of residence and the project location in **Bursa**. The distance will be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission. The reimbursement will be sent to the sender organization, which will then distribute the funds to the participants. It may be that money from European Commission will be late; in that case, as mentioned, you will get your reimbursement after the course by bank transfer (**be ready for that**).

Keep your bus / train tickets as well! Note that travel expenses for cars and taxis are not reimbursed.

Additionally, any additional days of stay beyond the project schedule, including food expenses, are solely the participant's responsibility.

Visa costs are the responsibility of the participant as well.

THE VENUE



COVID-19 SPECIAL MEASURES BURSA:



SO FAR THERE IS NO COVID RULES IN TURKEY BUT BE READY FOR ALL KIND OF CHANGES!



ACCOMMODATION PLACE

NEFES DAĞYENİCE

<https://www.facebook.com/Nefesdagyenice>

<https://www.nefesdagyenice.com/>

Photos and videos about our accommodation place and workshop place;
<https://www.booking.com/hotel/tr/nefes-dagyenice.html?activeTab=photosGallery>



Rooms: Participants will stay at Glamping houses. Participants will be accommodated in 1, 2 or 4 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. There are no shower/toilets in those rooms but there are common shower and toilets where you can use there unlimited. **Participants will stay at Glamping houses.**

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

HOW TO REACH THE HOTEL

There are two airports you can fly to, Istanbul New Airport or Sabiha Gokcen Airport. Sabiha Gokcen is recommended as it is closer to Bursa city. Once you arrive at one of those airport, you can take a bus to Bursa Central Bus station. Participants will be picked up as a group from the Bursa Central Bus station.



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!

We will be looking forward to meeting all of you in Bursa, Turkey.



SEE YOU ALL IN BURSA, TURKEY