

SUMMARY



We want to carry out this project because:

- 1) We believe that climate change is the biggest collective, environmental challenge society faces today.
- 2) We believe young people need to be empowered in order to make their voice heard in the climate debate and their ideas and perspectives included.
- 3) Learning from each other, and understanding each other's roles in the larger picture of the climate crisis is not only optimal, it is essential.
- 4) We are convinced that it is an opportunity for enhanced youth participation, cooperation and find solutions together for common good.
- 5) We believe young people can benefit from this project and help empower them to turn negative climate change into innovative solutions and job opportunities.
- 6) We want to inspire and empower young people to become climate youth ambassadors, who will be able to advocate for climate solutions with decision makers
- 7) We are convinced that connecting youth and decision makers in dialogue is an important step toward learning how to work together on common issues toward common solutions.

ACTIVITIES AND METHODS



Working Methods

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:

- name games (for improving communication)
- icebreaking games (for relaxing the group atmosphere and removing barriers created by shyness, hesitation and language)
- open space (to allow participants to think and act freely, to choose how and what to discuss)
- teambuilding activities (for the group cohesion, improving group work)
- treasure hunt (to stir curiosity, to revive the spirit of competition and to familiarize participants with the environment they are in)
- the Albatros (simulation game for intercultural learning - ICL)
- group discussions (to facilitate the exchange of ideas and to provide participants the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences)
- group work (to facilitate teamwork and to give everyone a chance to be involved)
- Eco-Topics (to increase creativity and sense of initiative)
- Green Actions (for team work and active involvement in the community life)
- traditional evenings (for discovering new cultures).

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.

From the cultural point of view, project will have youngsters from 6 different cultures. Educationally speaking, some of these youngsters are still in last year of high-school or university, some are graduates. From the economic perspective, some of them are employed part-time or full-time in various domains and some of them are unemployed, with economic difficulties. We emphasize on the fact that we will integrate in this project a total number of 24 youngsters with fewer economic opportunities (unemployed), from each partner. The obstacles that they are facing are: hard time of finding a job due to the economic climate in their home communities, poor access to information about personal-development opportunities. From the social perspective, we may have youngsters coming from various social background, orphans or from broken families, but our main emphasis on selecting young people with fewer opportunities will be towards the unemployed ones. From the cultural perspective, we are expecting to have several young people which are from families of cultural minorities in their home country



TRAVEL COSTS

According to new Erasmus Plus rules, the reimbursement of travel costs will be calculated used a specific program called Distance Calculator:

Country of Origin	Country of Destination	Distance Band	No. of Participants	Travel Grant per Participant
UK	Turkey	2000-2999 km	10	360.00
Czech	Turkey	500-1999 km	10	275.00
Lithuania	Turkey	500-1999 km	10	275.00
Slovakia	Turkey	500-1999 km	10	275.00
Croatia	Turkey	2000-2999 km	10	360.00
Turkey	Turkey	0-9 km	10	00.00

AFTER SENDING their tickets and boarding cards, participants will receive the reimbursement of their travel costs. Travel (flights, other means of transport) expenses are compensated (up to 100%), based on the actual expenses incurred and the distance from your location of residence to the location of the project (**Istanbul**). These distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission. We don't send money to each participant. We send only money to sender organization and sender organization will pay to 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! Travel by cars / taxis is not reimbursed.

Please note any extra days you wish to stay will be your own responsibility and your food etc.

Visa costs will be covered by participants.

MONEY

The official currency in Turkey is Turkish Lira (Turk Lirasi). The prices in Turkey are became little bid expensive last two years but still it is cheaper than many European countries.

You can check cost of living in Istanbul; <https://www.numbeo.com/cost-of-living/in/Istanbul>



THE VENUE



Istanbul (Turkish: *İstanbul*), once known as **Constantinople** and **Byzantium** before that, is the most populous city in Turkey, and the country's economic, cultural, and historical center. Istanbul is a transcontinental city in Eurasia, straddling the Bosphorus strait between the Sea of Marmara and the Black Sea. Its commercial and historical center lies on the European side and about a third of its population lives on the Asian side.

Note: Organisers will not provide accommodation for any additional stay in Istanbul. 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. 2 days before project or 2 days after project only allowed. This is no holiday, so please respect the Erasmus+ projects rules.

ACCOMMODATION PLACE

Park Polenezkoy Hotel

Adresse: Polonez, Kuşan Çk., 34829 Beykoz/İstanbul, Türkiye

Telefon: +90 216 343 22 23

<https://www.parkpolonezkoyhotel.com/galeri>





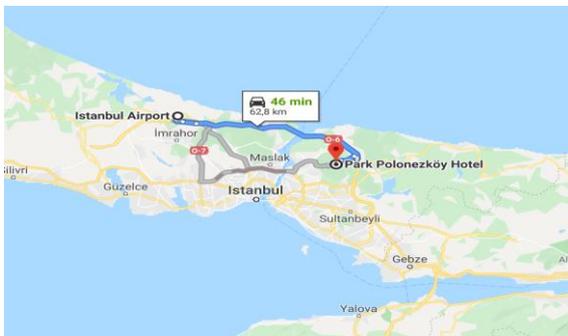
Rooms: Participants will be accommodated in Standard triple rooms. Bed linen and towels will be provided. The main activity room is located in the hotel. Wifi internet connection is available. Organisers will provide participants with three meals per day. Food will be served at the hotel's restaurant.

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

HOW TO REACH THE HOTEL

From Istanbul New Airport

From Sabiha Goksen Airport



We can arrange minibusses for each group or each 10 people. Remember you have to pay for those minibusses as part of your travel costs budget. Later on we will make payment to you.

More Details about how to arrive to venue will be given. Please be patient! We will do our best for you. It is easy to arrive!

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.

PREPARATION



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.
- ✓ Prepare a **presentation on diversity** in their country.
- ✓ 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).
- ✓ **Bring good spirit, joy and happiness!!!**

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

CONTACTS!

If you have any questions, please contact us via email or Facebook.

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SEE YOU ALL IN ISTANBUL, TURKEY