

**- INFO PACK -
YOUTH EXCHANGE**

RURAL VOLUNTEERS - GET IN ACTION!

Šibenik

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ORGANIZER: Local action group „MORE 249“, VODICE-CROATIA



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Rural development and rural
volunteering as two main topics of a
project!



**CAN RURAL
VOLUNTEERS HELP IN
RURAL AREAS?**

Yes

Discouising about life in a rural areas
Rural Health and Rural Education
Rural Poverty
Population Issues
Urbanization Issues
Limited job opportunities

LIFE IN RURAL AREAS



BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING: 4 WAYS TO FEEL HEALTHIER AND HAPPIER

1. Volunteering connects you to others.
2. Volunteering is good for your mind and body.
3. Volunteering can advance your career.
4. Volunteering brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

- Gain confidence - volunteering can help you gain confidence by giving you the chance to try something new and build a real sense of achievement...
- Make a difference...
- Meet people...
- Be part of a community...
- Learn new skills...
- Take on a challenge...
- Have fun!



Never
stop
learning





WHAT CAN WE DO?

- 1) Volunteerism is an important activity and is on the rise
(for the first time in over a decade)
- 2) Volunteers are a key demographic for obtaining donations
- 3) Volunteers care about and improve their communities
- 4) Volunteers are active in other groups that aim to create change
- 5) Volunteers' time is valuable and contributes to the worth of the economy
- 6) Successfully engaging volunteers can be challenging.

MAKE
YOUR
VOICE
HEARD

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT ARE:

- 1.To involve young unemployed people from rural areas in a project about rural development and provide them space to discuss rural development in general.
- 2.To improve the attractiveness of rural areas for young people through exchanges on innovative and inspiring practices between participants, including on youth entrepreneurship, rural-urban linkages, communication and digitization.
- 3.To enrich participants knowledge on practicing rural voluntarism and volunteerism in general and ensure their personal and professional development.
- 4.To allow participants to recognize and reward volunteering work, share practice among the countries, learn how to seek and recognize volunteering opportunities on rural, local, national and international level.
- 5.To raise awareness on rural development and rural volunteering opportunities among rural youth in general (through implementing local rural volunteering actions in the hosting community, social media campaign, develop handbook of ideas for **rural** actions, follow up activities).
- 6.To provide space for promotion of Cultural diversity in Europe and **intercultural** understanding between youngsters coming **from different social, cultural, religious** background.



DATES:

ARRIVAL day is 2nd SEPTEMBER (first meal dinner).

DEPARTURE: The official closing is on 10th SEPTEMBER (departure is predicted after breakfast, or earlier if needed).



HOW TO GET TO ŠIBENIK

If you're coming with an airplane to Zagreb:

1. Take the shuttle bus from the airport to the main bus station (this shuttle bus costs around 5 EUR: <https://plesoprijevoz.hr/en/zagreb-croatia/>)
2. From there take the bus to ŠIBENIK: <http://www.akz.hr/en>

If you're coming with an airplane to Zadar:

1. Take the shuttle bus from the airport to the main bus station (this shuttle bus costs around 3,5 EUR: <https://www.zadar-airport.hr/en/public-transport/>)
2. From there take the bus to ŠIBENIK: http://ak.liburnija-zadar.hr/vozni_red/

If you're coming with an airplane to Split (Airport Kaštela):

Take the shuttle bus from the airport to the main bus station (informations about the bus:

http://www.split-airport.hr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=185&Itemid=195&lang=en)

NOTICE: Split Airport is located at the very exit from the town of Kastela, towards Trogir. It is at 20 km distance from Split, and at 6 km from Trogir. The bus to ŠIBENIK (the prices for bus depend from where you travel): <http://www.ak-split.hr/vozni-red/> ; <https://www.arriva.com.hr/hr-hr/dalmacija/trogir>



ACCOMODATION:

You will be accommodated in Šibenik, MIHOVIL rooms.

Each room contains toilet, basic furniture and can accommodate 3 or 4 people.



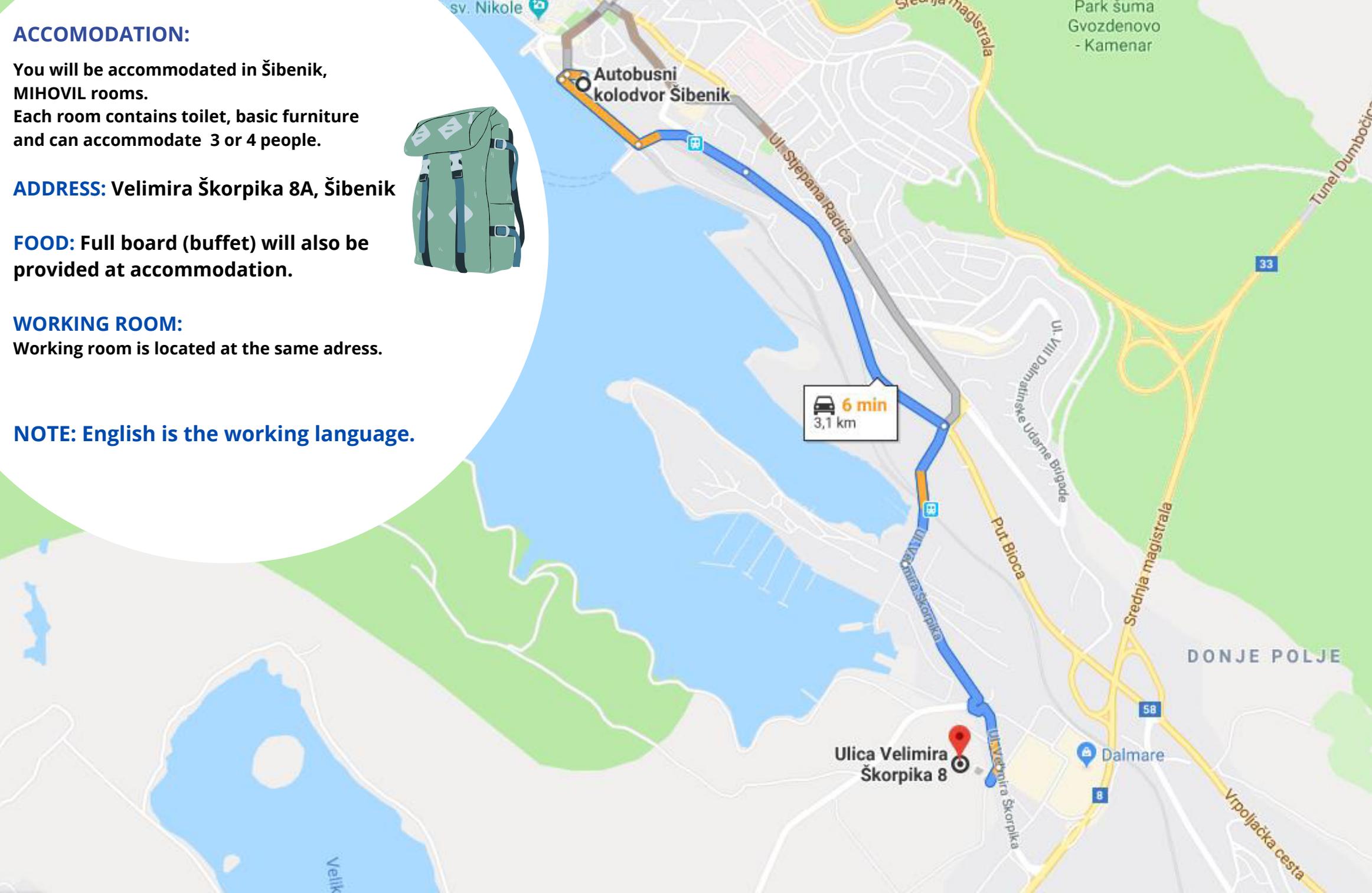
ADDRESS: Velimira Škorpika 8A, Šibenik

FOOD: Full board (buffet) will also be provided at accommodation.

WORKING ROOM:

Working room is located at the same address.

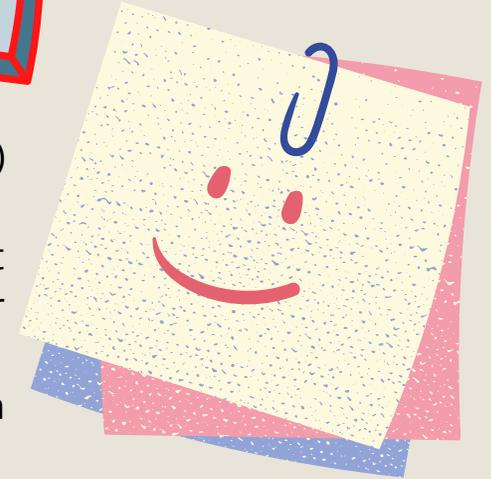
NOTE: English is the working language.



DON'T FORGET

TO PREPARE/ TO DO BEFORE ARRIVAL:

1. One ice-breaking game.
2. One evaluation game.
3. Find out one traditional game played in your country. Learn how to play it (if you don't know) and during the project teach others to play it.
4. Make research and presentation in your country about possibilities to volunteer, actions that are implemented in your rural areas, legislations and recognition of volunteerism in your country - positive/negative examples on local and national level.
5. We will visit one local village near Vodice, called Gaćelezi. There we will clean one area from busses and old trees and garbage, SO PLEASE BRING ONE OLDER T-SHIRT!



TO HAVE A LOOK:

1. The application CANVA for designs of posters - we will do some work with this application, please download on your phones before joining and have a look of how posters can be designed!
2. Tutorials on Youtube on how to make a simple bird house from pop-sticks:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ZsmNgBLB3c>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rdOSGp0II6Y>

NATIONAL NIGHT:

Since you're going to present traditions and food of your own country, bring all the materials that you think you'll need to make the other participants feel your national atmosphere!



Every day starts and ends with some game and every country will be in charge for leading one!



ERASMUS +

The project is a youth exchange funded by the Erasmus+ Programme (read more about this at the end of this folder).

Please be aware that travel costs will be reimbursed after the project is over. NO individual reimbursements will be done!

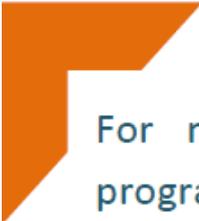
Travel costs for your participation will be reimburse. Your sending organizations as legal entities are fully responsible for the reimbursement of travel costs. Bank transfer will be made to the sending organization and based on your REAL costs.



Number of the participants per partner organization



PARTNER ORGANIZATION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
CROATIA	5 + 1
NORTH MACEDONIA	5 + 1
TURKEY	5 + 1
ROMANIA	5 + 1
LITHUNIA	5 + 1
PORTUGAL	5 + 1
ICELAND	5 + 1

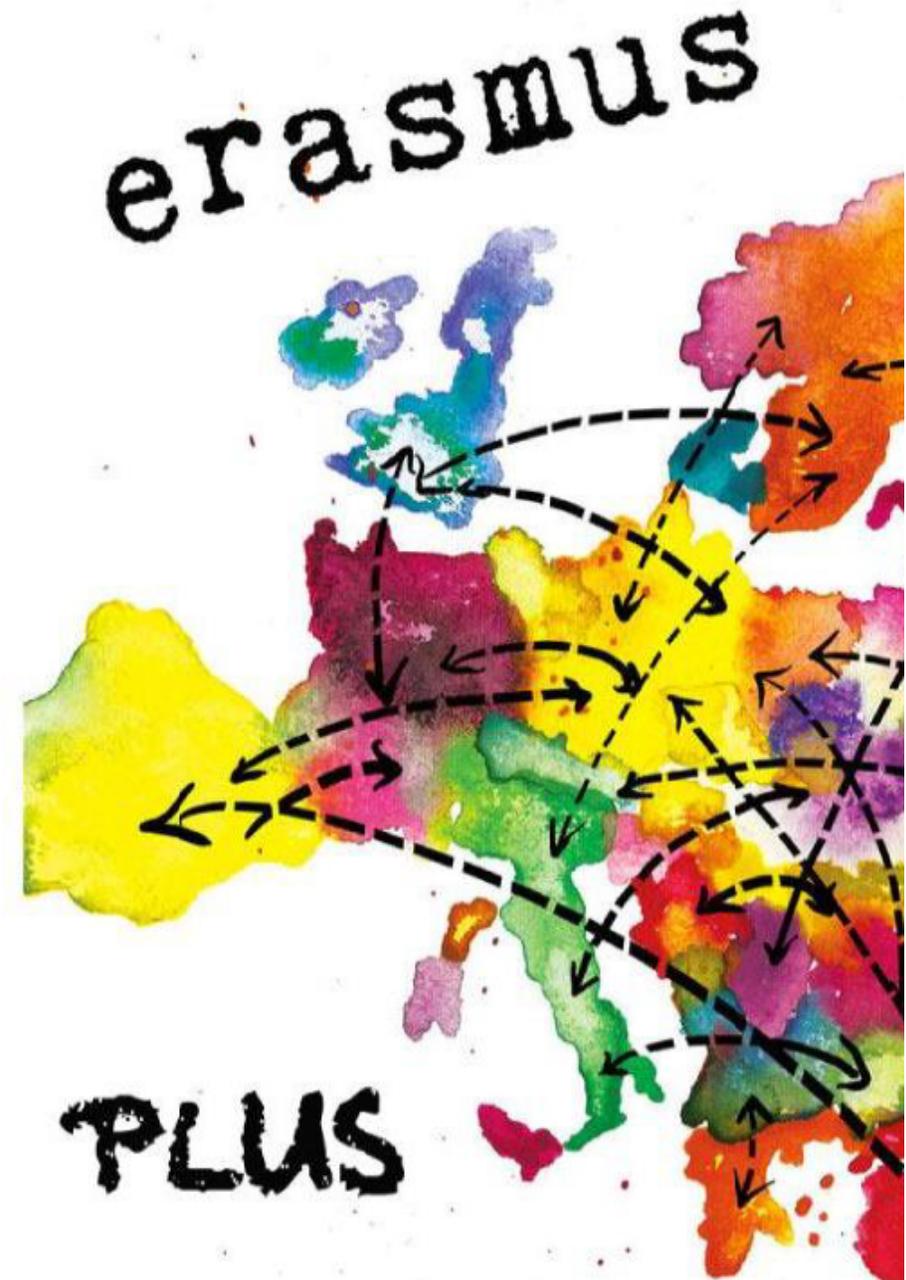


For nearly 30 years, the EU has funded the Erasmus programme, which has enabled over three million European students to spend part of their studies at another higher education institution or with an organisation in Europe.

Today, Erasmus+ is an EU programme for education, training, youth and sport that brings such opportunities to all – students, staff, trainees, teachers, volunteers and more. It's not just about Europe or Europeans either – with Erasmus+, people from all over the world can access opportunities.

Erasmus+ is open to all young people, not just those currently enrolled in education or training.

With Erasmus+, you can volunteer across Europe and beyond or participate in a youth exchange abroad.



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YOUTH EXCHANGES

Youth exchanges allow groups of young people from different countries to meet, live together and work on shared projects for short periods. Youth exchanges take place outside the school environment.

On a youth exchange, you can expect to participate in activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, outdoor activities and more. Participants' learning experiences are recognised through a Youthpass.

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YOUTHPASS

Youthpass is a European recognition tool for non-formal and informal learning in youth work. Youthpass is for projects funded by Erasmus+ Youth in Action and Youth in Action programmes.

With Youthpass the participants of these projects can describe what they have done and show what they have learnt.



**We are looking forward
hosting you in Šibenik!**

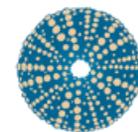
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