



INFOPACK 1

The Decade of Citizens

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KA105 - Youth Exchange - Partner Countries



Activity Dates: **04/11/2021** - **12/11/2021**

Country: **Cyprus**

City/Town: **Larnaca**



Project Description:

We have seen that policy reform and politics are more of a spectator activity for young people where they believe they have no influence nor say in what happens in their countries, we have so often heard young people say “no matter who we vote for, nothing will change”. We hope to change this. Our goal is not to form a political movement, but to get young people off the couch and empower them to make the changes they want to see in their world, starting from their homes, their communities, their countries and in the EU, and in the near future even in the world.

Our project will give young people the tools and resources to understand their rights as EU citizens, to understand the reasoning behind the choices of their governments, to challenge these choices and to be actively involved in the reform that are needed in their communities and in the EU. We will help young people understand the process of policy reform, the methods and approaches needed by policy makers to make these choices, understanding that meeting the needs of a society also means that some expenses need to be covered and to allow the youth to take these expenses into consideration, thus not only demanding reform, but contributing to this reform through understanding that the system, be it a local government, or even the EU, needs all of us to contribute in order for it to serve us all.

The project involves many program countries allowing us to learn and understand that we have common concerns and problems, but will also allow us to understand that sometimes these problems are caused by our lack of involvement and our passive approach to problems in our society often cause the problems. We will learn that together, and by being active in our societies, we can make changes, not only because we can, but because we must be the building blocks of our societies and our EU and the only way we can create a society for everyone is to actively work together and make the changes.

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:

Armenia	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Turkey	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Bulgaria	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Cyprus	Larnaca	5	10 - 99 km	- 20.00
Georgia	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Greece	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Lithuania	Larnaca	5	2000 - 2999 km	320.00
Slovakia	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Turkey	Larnaca	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00

(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

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Our Team will be happy to assist you!

Thank You!