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# WHAT BRINGS US HERE

**YOUTH EXCHANGE**

**JULY 1-11, 2022**

**ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

**60 PARTICIPANTS FROM NORWAY, TURKEY,  
ROMANIA, LITHUANIA, POLAND, CROATIA**

# ***ABOUT THE ORGANISATION.***



## ***DIYARBAKIR CEVRE VE KALKINMA DERNEGI***

Diyarbakir Environment and Development Association is an active voluntary environmentalist association, its activities in the field of civil society both locally and internationally. It cooperates and works with educational institutions, regional offices, institutions and non-profit organisations related to environment and development in Turkey.

Goals and Objectives of the organisation are carrying out or being a partner in local, national and international projects, creating a wide working network, providing professional support to public institutions and etc.

The organisation aim to raise the level of eco-thinking in national and international projects for our young people to become ecological ecological eco-friendly active environmental volunteers.

# ***ABOUT THE PROJECT.***

## ***OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT***

1. At the end of the project all 60 youth presents will feel themselves social included and non-discriminated. This will be reach through the activities of nonformal education such as Debate, Albatros and others during the 9 days of activities.
2. At the end of the project all 60 youth will acquire new kwy competences through the nonformal education methods: public cafe, albatross, theatre and living library – increasing the self confidence and other activities during the 9 days of activities.
3. At the end of mobility all 24 youth with few opportunities will feel themselves social integrated, will have trust in their own forces and will acquire new key competences which will help them in the active life. This will happen through the activities of public cafe, living library and other activities during the 9 days of activities.
4. Throughout the project, we will develop a kind of tripartite cooperation between NGOs, youth and local authorities.

## ***WORKING METHODS***

The methodology will be based on non-formal educational methods such as, practical exercises and opportunities for experiential learning. Thus, during the whole project methods will be used, such as interactive presentations, open discussions, role plays and various creative workshops including individual and group work.

# TEAMS

Each national team consisted of 9 participants and 1 team leader

## LITHUANIA



## CROATIA





**POLAND / BELARUS**

**TURKEY**



**NORWAY**





# ACTIVITIES

## PUBLIC SPEAKING

In a public speaking activity we had the opportunity to perform with speeches in front of other participants of the project. Each person was invited to speak on a given topic without preparation. All of us had random issues to speak about and sometimes it was difficult to find words. We tried to overcome fears of public performance. The workshop helped us to develop our speaking skills and get out of our comfort zone. And of course, as throughout the project, it helped us to improve our English language skills.

## MAKE A MOVIE

This activity was all about creating a movie. It united the participants and reminded of the brilliant time together, with all love stories, parties, inside jokes, criminals and so on. We can see how much this project connected us when we made and watched our movies, every participant was into every second of all movies, and you can feel in the air how that was emotional for us.

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# TRAIN TRAVEL

At the first round we got the list with 17 people, and after we had to decide oneself who we want to sit with most (3 people from the list), and who we want to sit with less (3 people from the list).

At the second round we got the pair, so we had to discuss with that person who we decided to take from the list, and who not to take. This time we did the same as at the first time, but we needed to decide in pair which 3 people we wanted to sit with most and which 3 people we wanted to sit with less.

At the third round we did the same, but in groups of 7-8 people. Some groups voted, some groups convinced each person in their group which 3 people to sit with, and which 3 people not to sit with.

At the last, fourth round we discussed our results with everyone and described how we got the results (by voting or convincing). (Many people in their groups didn't like the results of chosen people from the list that their group chose).





# WORKSHOPS

## VOLUNTEERING

**BY THE CROATIAN TEAM**

To kick off the workshop they started with a few energisers, splitting the group and having two separate energisers at the same time. Their workshop was based on volunteering. The first activity was a very human friendly based exercise, all of the participants were split into 5 random groups. The main objective in this activity was to help one another with any kind of task; this being something simple (bringing them coffee) or something more personal (talking to one another on a deeper level), this activity lasted for one hour. Moving on to the second part of the workshop all of the participants were split into three different groups, their objective was to clear a minefield. Each team had the same task, but with a different map. They had to communicate with each other and create a tactic in order to pass through the minefield, the only catch was that they were not allowed to communicate verbally. This specific activity was created in order to boost and amplify team building skills, trust, leadership, patience and focus on working as a unit. The third and final part of the Croatian workshop was the reflection. Many questions were asked and most of them were directly connected to finding the similarities between what happened during the activities and how they can or could relate to real life situations.

# **MIGRATION**

***BY THE LITHUANIAN TEAM***

This workshop was all about understand each participating country's migration situation and explain and see what similarities and differences the countries have. Workshop started with "migration" to the sea and fun energizers, and ended up with creative and humorous plays about the migration situation from each of the country's participants.

# **DISCRIMINATION**

***BY THE ROMANIAN TEAM***

The participants learned about different types of it: gender, social status, physical appearance, religion, political view, nationality and ethnicity. They stayed in one line with their eyes closed and the romanian team asked questions about situations when they could have felt discriminated. If they felt discriminated in a way or another the participants took a step forward. After opening eyes we discussed about their own experiences of being discriminated. After, every team had to prepare something to express the situation about discrimination in their own country.

# **GENDER**

***BY THE POLISH TEAM***

The activity started with a fun Polish game as an energizer, when we learnt a few Polish words and cheered up. Polish team prepared workshop on the topic "Gender discrimination" using Forum theatre methodology. We worked in small groups and should prepare plays where gender discrimination were imaged. During playing every participant of the project had power to stop and change the performance. The aim was to explore solutions to oppression featured in the performance. In the end we spoke about gender problems that were raised in forum theatre.

# TOLERANCE

**BY THE NORWEGIAN TEAM**

We chose a pair of people to place them into the middle of circle of all other people. People who did the circle had to hold each other very tight to not to let the pair in the middle escape outside the circle.

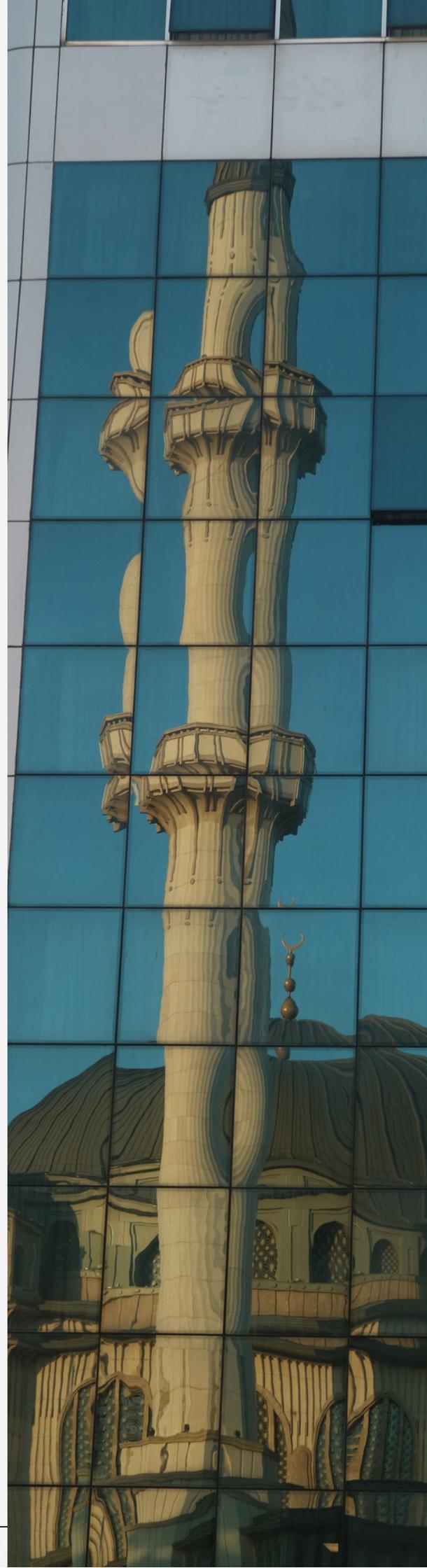
People sit in pair. The pairs get the pice of paper with roles (on each paper was written roles of pair of people with opposite views in life or politics, e. g. transgender and homophob, feminist and traditional man, immigrant and nationalist, etc.) Each pair had to imitate the meeting of the roles they got with each other. They could do anything with each other: convince, talk peacefully, fight, play neutrality. The idea was to recreate the situation where the people with opposite views in life meets; what happens then? Would they decide to tolerate each other or not?

There were 5 groups: each group got 1 of 5 questions about tolerance (e. g. What tolerance mean to you? Have you ever been a victim of intolerance? What is "safe space"? etc.) After 10 minutes of discussion the questions in each group they changed question to another. (Many people liked that activity the most)

# ***VISITING ISTANBUL***

On the 5th day of the project (06.07.2022.) we had the most amazing opportunity to visit the spectacular city of Istanbul. As we finished with our enjoyable and well deserved breakfast we left the venue at 09:00AM with private transportation. After a few hours of driving through the city we arrived to the central region of the city. Istanbul being as large as it is and the group being almost 60 people, we split into a few groups and went our separate ways. During the day, all of us, in our own time and in our own way visited the highlights of the city; we visited Hagia Sophia, the Grand Bazaar, Taksim Square, the Asian part of the city and many more beautiful and historic locations. Moreover we all indulged in delicious traditional food and drink, experienced Turkish culture and were all simply blown away by the absolutely stunning city of Istanbul. As the day came to end we headed back to the venue in Silivri.

Returning home safely, we came together and shared our experience with each other, everyone had such an incredible day and we were all so thankful for being able to have had such an experience.





# ***CULTURE NIGHTS***

In this project we had the chance to learn about each other's country by making and taking part in cultural nights. All national teams presented their traditional dances, songs and interesting facts about their country. Also, the participants had the opportunity to learn a few basic words in a foreign language and to taste the delicious dishes that the participating countries brought.

# ***AND, OF COURSE***

***A LOT OF KISSING***



***AND BEAUTIFUL ST(ASS)***

