

## ECOLOCALYOUTH:

# PRODUCT OF PROXIMITY AS A WAY OF EMPLOYMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

13/06/2021 - 22/06/2021 BENEJÚZAR, SPAIN

YOUTH EXCHANGE DESIGNED UNDER THE Erasmus+ PROGRAMME
KEY ACTION 1: LEARNING MOBILITY OF INDIVIDUALS



### **PROJECT DETAILS:**

Project name: ECOLOCALYOUTH: Product of Proximity as A Way Of

**Employment and Sustainable Development** 

**Project dates:** From 13th to 22nd of June 2021

Place: Benejúzar, Spain

**Organization:** Ayuntamiento de Benejúzar (Municipality of Benejúzar)

**OID Number:** E10256315

Participants: 36 participants from 6 different countries from: Spain, Romania,

Estonia, Bulgaria, Serbia and The Netherlands

### **THE ORGANIZERS:**

Benejúzar is a municipality of the Valencian Community, located in the Vega Baja region, in the province of Alicante. It currently has a population of around 6000 inhabitants.



Benejúzar has a long agricultural and gastronomic tradition. This makes it a very powerful municipality in thriving sectors such as organic farming, local consumption and quality gastronomy.

Benejúzar is an avant-garde municipality that stands out for its active policies to promote its agriculture and landscape through employment. It constantly works with the aim of modernizing itself in all economic and social initiatives to give a strong boost to its local economy.

One of the priorities of the municipal government team is to improve the opportunities for young people and put their natural resources at the reference of Europe and promote green policies to face the European climate emergency situation.









### **SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT:**

ECOLOCALYOUTH: Product of Proximity as A Way Of Employment and Sustainable Development is an opportunity for young people to learn, through non-formal education, how to take advantage of the natural and ecological products offered by their territory and how to appropriately use new technologies to sell these products as a form of new business and a job opportunity.

Furthermore, as participants will come from different countries across Europe, diversity and multiculturalism will be promoted during the exchange, which will give added value to the project.

### **MAIN OBJECTIVES:**

- Develop the personal and professional growth of young volunteers in relation to natural products and the promotion of self-employment.
- Improve business and professional skills and learn new strategies to promote organic products through online sales.
- Promote alternative economic models to unsustainable overcrowded tourism models for a post-COVID-19 era.
- Promotion of multiculturalism, knowledge of the EU countries and the ability to work and share in an international European context.
- Promote entrepreneurship in innovative and classic sectors, responding to new needs "post COVID-19".

### **WORKING METHODS:**

\* Different types of practical games (team-building activities, ice-braking, games to know each other, simulation games, games for trust and so on) \* Brainstorm \* Presentations \* Role games \* Group work \*Reflection sessions \* Discussions \* Visits to local companies and entrepreneurs

All the activities will be developed according to the principles of the non-formal education.









### **PARTICIPANTS**

ECOLOCALYOUTH will involve 6 participants (5 + 1 group leader) from each country with the following profile:

- 18 30 years of age (no age limit for the group leader)
- Youth committed to the issues involved in this project: entrepreneurship, fresh organic products and life in a rural municipality
- Adequate level of English language

### **PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS**

Spain	AYUNTAMIENTO DE	http://benejuzar.es/
	BENEJÚZAR	
Bulgaria	SOCIAL HUB ASSOCIATION	www.socialhubbg.reu
Serbia	EUROPEAN CLUSTER ALPE	www.danubio-2015.org
	ADRIA PANNONIA	
Romania	ASOCIATIA SE POATE	www.asociatiasepoate.ro
The Netherlands	ROCK SOLID FOUNDATION FOR	www.rocksolidfoundation.eu
	INTERNATIONAL YOUTH WORK	
Estonia	SEIKLEJATE VENNASKOND	http://www.seiklejad.org









### **ACCOMMODATION and TRANSPORTATION**

Accommodation, meals and working materials are provided by the organisers.

The accommodation and the activities will be in "Paraje de la Pilarica" where the participants will be able to enjoy the splendid nature of Benejúzar's mountains.











The travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed up to the maximum of the amount indicated by the distance calculator provided by the EC:

Romania, Serbia, Bulgaria, Estonia	360.00 EUR
The Netherlands	275.00 EUR



### The travelling days are: 13<sup>th</sup> of June (Sunday) and 22<sup>nd</sup> of June (Tuesday).

Travel costs are refundable for participants who attend all the sessions, commit themselves fully to the activities of the project. Travel expenses will be covered after collecting travel documents on condition that the participants use the cheapest ways of transportation and submitted original invoices for plane tickets, boarding passes, train and bus tickets. Private cars, Taxi and first class tickets will not be reimbursed.

An important detail is that you should buy your tickets **after our confirmation.** Otherwise, your tickets could be considered not reimbursable. We engage ourselves to reimburse only tickets which were confirmed by our team.

In order to make sure that all participants book the cheapest option available for their travel, we offer our full support helping them with their bookings and bus/train connections.

Please keep also ALL other travelling documents you have. Don't throw anything! ©









Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice. Please note if you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EUR, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission web-site, on the day of the purchase

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en

**EXTRA-DAYS:** following the guidelines of the Erasmus+ programme the travel must be realised by the participants within a maximum of 4 days from the project's dates (arrival max 2 days before the project and departure max 2 days after the project). During the extra-days the participants should cover all of their expenses such as accommodation, food, etc.

### **HOW TO REACH BENEJÚZAR?**

There will be an organized transport from Alicante or from the airport Alicante-Elche (ALC).

#### TO BE CONFIRMED!

From the centre of Alicante to Benejúzar is around 60 km. You can take also a public bus from the bus station, but you should check carefully the possible options, especially during the weekends. One of the companies is **Bus Siguenza**, **S.L.** http://www.bus-siguenza.com/



Other possible options to reach Spain can be the airports of Murcia, Valencia or Madrid.



### **HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSSURANCE**

All the participants coming from the EU should bring their European Health Card. They can use the free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to allow you access to public hospital treatment.

Please be aware that the EHIC is NOT a travel insurance policy, it will not

cover private health care, nonemergency health costs, or being flown back to your home country.



We highly recommend you to make a health & travel insurance for the full duration of your time in Spain.

If you have any allergies or you need to take regular medications, please arrange these things by yourself as we are unable to provide them for you.

Likewise, if you have any health conditions, disabilities or mobility issues that you feel we need to be aware of or that may affect your participation in the youth exchanges activities, then please let us know what they are and how best to assist you.

### **MANDATORY SECURITY MEASURES COVID19**

We take all the measures very seriously and we will adjust our programme to the existing legal restrictions and expert's recommendations.

You should have in mind that the situation is very dynamic, but for the moment, please take into consideration the following information:



- The use of protective mask in Spain is mandatory in all the public spaces, including during outdoor activities. Please bring your own protective masks for all the days of the project.
- We will have disinfecting Hydroalcoholic gel on our disposal during the activities, but you should bring your own sanitizer for your personal use.
- We will make daily controls of the temperature of all the participants.
- You should respect the rules and the security protocols to follow, especially when having access to the dining room and common rooms.









Please remember that you will need to take a PCR TEST (covered by participants) before entering Spain and to carry with you a certificate IN ENGLISH.

If you do not have all this you will not be allowed to come to the YE and you might get a fine up to 6.000€ if Spanish police stops you at the airport.

In case you don't reach the limit with your traveling, the leftover money can be used to pay the PCR test necessary to enter in Spain. We will also need a ticket/proof of payment and a copy of the certificate with your result.

### PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BOOK YOUR FLIGHT WITH CANCELATION INSURANCE

in case we are forced to cancel or postpone the activity due to new measures or lockdowns.

### **CULTURAL NIGHT**

Don't forget to bring some traditional music for the intercultural evenings. We will have one cultural night per country where you can expose your customs, traditional dances and culture.

All the teams must prepare some presentation of your country in a creative way (try to avoid PowerPoint and touristic videos. You will be able to share them on Facebook! © Be creative!

Also it will be really nice if you can bring your national flag and some small souvenirs with you (Costs are not covered).











### **CONTACT AND OFFICIAL GROUP OF THE PROJECT**

### Facebook group:

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