Agros Environmental Group
Youth Exchange

Project title:

Youth in ART

INFO PACK

09-17 May 2022, Agros- Cyprus

Hello dear friends and partners,

We would like to welcome you to our project titled **"Youth in ART"** that will be hosted in Cyprus by Agros Environmental Group in cooperation with partner groups from Romania, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Lithuania and Spain. In this INFO PACK you can read all the details of the project.

Project Summary

"Youth in ART" is a youth exchange of Agros Environmental Group that will organised in Agros between 09-17/5/2022. In the project will take part 02 young people and group leaders from 8 EU countries.

Nowadays, many talented young people are undervalued. They don't get decent salary. That's the reason why they do not know what they should do during their lives, which path to choose and how toevaluate their work in a proper way.Although our organization work with talented young people, they ask for support to have information about realisation their talents. We started researching what is the roots of the problem.
We made a questionarity among unemployed young people with whom we work with focus on those who would like to express themselves through art or who already work in this field.
We discovered following problems and challenges:
•lack of understanding of the art labour market;
•lack of the criteria of the art market;
•lack of knowledge how to realize potential;
•lack of knowledge about different programs, which can help youth to promote themselves;
•limited access to resources such as informational, material, communicational;
•lack of support and encouragement.
After analysing the problems we used problem and solution tree and formulated aim and objectives. The main aim of the project is to increase the amount of young people who are self-employed or work in art industry and who want to get decent payment for their work.
Creative and talented people can change the world in better way but in the beginning they need support which we can provide.

Aim

Increase amount of young people who are self employed or work in art industry and get decent payment for it. Aim of this project is to bring together young people who are interested in art and culture of their countries. We will try to combine different arts, cultures and civilizations through presentations of each country's culture, history, arts and workshopscommunication, teamwork, creative thinking and innovation for idea generation and problem solving.

Objectives

1.To increase knowledge and awareness about situation of art professions among participant countries.
2.To improve level of key competencies of young artists.
3.To increase self-esteem of young artists.
4.To raise knowledge and awareness about opportunities for young artists.
5.To create materials (videos, brochure, etc) to support young artists develop their talents.
6.To promote Erasmus+ and non-formal education.
7.To create safe environment for young artists where they can develop themselves.

Details of the project

Venue: Agros , Cyprus

APV meeting : **26-28 March 2022**

Youth Exchange Dates: 09-17 May 2022

APV participants : 1 group leader

Youth Exchange participant No: 4 participants+ 1 group leaders. Total 5 persons per group

Age: Between 16-30 years old. No age limit for group leader

Participant countries: Romania, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Cyprus, Lithuania, Spain

Language: Project will be run in English.

Emergency contact from Cyprus: Vasilis - 00357-99473782

DEADLINE for partners to select participants: 20 April 2022

Dates of the project

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Participants

Participants should be *responsible youngsters*, aged between 16 – 30 years. They should have an interest in the topic and be willing to learn and be motivated to share experiences with others. They should also be able to work in English since the working language of this Project will be *English*. Gender balance and group diversity in terms of different social and cultural backgrounds should be taken into consideration.

Reimbursment

Unit costs of your travel expenses (see table below) will be covered by the organizers with the support of ERASMUS+ programme. In order to receive this money for transportation, please keep ALL original invoices, tickets, boarding-passes or any other transport document. The money will be reimbursed after submitting all the original documents via bank transfer, upon completion of the Mobility Tool+ by group leaders. There is a participation fee of 20 EUR to cover for extra costs and 2 day trips to other cities of Cyprus and other organizational costs

No	Country	Max amount per person in Euro
1	Estonia	330
2	Italy	330
3	Spain	500
4	Greece	245
5	Romania	245
6	Lithuania	330
7	Denmark	330

Travel costs from home to the venue of the project and return. Please note: only cheapest means of transport/fares are subject to reimbursement. All amounts are expressed in Euros.
The above amount is 30 euro less than the official travel costs of ERASMUS+. The reason we deducted this 30 EUR is because in the travel cost we should calculate the transfer from the airport to the venue, which costs approximately 15 EUR each way. It is a private coach hire, and depends also on the arrival/departure time, waiting time in case of a delay etc

Important!!

If you want you can come to Cyprus 1-2 days earlier or leave 1-2 later after the end of the project or on APV. Of course you have to cover this extra cost for accommodation and food by your own.

Very Important!!!!

ALL participants must travel from their home country to Cyprus. We can not host people who come from a different country and not from their home country. Of course you can flight from a different country but your trip must start from your country. As an example a person from Romania can go to Greece by bus or train and take a flight from Greece to Cyprus. But we need also the bus or train tickets which confirm that he start he's journey from he's country.

Partner groups

Role	Name	Country
Hosting organization	Filodasikos Syndesmos Agrou	Cyprus
Sending organization	Danish Youth Team	Denmark
Sending organization	SEIKLEJATE VENNASKOND	Estonia
Sending organization	ACHAIKO INSTITUTO EKPEDEFSIS ENILIKON	Greece
Sending organization	Associacio Cultura Creativa	Spain
Sending organization	Asociacija "Aktyvus jaunimas"	Lithuania
Sending organization	Le Due Sicilie	Italy
Sending organization	ANDCTR	Romania

European Health Card

It is the participant's responsibility to have a travel health insurance or a European Health Card. The European Health Card is accepted in every country within the European Union, can be obtained for free and is valid for 1 year.

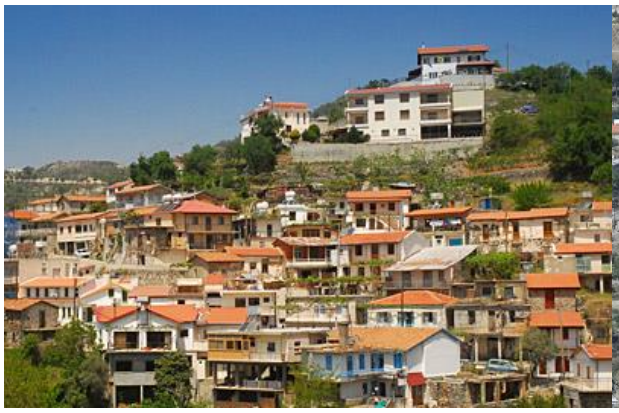
More info at:

http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559

Agros village

Participants will be lodged in a hotel, centrally located in Agros, a beautiful village in the heart of Cyprus.Agros is a village in Limassol district, built amphitheatrically among high mountains. Its population is 800 people and it is one of the most interesting villages in Cyprus and Pitsillia area. Historical and cultural sites are kept in a natural environment of extraordinary beauty with the village maintaining the customs and its traditional character. The love for work and the progressiveness characterise its inhabitants. The village's modern roads make it a connection point between the cities of Nicosia and Limassol and the mountain of Troodos. Its main production line consists of grapes, garden products, fruit of excellent quality, soutzoukos, traditional type smoked products (sausages, lountza, choiromeri), traditional sweets and marmalades. Its inhabitants are also into tourism business (hotels, tourist apartments, inns, traditional coffee shops, taverns and bars.). More info at www.agros.org.cy
Agros is called the "ROZE village" as you can find a special kind of beautiful and fragrant roses. The locals use them to produce the famous rose water.

Rose water is produced from “rodi damaskini” which is a special cultivation of roses. These roses have a beautiful scent and they are the most adequate for the production of rose water. Every May in Agros we have the "Roze Festival" at the peak of roze blossom. The festival offer a choice of functions, activities, displays and demonstrations that delight anyone appreciating nature's beauty.



Accomodation

Participants will be lodged in youth hostel in Agros, a beautiful village in the heart of Cyprus (www.agros.org.cy). The hostel offers double and triple rooms, bathrooms and balconies offering views to Troodos Mountain.

Climate

The average daytime temperature in May is around 25^0C and you are advised to bring warm clothes as during the night, the temperature drops down, During May the weather is fresh.

Entry to the island

Larnaca airport is the nearest to the venue. Cyprus has a second airport situated in Paphos, however transportation between Paphos and the venue is more difficult.

IMPORTANT:

Ercan is an airport in the Northern part of Cyprus, which is occupied by Turkey, and it is considered to be an illegal airport, not belonging to the Republic of Cyprus. Therefore, the European Union cannot cover travel expenses between any country and that airport. This is not our personal opinion, but a policy of Cyprus Republic that we have to respect. Therefore, we are asking you to book your flights with the cheapest flights from one of the 2 legal airports of Cyprus.

Coming to the venue of the project (Agros village)

When you arrive in Larnaca or in Paphos airport, we will arrange a bus to pick you up from there and bring you to Agros village. The trip from airport to the venue of the project will take about 1.5 hour.

Safety Information vs COVID-19

As hosting organization, we made our best to rethink about our project, local activities and accommodation in order to comply with the standards of the new normal. Your mobility experience is redesigned by considering Cypriot regulations and heath / safety recommendations from the European Union and World Health Organization. Please read below mentioned regulations which is prepared for your maximum safety and comfort during your stay in Cyprus:

- We will use cleaning and disinfecting protocols to clean rooms after participants depart from activities rooms, with particular attention paid to high-touch items. The youth will be welcomed in already cleaned and disinfected rooms.
- We do not give the participants' privacy information to third parties.
- The participant is required to have the insurance in order, also travel insurance in case of quarantine or travel suspension due to COVID-19 measures.
- Before activity participants are recommended to avoid public events and gatherings due to COVID-19 remaining danger.
- We keep safe distance indoors and outdoors, maintain hand hygiene and wear masks.
- Accommodation of participants is more space to ensure more personal space.
- Participants will maintain the “group bubble” during the activity for more safety.
- We recommend taking direct flights to Cyprus and back if is possible.
- We recommend you to buy flexible tickets or cancellation insurance
- Hydroalcoholic gel at your disposal in various areas of the house and office where the activities mainly will take place.
- If a participant develops respiratory symptoms, they will be isolated and tested for COVID-19. The group will continue working normally. If COVID test returns positive, the group will be isolated and tested for COVID. We follow the national guidelines to ensure safety of participants and staff.

In order to protect themselves and others, it is necessary that participants pay attention to the prescribed safety measures:
- In closed spaces it is recommended to wear a mask and maintain physical distance;
- In open spaces it is necessary to maintain the required physical distance;
- It is necessary to cover mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezeing;
- It is necessary to wash hands often after being in a public place, or after blowing nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- The host will take all necessary preventive measures in accordance with the current epidemiological situation caused by the COVID-19 virus.

In this official Cyprus webpage you can read all the important information guidelines, announcements, press releases and updates about travel restrictions and countries categorized according to their epidemiological situation:

- **https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/eng**

- **https://www.pio.gov.cy/coronavirus/eng/categories/en-fly**

Also in order to fly to Cyprus you must register in Cyprus flight pass portal within 48 hours before the commencement of your travel from the Country of Origin to the Republic of Cyprus (either direct flight or via intermediate Countries).

- **https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/**

Since 1st of March 2022 the vaccinated people from EU don't need any test to enter Cyprus.
Non vaccinated people will need Rapid test 24 hours or PCR 72 hours before their flight.

What to bring:

In order for everybody to have a really good time, we would like you to bring some things which we believe are important for the participation of all the participants and for the success of the Youth Exchange.

- ✓ Necessary documents such as passports, travel documents, etc.
- ✓ Comfortable clothes and shoes
- ✓ Towels
- ✓ Personal care products, such as shower gel, shampoo, comb, etc.
- ✓ Hair dryer
- ✓ AC power (Power adapter)
- ✓ cameras, laptops and other equipment making life and work easier;
- ✓ information about your country (books, brochures, posters, postcards, video, PowerPoint presentation, music, etc.);
- ✓ information about the organization you come from (brochures, PowerPoint presentation, video, etc.);
- ✓ Some traditional stuff - a typical taste: food/drink, music, flag of your country for the intercultural evening
- ✓ Medicine, if you regularly take any
- ✓ Money (Some of the partner countries of the project are using euro)
- ✓ And above all bring joy and lots of positive energy !!
- ✓ Endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure!
- ✓ Positive attitude, desire to learn and meet cool new people! :)

COSTS:

- The project is funded within the frames of ERASMUS+ program. So all costs are covered:
- Travel cost up to the travel limit according the distance calculator of EU
- Food and accommodation

We encourage participants to be an active part of this project, embracing responsibility and enjoy the cultural side of this experience! And now, pack your bags, fill your heads with ideas and come meet us in Agros. Together we can make a change!
We hope that you find the Project worth participating in and we look forward to meeting you on May 2022!

Please do not hesitate to contact us on email vasilis@cing.ac.cy or by phone at **00357-99473782** if you have any more questions!

See you in Cyprus!

Youth Dynamics

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Useful information about Cyprus

- ✓ **Weather:** check it out e.g. on http://weather.yahoo.com/
- ✓ **Electricity:** Cyprus has the 240 Volt/ 50 Hz 3 pin electricity plus – so you will definitely need adaptors. Make sure you bring at least one with you.

- ✓ **Cyprus Time Zone:** UTC (or GMT) +2
- ✓ **Cyprus currency:** the Euro. You can use your credit card (VISA, Mastercard etc.) almost everywhere.
- ✓ **Cyprus International Dialing Code:** +357