

JOURNEY TO THE COMMON VALUES OF DIFFERENT CULTURES

Youth Exchange Project on Intercultural Dialogue and the Fight Against Discrimination

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Who we are?

Established in Kayseri in 2013 as a youth stage, our association was named Kayseri Youth with a more inclusive name in 2019. It has updated its name as the Assembly Association. The main fields of activity, which our association has focused on since its establishment, are culture and art. and youth participation activities. Since the day it was founded, cultural activities such as theatre, drama, poetry and conversation. More than 50 local and national activities were carried out in these activities. Theater and voice-over courses are also the activities of the association.

Activity of the Project

The general problems we will address in the project are as follows; when we examine the recent studies and actions, we see that the concepts of cultural prejudice, discrimination and racism have increased. We can say that the respect for different cultures has not reached the desired levels. also negatively affected intercultural dialogue in the last few years.

When we look at the results of previous projects, we saw that Erasmus+ programs also have many positive examples of intercultural interaction, especially among young people.

The specific problems and needs that we will address in the project are as follows. The number of Syrians under temporary protection, which has increased recently in our country, is heading towards a serious problem of xenophobia in the local area. Although this may seem like Syria at first, it is a serious problem against every country, regardless of nationality. There is a need to increase concrete cultural unifying efforts to reduce hostility towards people. It is known that different cultures have lived in peace in our country since the Ottoman period. He stated that he came next. The dimension is often mentioned. Culture is a concept that needs to be addressed with its different dimensions. If the aim is to reduce prejudices and provide intercultural dialogue in a project, this can be addressed with both the food, art and historical dimensions of culture. The important thing is to raise awareness, not to introduce a whole culture. It has been seen that the studies focused on a single dimension. The effectiveness of such projects should also be measured and compared. As our Bulgarian partner said, the theoretical intercultural learning parts of culture are missing in youth exchanges. Theoretical information about cultural learning is undoubtedly needed. Our project goals; -To strengthen the awareness of Europeanness and EU cooperation in global problems, -To provide a positive intercultural dialogue by addressing some different aspects of culture with different methods, -To contribute positively to the reduction of prejudices, racism and xenophobia and to raise awareness,

- To disseminate the Erasmus+ program and to strengthen the communication of the project partners,

-To support young people's active citizenship and creativity,

-To introduce different cultures.

In order to achieve the project goals, on 17-25 June 2023 in Kayseri; A physical youth exchange activity will be held with a total of 31 young people and 1 trainer coming from Estonia, Northern Macedonia, Bulgaria, Italy and Turkey. Close to the end of the project, a complementary virtual mobility will be held with the same participants. At least 3 young people with fewer opportunities from each country will take part in the project. Profiles of young people with limited opportunities; geographical barriers, economic barriers, and cultural differences. In the project, intercultural dialogue has been taken over 4 different elements and there are theoretical and practical applications for each of them. Accordingly, intercultural dialogue will be discussed in the dimension of food, intercultural dialogue, handicrafts, intercultural dialogue, cultural learning and intercultural dialogue in the dimension of cultural images. Alongside the main activities, supportive youth activities are intense.



TRAVEL'S PLAN WITH ITINERARY

We kindly ask you to cooperate with the other participants from your country and arrange **GROUP TRAVEL TICKETS**. We would also like to ask you to fill the **TRAVEL ITINERARY PLAN** in advance. (sent to genclikmeclisidernegi@gmail.com_and deadline will be sent in infopack).

Airport options:

You have several options for the airports:

- ★ *2 flight options:* -Your country to İstanbul (IST or SAW airport) and İstanbul to (IST or SAW airport) Kayseri airport (ASR).

You can find airport bus in the airport and you can find more details in official web adress

- ★ *1 Flight and 1 domestic bus options:* - Your country to İstanbul (ESB Airport) and –Ankara to Kayseri by domestic bus on the bus station (Duration average **4.30-5** hours, price one way **140 TL**, almost **7 Euro**)*

***We recommend you to buy morning flights due to the fact that you will be travelling to the project's venue for several hours. Arrival travel tickets **with 2 days before** the project and departure travel tickets **with 2 days after** the project.

***For local transport, our friend at the Kayseri Airport will help you. he will find you, even if you don't find him/her :)**

Under regulations imposed by the Programme, you are required to travel by the cheapest means of transport, 2nd class only. Taxi expenses are not covered. Please, keep all your travel reimbursement documents (it has to include date, journey, cost, and name). Without it, we will not be able to reimburse you. We always recommend green travel for a greener world.



PARTNERS AND NUMBER OF THE PARTICIPANTS

You should select the participants with the respect to the gender and number of the participants according to the countries.

Total number of the participants is 31.

- Bulgaria: *Bulgarian Youth Association* **6**
- Estonia: *SEIKLEJATE VENNASKOND* **6**
- Italy: *ASSOCIAZIONE LINK APS* **6**
- North Macedonia: *Center for Intercultural Dialogue Association* **6**
- Turkey: *Kayseri Youth Council Association* **7**



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PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

- Each partner should pay attention to the gender balance.
- It is recommended that at least one of the participants is selected from a different city than the others.
- Participants should be between the ages of 18-29. There is no age limit for group leaders.
- It is recommended that a participant participating in the erasmus program for the first time is also included in your team.
- **a youth with limited opportunity should be included in each team (financial difficulties, cultural differences, geographically limited etc.)**
- each participating country consists of 6 persons.

ACCOMMODATION

- You will be accommodated in beautiful, clean and friendly hotel in city centre(*** star, 2-3 participants in a room).
- Every day open buffet breakfast will be taken at the hotel as.
- You can bring and also prepare some meals for cultural nights if desired.
- Lunchs and Dinners Outdoors Located In local Restaurants.



TRAVEL BUDGET AND TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

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| - Bulgaria: | 275€ |
| - Romania: | 275€ |
| - Greece: | 275€ |
| - Ukraine: | 275€ |
| - Estonia: | 360€ |
| - Macedonia: | 275€ |
| - Azerbaijan: | 275€ |



- **Your ticket reimbursement will be paid in cash on the last day of the project, in the maximum limit metric as the total amount of your bills.**



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- **Full attendance to the project and its activities is compulsory in order to get reimbursed.**

YOUR PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION



NGO MARKET: You and your organization

The experience of participants and their organizations is an important element for the learning process and the success of the course. That is why we have decided to organize a NGO market in order to give the opportunity to each of you to share your experience in your organization. Therefore; we would ask you to prepare and bring relevant information about projects that you have been involved in. You should be prepared to explain your and your organization' s work to the other participants, but we would like to ask you not to spend time on preparing presentations, as the format of this sharing element will probably not allow for long presentations to the whole group.

Intercultural evenings

We are planning to hold as part of the official program **3** intercultural evenings and a Turkish Traditional Night (two countries in one evening).

This represents an opportunity for you to share elements of your culture and reality with the others. Each country will have a certain amount of time to be on the red carpet and delight the rest of us with the beauty of its culture. Just a few examples of things you could prepare: food, drinks, dances, songs,contest,traditional gift things, flags, leaflets, etc.

We strongly recommend making this evening a very dynamic, interactive one, and not to use Power Point presentations only.



Cultural coffee breaks

We planned cultural coffee breaks. Every day a country will coordinate coffee breaks and we will all have the opportunity to taste local beauties. **we are waiting for 1 package of traditional/local coffee from every country ☺**



Mission impossible

There are many tasks you need to do in group with your group dynamics game! Fun tasks are waiting for you!

MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE



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