

Dear partners and friends,

You are reading an info pack which will increase your chances of survival in Estonia. Not really, you're all gonna die!

We are really happy to inform you that our project “Tolerance through the puzzle of history“, which will take place in Pärnu Estonia from 18.08.2015 - 27.08.2015, was approved by Euroopa noored Eesti agentuur and supported by the Erasmus+ Youth in Action grant.

APV: 28th - 30st July 2015

We expect to see two persons per organization / country at the APV (group leader + one participant). **Both APV attendants should take part in the exchange in august.** It is mandatory that the person who represents the organization during the APV will also be the group leader during the actual project.

MAIN MEETING: 18th - 27th August 2015

This project will connect young people interested not only in history but also in self-education, active citizenship and meeting new people from all over Europe. There will be five persons from Estonia and the following countries: Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia and Italy.

The main theme of our youth exchange is recent history. This youth exchange is important because different people tell different stories about history and every nation has stories of its own. Therefore the main goal of our project is to make people apply critical thinking about what they're taught and what they believe in.

History is often used in the service of national interests or only told from the perspective of victors, which has created intolerance towards other nations among our generation. With this project we'd like to prove that there's no point in hatred towards what happened in history. We should analyze these events and draw conclusions on how to make young people more tolerant not only regarding history, but general attitude aswell.

We'd like to advocate non-formal learning and to show that informal education (for example via active learning methods) makes in-school subjects more interesting and beneficial. This experience will be enhanced by different viewpoints, traditions and norms that the partnering groups of different countries will bring to the project.

Our final aim is to create a strong network of young people who would strengthen youth unity and work internationally. These people would be the ones who would influence others to have more tolerance towards one another, because no one is impeccable.

FINAL DESTINATION!

There are two main ways of getting to Pärnu, depending on which airport you will arrive: Riga or Tallinn. You will find plane tickets at www.skyscanner.com. After that you will need to get a bus ticket to Pärnu at www.tpilet.ee. Don't forget to choose the date, so that you will see correct bus times.

From Riga airport to Pärnu:

1. From Riga airport you can take only one correct bus:
<http://www.tpilet.ee/en/timetable/18860/parnu?Scope=All&Date=05-12-2015&Transfer=None>
2. From Riga coach station there are choices, but then you need to take a bus to the Riga coach station from the airport. Read more about it here:
<http://www.riga-airport.com/en/main/passengers/useful-information/getting-to-the-airport/public-transport>
3. From the coach station:
<http://www.tpilet.ee/en/timetable/18859/parnu?Scope=All&Date=05-12-2015&Transfer=None>

From Tallinn Airport (the more convenient choice) to Pärnu

- Several busses going to Pärnu stop at the airport so you will not need to go to the coach station:
<http://www.tpilet.ee/en/timetable/lennujaam/parnu?Scope=All&Date=05-17-2015&Transfer=None>
- In case you don't want to wait, you could walk (20 min) to the coach station from which busses go to Pärnu every hour. Here is the map:
<https://www.google.ee/maps/dir/Tallinna+bussijaam,+Tallinn,+Tallinna+linn/Lennart+Meri+Tallinna+lennujaam,+Lennujaama+tee+12,+Lennujaama+tee+12,+11101+Tallinn/@59.4223151,24.7823944,15z/data=!4m14!4m13!1m5!1m1!1s0x469294a861f5c609:0xed97e53e70f6fa7f!2m2!1d24.773679!2d59.427409!>

[1m5!1m1!1s0x4692eb610fbb18a5:0x50c3588b2554eaa7!2m2!1d24.802738!2d59.41636!3e2?hl=et](http://www.tpilet.ee/en/timetable/tallinn/parnu?Scope=All&Date=05-17-2015&Transfer=None)

You can find bus times from Tallinn coach station to Pärnu:

<http://www.tpilet.ee/en/timetable/tallinn/parnu?Scope=All&Date=05-17-2015&Transfer=None>

We kindly ask you to choose the most economical and eco-friendly way of transport (e.g. student fares, cheap airlines, 2nd class trains, etc.). Also be aware of your travel cost limitation per person (**20€ for LV, and 170€ for the rest**). We reimburse the travel cost ONLY up to the limit designated for your country.

The best way for cooperation is to send us your travel plan before booking, so we can suggest changes or approve it. So, please, **inform us of your ticket-choices before booking - for final confirmation..** We will only reimburse those tickets that will show the currency, dates of travel, the place you are traveling from/to and your name (or number of passengers). Keep all your tickets (also from your local buses and trains).

NB! We need all your travel receipts! And before making any purchases, send us your travel plan, we need to check if you can reach Pärnu in time!

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION

The official language of Estonia is estonian (it's harder than giving birth as a man, but sounds great, at least - and maby only - to estonians). Russian is by far the most spoken minority language in the country, but not an official second language. Almost every young estonian speaks english, but the elderly might have problems with it.

CONTACTS

Here are the contacts and names of our group, in case you need information or want to tell us how awesome we are. Also you can find us on Facebook, except Joonas, because he's old and grumpy.

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Please add Liisa Uusalu on Facebook or send her an e-mail to liisa.uutsalu@gmail.com. After that she will add you as a friend on Facebook so she will be able to add you to our exchange groups community. There you'll be able to ask for information and be up to date with upcoming stuff.

WHAT TO PREPARE FOR AND WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- There will be an "intercultural evening" the project. For it to be a success, please bring traditional meals, drinks, candy + your flag or other national symbols.
- MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (against any medical conditions, allergies, illnesses or deep-deep-super deep depression etc)
- If you have special needs (allergies, diets, disabilities, disadvantages, need to be sung to sleep etc) let us know, we need to arrange everything in advance.
- Each national team is sending four participants and one group leader, so make sure that you are sending two boys and three girls or vice versa. GO GENDER EQUALITY!
- The age limit for standard participants is 18-27 years of age. There is no age limit for the group leader.
- The costs of (most) activities, food and accommodation costs will be covered from project's budget, except a participation fee of 25€/person (so we can organize something super-duper awesomesouce), which participants can pay upon arrival.

NB! You will have to, absolutely will have to! get **travel insurance**. Send a copy of your insurance contract to Liisa, so we can be sure you won't have to pay 20 000 euros for having your appendix removed.

ABOUT PÄRNU

Here you can find some generic information about



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Pärnu: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P%C3%A4rnu>

The weather is unexpected here, and it can be raining for a week or it can be very hot the next. At the end of august the weather in Pärnu is usually warm, but not hot, although the nights can get quite chilly. So we suggest you take your swimming clothes, warmer clothes like trousers and jacket, if it is going to be rainy.. We will keep you informed in our Facebook group, so you can pack your bags wisely before departing.

Pärnu is the summer capital of Estonia. In the first picture you can see our old town and on another the beach. There are hiking roads and other beautiful nature-sites in Pärnumaa, which we will probably visit in spare time.



HOPE TO MEET YOU SOON AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER, in a galaxy far-far away.