

I am young & I am marginal

**Youth Exchange with Bulgaria, Slovakia, Turkey and Romania
Valea Doftanei, ROMANIA
26 September - 03 October 2014**



Dear leaders & participants,

We are very glad to welcome all of you soon to our country for the youth exchange that will be held in Valea Doftanei, Romania. This is one of the many youth exchanges that we are organizing and we are trying to do all our best to have wonderful and special activities for all of you. This will be an unforgettable experience for all participants and leaders and during the project, we will arrive at **Dracula castle and Brasov city**.

5 participants + 1 leader per country with age between 18 – 25 years old! The leader can be older than 25.

VERY IMPORTANT!!!! Please send me the “List of Participants” to my e-mail not later than 12th of August. I need it for the hotel, local police, to make the Youthpass and many more! Please try to include in your team at least one person with fewer opportunities (education, geographical or social).

Short description of the project:

This youth exchange aims to overcome the problems in relation to youth exclusions stemming from marginalization. Unfortunately, marginalized people are not considered as a part of our societies. Sometimes youth is excluded due to their hair color, clothes, beliefs or music they like, by social backgrounds, etc. Therefore, in this exchange, we will realize activities on combating against social exclusions stemming from alienation of so called marginalized youth. With the motto of “differences are our richness” and with the guidance of non-formal methods (visits, learning by doing, brainstorming, life coaching, Open Cafe, games, drama, workshops, etc.), we want to make some tools and some certain activities for inclusion, to promote social inclusion among the youngsters from the 4 countries involved and in the local community with participation of the local youngsters, mass-media, City Hall, Ada Marinescu Center for youth with disabilities, local NGOs.

Long-term benefits will be a future cooperation with local factors focus on youth involvement in integration activities, more local projects on this topic and future European projects with our partners that will involve other European NGOs.

What are our main aims and objectives of the activity?

- Creation of awareness and knowledge development toward marginality, exclusion and discrimination issues,
- Development of solidarity and tolerance among young people,
- Facilitation and encouragement of the integration of all youth into the society,
- Regardless of differences in race, language, religion, gender, economic status, cultural background, political views, ensuring harmony among young people for development of a peaceful society,
- Ensuring cooperation among youth in terms of social networking for preventing exclusions,
- Learning about other cultures and countries via real life experiences,
- Realization of intercultural dialogue,
- Creating positive impact on youth work at different levels.

Methodology

Non formal education = workshops, presentations, information space, exchange of experience, discussions, learning by doing and experience learning, simulation exercises, intercultural learning.

Facilitating team

- ✓ The members of Together Romania will facilitate the organization details (accommodation, transportation, events)
- ✓ The team leaders will help and support us during the program.

What should you know about the location?

- ✓ Valea Doftanei is a beautiful village located near the Carpathians Mountains. From Bucharest to Valea Doftanei the travel is about 2 hours.
- ✓ Be prepared to be accommodated 2 or 3 persons in one room. Each room has toilet and shower. No needs of towels or sleeping bags.
- ✓ We will rent a big house just for us. We have a yard, the wood near and very beautiful landscape near the mountains!!!
- ✓ There is wireless Internet network in the house.



How to get there and when?

- ✓ All participants with the leaders are requested **to arrive on 26th of September** in the afternoon and to leave on **3rd of October** in the morning.
- ✓ Please let us know your travel details so we can guide you and give all the necessary information. **We try to find a solution regarding the costs to wait for you with a mini van because the travel budget is very low.**
- ✓ For **Bulgaria**, the best is to come by bus because they have a very low budget. For **Turkey**, there is a direct bus from Istanbul or they can use the plane.
- ✓ For **Slovakia**, the best is the train/bus due to the very low budget.

What should you prepare in advance?

- ✓ Please prepare a short description of your country in English for the participants. Bring photos, brochures, newspapers or anything that can be presented. These materials will be used at the international evening (see the program) and in the last presentation show with the local authorities, mass-media and local people.
- ✓ Please bring some materials (books, photos, films) regarding the theme of the project.
- ✓ Please bring some typical food, drink, national specialties, songs, brochures etc. to present your culture for the rest of the group during the international evening.
- ✓ **Romanian team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity **“Anthropologist Game”** (Day 2) and to prepare **“Intercultural night”** (Day 1).

- ✓ **Bulgarian team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity “**What is the Marginality – Who is Marginal?**” (Day 3) and to prepare “**Intercultural night**” (Day 2).
- ✓ **Slovak team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity “**I’m Marginal, because ...**” (Day 3) and to prepare “**Intercultural night**” (Day3).
- ✓ **Turkish team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity “**In my opinion, the marginal groups are...**” (Day 3) and also to prepare “**Intercultural night**” (Day 4).
- ✓ You are kindly asked to prepare some words in your language in order that other participants learn some words in each language.
- ✓ Good mood, positive attitude and enthusiasm.

What should you know about the cost?

- ✓ We will reimburse **100% of participant’s travel** costs from your hometown to the project venue – Valea Doftenei **within the valid budget sums**. (The sums for travel costs are calculated according the official rules for Erasmus+ programme, where considering the distance)
- ✓ Travel expenses exceeding the stated costs limit will be reimbursed only until the amount of the limit, the excess will be paid by participant himself/herself.

80 € per participant: Bulgaria and Slovakia

170 € per participant: Turkey

- ✓ **The reimbursement will be done during the project ONLY** if you will have all the complete and correct documents with you: ticket, proof of payment (bank extras if you paid by your credit card or bill if you paid cash together with the invoice), boarding pass for plane, etc. If something is not clear please ask the contact person or check before coming if all your documents are complete.
- ✓ Accommodation, food, program activities will be covered by the program.
- ✓ **100% of visa costs for Turkish participants**

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:

- **Please keep all the boarding passes of your travel, original tickets and all other invoices. We can not reimburse first class tickets or taxi!!!**
- **For the reimbursement we need your ticket(s), the proof of payment (for cash the bill with invoice and bank extras from your account if you paid by credit card), boarding pass (for plane only)**
- **For the travel ticket, we need that price of the ticket to appear on the ticket and as well to be accompanied by the invoice of the agency that issues the ticket (no need for bus tickets). You can give us one invoice for the entire group but on the invoice must be written all the names and numbers of the bought tickets. Please take care of this in order to receive the money.**
- **For all prices that are not in euros we will use the INFOREURO website to convert them in euros!!!**

Regarding the prices in Romania:

- **1 euro = 4.3 RON** (Romanian money). You could bring Euro with you and can exchange money in exchange offices and banks.

What to do in case of emergency?

- ✓ Your **contact person** is Alexandru IORGA. You can contact him at iorga_alexandru@yahoo.com or in case of emergency you can call on the following mobile: +40722809458

Just to remained you...

- ✓ **LIST OF PARTICIPANTS until 12th September 2014.**
- ✓ If you have any requires regarding the food (vegetarians, diabetics, diets, etc.) please write in the List of participates attached
- ✓ Materials you need for your activities from the program. Tell us before, not at the project!
- ✓ The arrivals details (mean of transport, price, arrival place and hour) in order to guide you and give you the best information and details how to reach Valea Doftanei.

What participants should bring:

- ✓ Their student cards or EURO 26 card because we will visit some museums and it would be useful.
- ✓ In September - October the weather in Romania is still warm (not hot!!!) so take proper cloths with you. To be more prepared please check the weather online before coming.
- ✓ Please also bring sport clothes because we are going to organize sport activities.

Each participant will receive at the end of the project a Youthpass Certificate recognized by EC.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Valea Doftanei soon,

The Romanian team,

**Sorin – Petru Iorga, project coordinator
Alexandru Iorga, team member**