

Active Volunteers for Europe

Youth Exchange
Bulgaria, Italy, Slovakia, Turkey and Romania
at Valea Doftanei, ROMANIA
24 July - 1 August 2015



Dear leaders & participants,

We are 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 stay and special activities for all of you. We hope that this will be an unforgettable experience for all participants and leaders; during the project we will arrive at **Dracula Castle and Brasov city**.

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

VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

- **READ THIS INFOPACK because here you can find IMPORTANT things about REIMBURSEMENT and ACTIVITIES.**

Short description of the project:

This project is a result of a YiA project (training course) organized by our association in 2013. The main theme proposed by the youngsters who design this project is active European citizenship through young volunteers; so during 7 days of activities, we will learn, speak and promote the rights and duties as EU citizen and in the main time we will promote the volunteering actions. All the activities will use non-formal education as active listening, brainstorming, team-building, out-door activities, games (trust games, role games, funny games, intercultural games, evaluation by games, etc.), learning by doing, open cafe, debates, etc. By all this methods we want to develop new skills and abilities for youngsters in order to help them to develop at personal and professional level. Also, on long-term, we want young people to act as active citizens in the community, to develop projects to help the local community and youth centers to become more active with activities dedicated to the needs and demands of young people.

What are our main aims and objectives of the activity?

- promote and understand better the (European) citizenship;
- promote volunteering and European Volunteering Service;
- understand the diversity of cultures and the intercultural exchange;
- develop new projects in the frame of Erasmus +.

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)
- ✓ Each country will facilitate one activity (see the program). Please come prepared!!!
- ✓ The team leaders will help and support youngsters 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 forest near and very beautiful landscape near the mountains!!!
- ✓ There is wireless network in the house.



How to get there and when?

- ✓ All participants with the leaders are requested **to arrive on 24th of July** in the afternoon or evening **and to leave on 1st of August** in the morning.
- ✓ Please let us know your travel details so we can guide you and give all the necessary information. Also let us know when and where you will arrive so we can wait for you.

What should you prepare in advance?

- ✓ 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 materials for the activity **“EU culture”** (Day 2) and to prepare **“Intercultural night RO”** (Day 2).
- ✓ **Bulgarian team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity **“Active involvement of youth”** (Day 3) and to prepare **“Intercultural night BG”** (Day 2).

- ✓ **Italian team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity “**European citizenship - duties**” (Day 6) and to prepare “**Intercultural night IT**” (Day 3).
- ✓ **Slovak team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity “**European citizenship - rights**” (Day 6) and to prepare “**Intercultural night SK**” (Day 2).
- ✓ **Turkish team** should prepare and bring some materials for the activity “**Activities for volunteers**” (Day 7) and also to prepare “**Intercultural night TR**” (Day 3).
- ✓ 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)

Bulgaria - 80 € per participant

Italy - 170 € per participant

Slovakia - 120 € per participant

Turkey - 170 € per participant

- ✓ **The reimbursement will be done ONLY by bank transfer to your sending organization (Romanian National Agency regulation) for all the group in one payment.** After we made the bank transfer, each sending organization will give you the money related to your personal costs but not more than the limits mentioned above. Regarding this issue we have:
- ✓ Accommodation, food and 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 if you come by plane**
- **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 of invoice for bus or train tickets).**
- **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 = 4.4 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

Weather:

- ✓ In July - August the weather in Romania is normally hot, but taking in consideration that we are near the mountains, during evenings might be a bit cold 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 out-door 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,

The Romanian team,

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