



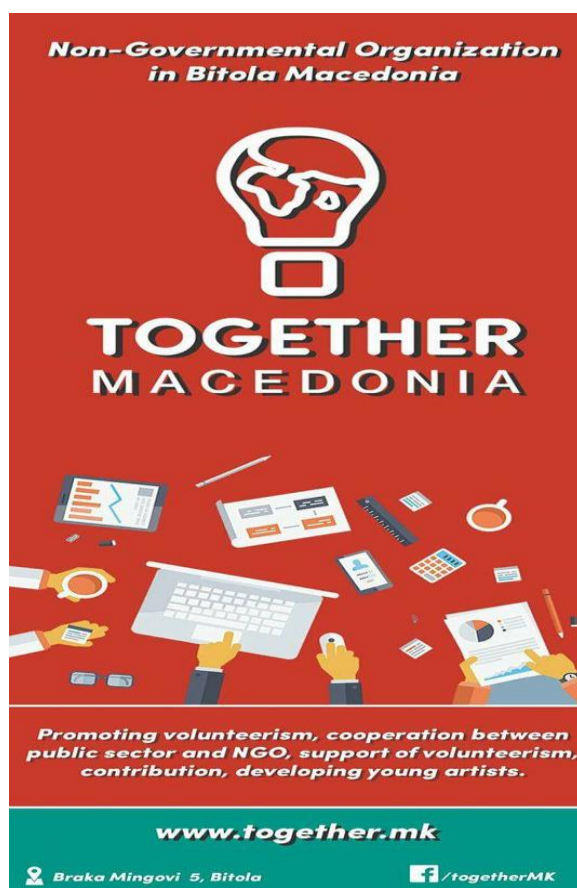
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"Street Art-Not Vandalism"

Youth Exchange

5th-12th March 2017

Bitola, Macedonia





Summary of the project:

This youth exchange will bring together 36 young people from 6 different countries - Slovakia, Spain, Romania, Greece, Poland and Macedonia - to discuss, debate and develop awareness which concerns the meaning of street art. Although Bitola is a city where there are many cultural events and festivals rich with modern art experiences, it is still missing initiatives that are open, outreaching and uniting. The encouragement for young people to express themselves in this way is limited and tireless young people are looking for the street space to tap into this creative outlet. This is perhaps the main reason for implementing such a project - where participants from different countries with different cultural background will have the opportunity to share their experiences and tell the history of street art in their countries. We have intentionally targeted participants from EU countries for the youth exchange that come from diverse cultures, different democratic histories and various backgrounds. This will enable them to exchange diverse points of view where street art is developed within a long tradition and where it has been transformed recently. We believe that young people are the heart and soul of this culture and form of expression. Therefore, we need to nurture and provide a space for a new generation of responsible young street artists.

Participants:

5 participants (ages 18 - 25) + 1 group leader (of any age)= 6





Participating Countries:

Romania



Slovakia



Greece



Spain



Poland



Macedonia



ACCOMODATIONS:

This exchange will take place in Pelagonija Komerc Hostel! Address: **Zeleznicka b.b. 7000 Bitola**

Check out the video, here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYVxzmjDmn4>

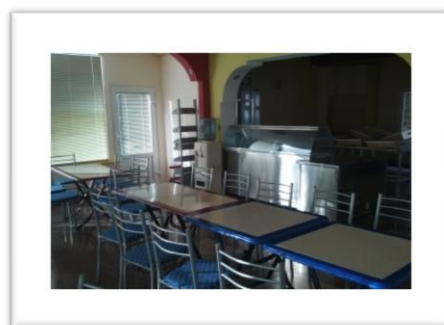




(From the website): "This is not an ordinary hostel. There are 16 double rooms, 16 triple rooms and 7 four-bed rooms available for you. Each room is equipped with a separate bathroom and cable TV. Laundry service is available for a small fee.

Located just 100 metres away from Bitola's main park and just 5 minutes walking distance from the most famous pedestrian street "Shirok Sokak", our hostel is a wonderful place to stay in. There are several restaurants and bars nearby which offer great food. For those who want to enjoy nightlife, the best nightclub in Bitola is 100 metres away from our hostel. The Bitola Zoo and the Football Stadium are just 5 minutes walking distance, so people who enjoy sightseeing can have access to many landmarks on foot from the "Pelagonija Komerc" hostel.

We offer several services and those include free cable TV, free car and bus parking, free WiFi, laundry service."



Bitola is one of the oldest cities in the Republic of Macedonia. It was founded as Heraclea Lyncestis in the middle of the 4th century BC by Philip II, father of Alexander the Great and it





is the second largest city in the country. Here you can find more info for the city <http://bitolatourist.info/>

TRANSPORTATION:

Participants - please inform us as soon as possible how you will get to the accomodation and what time you are expected to arrive.

According to the new rules within the Programme "Erasmus+" we will reimburse the travel costs based on the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, Ryanair, Wizzair etc., accompanied by the receipt of complete and original tickets, invoices, bills, receipts, boarding cards etc. upon a certain "contribution to the travel costs of participants, from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return".

Above you can find the maximum contribution to travel costs for ONE participant per country from home town to Bitola and back.

It is important to keep the arrival and departure dates. DO NOT purchase your ticket before you get the agreement from your organizers to do so.

As a destination choose the **Skopje Airport (or optional Thessaloniki Airport)**. From the Skopje Airport you will need to take a bus to Skopje bus station (3 euro), and then take a bus to Bitola (10 euro return ticket).

It is very important that you **KEEP ALL THE BILLS, TICKETS AND BOARDING PASSES** from your travel, so that we were able to reimburse you for the costs.

TRANSPORTATION (CONTINUED):

1. Regular air tickets must be accompanied:

- ☐ By the original invoice (signed and stamped)/receipt/pay order/proof of payment
- ☐ The boarding pass (the small ticket stub you receive before boarding the plane)
- ☐ And the prices stated in the invoices, receipts etc. must coincide with the price on the





ticket.

2. E-Tickets

- must be printed out and include your name, the exact fare you paid, details of your flight on the same page
- be provided along with the credit card receipt for the payment or a copy of your bank statement (clearly showing the payment has been made)
- given in with the boarding pass (the small ticket stub you receive before boarding the plane)

NOTE: Some airlines print „passenger receipt“ at the top of the cardboard ticket. It is not accepted as a receipt of proof of payment. Therefore, if you book your tickets online, please, make sure to print out the e-mail you receive from the airline company upon the payment, stating how much and how you paid.

3. Train/Bus tickets

It is important that that arrival and departure time as well as the price are visible (+invoices if available).

Other important details:

- Missing or lost tickets are not reimbursed. / Booking paper alone is not enough / any costs for taxi are not reimbursed
- Return tickets must be bought in advance before the journey
- Following the guidelines of the Erasmus+ Programme the travel must be released by the participants on the direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of long pauses or indirect routes (holiday travel), there is no reimbursement of travel costs!
- Reimbursement is done in Euro.

COST:

Max travel costs (100%) per country:

- Romania 80 Euros
- Slovakia 170 Euros
- Greece 80 Euros
- Spain 270 Euros
- Poland 170 Euros

There is a **participation fee of 30 euro** for every participant of the exchange.





Travel costs will be reimbursed on the condition that the person participates during the **entire duration of the exchange, respects the rules of the exchange** and that the person has all the **bills, tickets and boarding passes** (when travelling by plane) to present to Together Macedonia staff.

100% of costs associated with accommodations and basic food are covered by Together Macedonia.

FOOD:

Food will be provided by the hosting organization. We will have a cook with us who will provide us breakfast, lunch and dinner.

No alcoholic drinks are permitted to be consumed on the premises, apart from the intercultural dinner.

If participants have any special needs for food and/or dietary restrictions (vegetarian, etc.), they are asked to inform Together Macedonia beforehand (contact information is included at the end of this invitation). We can provide vegetarian food, but if participants have advanced dietary restrictions, or as a vegetarian or vegan they would like to have some special ingredients, the individual participant should **bring those food items along with them**.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

- Age: 18 - 25 (if under 18 or between 25 and 30, please let us know).
- 5 young participants from each country plus 1 group leader (of any age)

(Please try to maintain gender balance in your groups! Also, Erasmus + is a program which supports disadvantaged young people, so we would like to make this project open for those with fewer opportunities. Please do not hesitate to practice these efforts of inclusion when forming your groups!





- English is our working language, but it is not a requirement for participation. We will have meetings and discussions in English so it is recommended that all participants have at least basic knowledge and/or someone who can translate in your groups. Don't be worried about this aspect of the youth exchange! If language is an issue we will work with you to solve it!
- People who are genuinely interested in the topics.
- Young people who share the volunteering spirit.
- Motivated, nice, cheerful and smiling participants! ;)

YOUTHPASS:

Each participant will receive a YouthPass, which is a Certificate of non-formal education (you will take part in an educational activity). This is beneficial because it will afford each participant the opportunity to include this certification in their CV and use it for school, university, new job, etc.

At the beginning of the youth exchange we will divide participants into small groups that will meet every evening to reflect on the day (activities, what they have learned, etc). At the end of the exchange, there will be a workshop where participants will work on their own YouthPass. YouthPasses will be obtained at the end of the exchange.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Towels and personal items
- Traditional or typical food from your country for the intercultural evening
- Poster, leaflets, card, videos, traditional/typical music from your country, region, city
- Information, presentation, stickers and other materials from your organization.





- Camera, laptop and other technical equipment (if you are able)
- Ideas, games, ice breakers and/or dances for the intercultural cultural evening
- A good mood and energy to be active!

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If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to contact us!

The staff at Together Macedonia is looking forward to seeing you soon!

Check out our previous project:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MnTX8Zrsvs>

