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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Over the Europe there have been numerous efforts towards the prevention of conflict, which undoubtedly destroys the existing peace. Over the past 45 years, especially on political level important work has been done aimed at the promotion of peace. During these years it became obvious that the escalation of global conflict is rooted in diversity, which may be looked at in terms of economics, culture, politics, ethnicity, nationality, religion and gender among others. It is because of this diversity that there is a tendency for members of one group not to tolerate the views and actions of others. This leads to a fight for dominance, the result of which is conflict and the breakdown of peace. In the current world of conflicts and global migrations, young people are particularly vulnerable to instability and aggression. Within the global context of an increased international acknowledgment of the importance of conflict prevention and peace building the EC has significantly increased its focus on conflict prevention and peace building. The EU considerably strengthened its policy framework in the field of conflict prevention and peace building and developed a wide range of financial and non-financial instruments to intervene in conflict affected countries, ranging from "classic" long-term geographical assistance, to specific short-term instruments and a wide range of non-financial instruments such as political dialogue, high -level mediation, deployment of EU observers and civic education for young people. Peace-building is also often associated with society building, which is usually a case for post USSR countries and societies in transition. Society-building has become a necessity in many post-Soviet states in the early 1990s, after the collapse of USSR. A bottom-up peacebuilding approach, also known as "indigenous empowerment", is a comprehensive tool that aims to empower local population at the bottom and mid-levels of society by allowing them to consolidate and develop necessary resources for the implementation of a peace process.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY VISIT:

- To discover the youth work and youth NGOs' reality in the country linked to peace building/education;
- To get to know youth policy developed by the Armenian Government related to peace building/education;
- To understand and see the influence of armed conflict and closed borders on the daily life of young people and how that affects their behavior/mentality;
- To discover the role of the NGOs and young people on the process of peace building/education;
- To create a space for dialogue among youth/youth workers from Europe and its neighbor Countries for fostering transnational cooperation/trans-regional cooperation in peace building/education and promote peace education/building and non-violent conflict resolution among youth in the country and in the region;
- To highlight the role of new youth programme (Erasmus +) in the process of peace building and inter-cultural learning;
- To explore European values such as human rights, active citizenship, participation and good practices as a common base for future cooperation within the Caucasus and EU NGOs.



This project consists of a Training Course in Luxembourg and a Study Visit in Armenia

More info about TC: https://goo.gl/BWeoyX

This infopack is for the Study Visit in Armenia

COUNTRIES INVOLVED:

Luxembourg, Poland, Georgia, Ukraine, Portugal, Greece, Lithuania, Hungary, Turkey, Russian Federation, Armenia,

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

The participants will be youth workers, members of the initiative and non formal groups with extensive experience necessary for acting as multipliers, that meet the following criteria:

- Aged 20 or above.
- English speaking and developed communication skills;
- Committed to attend the full duration of the preparation to the course, the course itself and act as multiplier for the knowledge and competences developed during the course;
- The need to improve skills and competences relating to the topic of the project;
- Willingness to cooperate and develop future projects in Erasmus+;
- The role/involvement with Youth Work and the sending organization.

In general, as the project aims to support the development of skills and competences to improve youth work, the project intends to involve all actors that are working in the educational sector and other sectors involving

WORKING LANGUAGE: English

The project was organized by Foreign Students of Luxembourg,

hosted by WIYU NGO with a financial support of

Erasmus+ Programme granted by Luxembourgish National Agency - Anefore

ACCOMMODATION:

All participants will be accommodated in the hostel "Balcony". The hostel is situated near the metro station Barekamutjun from which it takes just 10 minutes to get to the city center. The rooms will be shared by 3, 4 or 5 people of the same gender (bathrooms will be also shared among the participants). The number of people per room will depend on the final gender composition of the group. You will be provided with bed linens and towels (no need to bring your own ones). Each person will have also its wardrobe with a locker. The rooms will be cleaned upon the request. The hostel also provides for FREE:

- WIFI
- Luggage storage (before check-in, after check out)

Address: 3/1 Hovsep Emin St, Yerevan (nearest metro station is Barekamutyun)

Hostel number: 091 574485



VENUE: Yerevan, Armenia

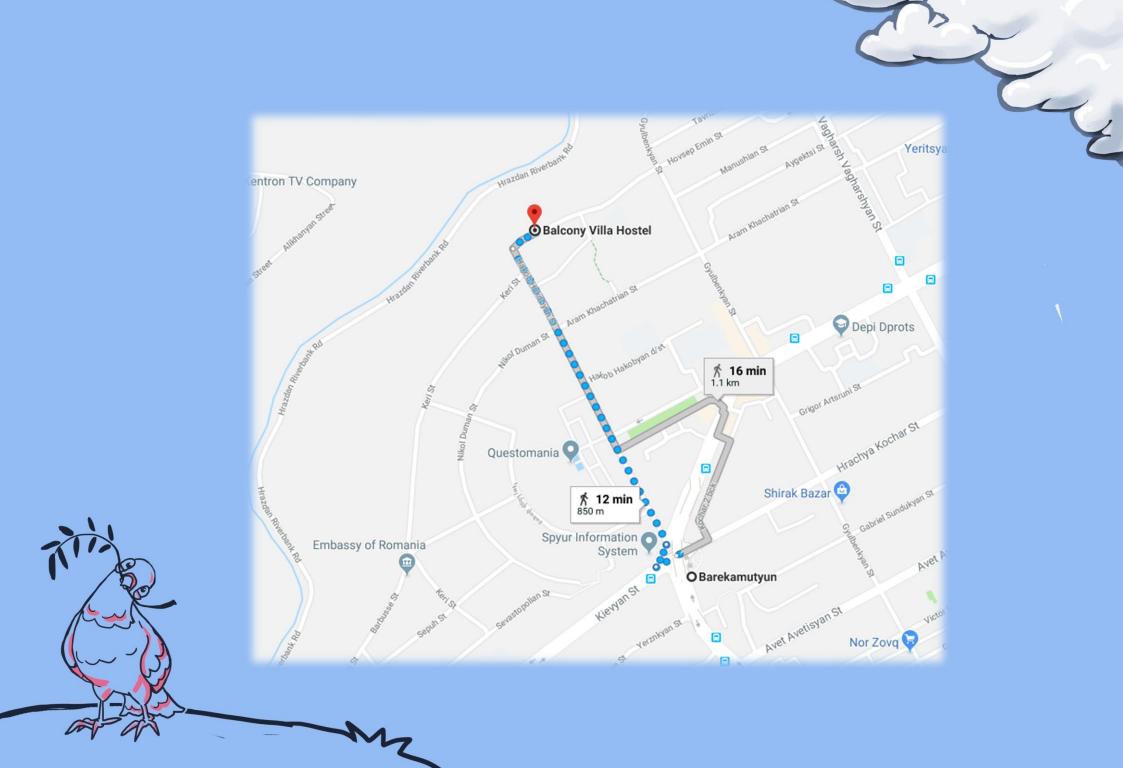
The TC will take place in the Balcony Hostel, Yerevan, Armenia.

Yerevan is the capital and the largest city of Armenia. Its population is about 1.3mln people. It is one of the world's oldest continuously inhabited cities. Situated along the Hrazdan River, Yerevan is the administrative, cultural, and industrial center of the country. It has been the capital since 1918, the thirteenth in the history of Armenia, and the seventh located in or around the Ararat valley. The history of Yerevan dates back to the 8th century BC. During the course of centuries, the town had an important role in the economic, social and political life of Armenia.

Many caravan routes passed through that big trade center. Today Yerevan is, on the hand the administrative, cultural, and industrial center of the country and on the other hand it is a relaxed and safe place where people live at one pace while the traffic goes at another.

The cultural life is intense for a city of its size, including dozens of theatres, concert halls, galleries and live music clubs.







The participants will be provided with three meals - breakfast, lunch, dinner as well as with coffee breaks. For any special needs (other than those that were mentioned in your application forms) please contact the host organization by e-mail: foreignstudents.luxembourg@gmail.com

PARTICIPATION FEE: 50 EURO (will be deducted from your actual travel cost)

TRAVEL COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

The reimbursement of the travel expenses (travel from your departure city to the venue of the project) will be made by bank transfer for all participants.

TRAVEL BUDGET

Country - Number of Participants - Max. reimbursement per participant

Poland - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 360 eur)

Georgia - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 80 eur)

Ukraine - 3 participants (reimbursement limit 275 eur)

Portugal - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 820 eur)

Russian Federation - 3 participants (reimbursement limit 275 eur)

Greece - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 275 eur)

Lithuania - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 360eur)

Hungary - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 360eur)

Turkey - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 275 eur)

Luxembourg - 2 participants (reimbursement limit 530 eur)

Mandatory documents to give to get reimbursed:

- 1. Booking email from air company (only when booked online);
- 2. E-ticket or/and receipt/invoice from flights;
- 3. A copy of your printed electronic ticket and all other original tickets (bus/train) used during your travel to Armenia;
 - 4. Boarding passes (of arrival and return flight). Be very careful not to lose the boarding pass.

We need the boarding pass as an evidence for your flight. If you lose it, you CANNOT be reimbursed of your flight ticket! We will kindly ask you to send requested documents to us as soon as possible as without them we will not be able to provide you travel reimbursement, especially for what concerns flight reimbursement.



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All tickets, receipt, invoices and boarding passes please send us to this address:

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IMPORTANT: before you send the originals by post send by email all documents scanned to: foreignstudents.luxembourg@gmail.com and wiyuarm@gmail.com

Please note, if you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EURO, we will calculate your travel costs through the official web page of Erasmus + program according to the exchange rates of the month when the tickets were bought.

NOTE: The tickets which are within the limit indicated in the budget will be reimbursed fully (reminder: participation fee will be deducted from the travel cost). Any amount that is more than the mentioned budget limit per country should be covered by the participants themselves.



Food, accommodation and programme costs will be provided and fully paid thanks to financial support from Erasmus+ Programme granted by Luxembourgish National Agency - Anefore.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

- 1. Medicines: For preventive reasons we recommend for those who have health problems to bring their own medicines;
- 2. Any dictionaries you might need for a smoother communication in English;
- 3. An alarm clock, charger and loading cables of your e-devices;
- 4. If you have and consider important to carry with you a mobile, camera, tablet, laptop ect.
- 5. Personal cosmetics such as shampoos, gel, toothpaste, swimming suit, etc. (but you don't need to bring towels);
- 6. Slippers for the shared bathroom!
- 7. Your artistic skills! Any hidden talent that you will share with us, which you definitely will need during creativity workshops.
- 8. Passport Any one travelling to Armenia needs to have a valid international passport (Armenia is not a member of EU and your ID is not enough). Please, check the validity of the passports before the departure it needs to be valid at least for three months after your visit to Armenia.

INTERCULTURAL EVENING

One of the evenings will be dedicated to the Intercultural Evening. You will present your own cultures - national, regional, personal or any kind of culture you feel you belong. This presentations/activity should not be just a "lecture" so try to find most creative way to show your culture. It means that all options are possible. A culture may be presented by a song, a story, a poem, a dance, some local special drinks or food (you will not have opportunity to cook), etc.

You can bring pictures, music or anything which you consider to be most appropriate to present your culture. Bring CDs of traditional / typical and party music or other things typical from your country that you want to share with us during the Evening of Cultures and during other evenings.

Dear participants, we have to mention that <u>homemade alcohol is forbidden for the evenings of cultures</u> and generally for the project. With the homemade alcohol it is not possible to monitor the quality and we would not like to risk your health.

PARTICIPATION IN THE STUDY VISIT

You are expected to participate fully in all activities, unless you are ill. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops is not permitted. If less than 80% of the programme is attended, it will not be possible to be reimbursed for the international travel costs.

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