

# Ghetto Out! – Study Visit

## Foggia | Italy

### 28<sup>th</sup> of September – 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2019

## INFO PACK

### General information

Number of participants from each country: 4.

*(preferably balanced group: 2 male and 2 female)*

Age of the participants: no limit

Partner Countries: Turkey, Italy, Spain, Romania, Bulgaria, France.

### About the project

Although Europe is a multicultural and multi-religious society, racist behavior is increasingly common among EU citizens. In recent decades, migratory waves from disadvantaged countries have been the subject of media and political discussion. The perception of this phenomenon as "dangerous" is increasingly contributing to the spread of discriminatory ideas. Aware of the fact that xenophobia and intolerance arise from the ignorance and inexperience of meeting with the other, this Study Visit aims to facilitate the multicultural relationship and to offer information and tools to increase awareness on these issues.

The Study Visit will take place in the province of Foggia, to discover some significant realities about Migration's issue, in particular "Ghetto La Pista" (in a village called Borgo Mezzanone) and "Casa Sankara" (a centre managed by the association of immigrants "GHETTO OUT", that inspired the name of this project too!).

The Study Visit **aims** to improve the skills of youth workers who work in increasingly intercultural contexts, with a view to deeper understanding of the other, overcoming simplistic and often misleading representations of the media. The activities also aim to increase other key competences and skills, such as conflict management skills, communication skills and the conscious use of social media.

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## Activities

The Study Visit will offer the possibility of direct interaction with disadvantaged people who migrate from countries at war or in a state of severe poverty, with the main purpose of carrying out a participatory discussion aimed at strengthening intercultural awareness so that the idea of the different is not mediated from prejudices, whether positive or negative, rather it is based on a real experience, facilitated by good practices and methods that favor understanding, a critical vision and a positive exchange.

The main activities will include:

- Visits of different NGOs working about the topic of immigration (i.e. the Association "Ghetto OUT") or debates with their activists, invited to present their experience.
- Visit to the Ghetto with staff people from associations well knowing the place (like EMERGENCY NGO's staff).
- Spend some time in the Association Ghetto Out learning what some ex-residents are trying to do in order to live in a sustainable way outside the ghetto (like artistic manufacturing or fruit and vegetable bio cultivation).
- Storytelling and videomaking to disseminate contents in a powerful way.
- Ethnographic interviews to ghetto residents or ex-residents and to the local community; comparing the results with the information we usually receive from the media.
- Exchange of information on countries of origin, multicultural evenings (create dishes), dialectical dialogue on the perception of their country and of others.

## Participants

*The Study Visit is addressed to youth workers who want observe and learn, on the field, the difficulties but also the opportunities generated by the coexistence between the local community and immigrants.*

The participants should have a strong interest in multicultural, social and educational topics, direct experience in inclusion and integration activities, be motivated and willing to deal with the rest of the group to ensure useful insights for all.

Some of the participants could be selected for their the passion in information, communication and new media (websites, blogs, social networks) or for specific skills in these areas.

## Methods

During the week we'll be used lots of **non-formal methods** such as: working groups, debates, cine-forum, learning by doing, reflection groups. The most important methods used will be Ethnography and Storytelling.

The ethnographic method will increase the capacity to analyze and to understand migration and integration phenomena, while the technique of storytelling will provide useful ideas for the narration and dissemination of content.

## Venue and accommodation

The place we chose for this Youth Exchange is a village near **Foggia**, a city in the north of the wonderful **Puglia Region**. We chose a place not far from the area of "**Grand Ghetto**", (as we already said, one of the biggest marginalized and exploited immigrant Ghettos in Europe).



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The village, called [DON BOSCO](#), was chosen also because it's quite near to the base of "**Ghetto OUT**". This Association, founded by the exploited immigrants leaving the Ghetto, will be a focus of our project.

You will be accommodated in multiple rooms (most of them are 3 or 4 person rooms). Shower, toilet and any service will be provided. Just be ready to share your room with a participant from different nationality. One of the main topic of the project is the Inter-Culture, don't forget it! ☺

We will have 3 meals per day and we will also provide vegan/vegetarian or other kind of food upon request.

## Arrival and departure

You are expected to arrive until September the 28<sup>th</sup> in Foggia (within dinner time possibly).

The nearest airport to flight to Foggia is BARI-Karol Wojtyła. From Bari you can get Foggia railway station by train or bus in about 2 hours. You can also flight via ROME or NAPOLI airports. There are also train and bus (like Flixbus) connections to Foggia, but it will take longer (from 3 to 6 hours). All this transport details inside Italy will be better established together with partner organizations.

From Foggia railway station you can easily get Don Bosco village by the train to Lucera. You can get it on the line 1-West and get off at DON BOSCO stop (it's the first stop). You can get the ticket (1,4 euros) on the first line in Foggia railway station or in the station's newsstand.

The project starts on September the 28<sup>th</sup> with common dinner and a getting to know each other session, after dinner. Activities will finish on October the 5<sup>th</sup>

Eligible means of transport: bus, train, and plane.

## Costs/travel/reimbursement

Board and lodging during the training course, as well as all programmed costs, are covered by our Erasmus+. Travel expenses will be reimbursed by our organization directly to our partner organization from each country.

Please make sure you respect the maximum amount of money that we can reimburse:

Turkey: 275 Euro/participant

Spain: 275 Euro/participant

Romania: 275 Euro/participant

Bulgaria: 275 Euro/participant

France: 275 Euro/participant

Italy: 180 Euro/participant (only for a distance longer than 100 km)

In case your ticket is more expensive, you will have to cover the extra costs. Participants have to buy the tickets themselves and bring/send us all the original documents. Our Association will transfer the money for the participants to the partner organization and the partner organization will reimburse you the money through bank transfer. This can last 1, 2 months after the activity is finished.

## What to bring

We kindly ask you to bring:

- A little video or presentation about the topic of Migration and/or Inter-culture in the region you live (it could be done also with your national group of participants)
- Map, posters, photos, postcards, videos about your country/region/town to be displayed during the International Evening

- o Some gastronomic specialties (food and/or drinks) for the International Evening;
- o Comfortable clothes for the sessions.
- o It won't be sure we'll get a beach but, just in case, bring a swimsuit in your bag!

The **temperature** will be from 26 to 13 Celsius degrees. Consider which kind of clothes you're used to wear at this temperature in order to prepare your luggage.

**Make sure to bring with you the following documents for the reimbursement:**

- Plane, bus, train ticket that has your name on it.
- For plane, also the boarding pass,.
- Proof of payment: bank statement if you paid by bank or receipt if you paid by cash

During your stay in Italy, you will not be accident-insured, health-insured and personal liability-insured by us, so if you want please provide such a private insurance in your own country and make sure you will bring it with you. Or you have the possibility, for the health insurance, to ask for the European Health Card which is free of charge and can be procured from your countries (available only for EU member states citizens)

## Youthpass

Within the frame of 'recognition of non-formal learning', participants will receive a *Youthpass Certificate* after the Study Visit upon their request. Youthpass is an official recognized tool in order to validate non-formal learning aspects gained during the training. It is important that, before coming to the training course, participants reflect upon what competences they aim to develop by taking the initiative to participate to our training course. For further information, just follow the link: <http://www.youthpass.eu>

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## Future communication

In order to facilitate our communication and to better manage all organisational aspects, we will create a Facebook secret group where the selected participants will easily find all other details the need.

Thanks a lot!

**And...See you soon in Foggia!**