

# INFO PACK

for project „ Youth work Empowering Women Entrepreneurship ”



**2 November 2020 – 9 November 2020**  
**Bansko, Bulgaria**



## SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Whilst gender gaps between men and women in employment rates and salaries are narrowing, differences are still evident in entrepreneurial careers. Indeed, even though there are more women than men in Europe, female entrepreneurs represent only a third of the self-employed in the EU. Women constitute 52% of the total European population but only 34.4% of the EU self-employed and 30% of start-up entrepreneurs (source: Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, EU commission). Nevertheless, the European Commission efforts to promote and support female entrepreneurship by several initiatives such as the Small Business Act and the Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan, women still represent a large pool of under-exploited entrepreneurial potential in Europe. Boosting female entrepreneurship is important to the EU's objective for both boosting gender equality and economic growth by creating new opportunities. Indeed, female entrepreneurship could create a leverage effect; role-models could incite other women to become self-employed and female-led business may perform better, or at least differently. Women may apply different solutions to business issues and are often more concerned by societal effects.

### **The main aim of this training course**

- To discuss the linkages between entrepreneurship core competencies and gender.
- To identify gender issues affecting women in business.
- To understand the potential barriers and other main obstacles to women entrepreneurship.
- To explore different parts of a business plan and so help youth workers to acquire important skills and knowledge on how to create and grow a successful business.
- To give youth workers information about EU support tools and EU programmes opportunities for fostering women entrepreneurship.
- To encourage the creation of empowerment centres, support networks and peer communities, which support the growth and development of women-owned companies.

Expected impact is on participants as well as partner organizations in terms of gaining new good practices, enriched toolbox and methods related to women entrepreneurship. The NGOs will increase their capacity to promote women entrepreneurship- A set of materials, methods and tools for improving youth workers skills and capacity to foster women entrepreneurship. Thus the quality of youth activities related to the topics will be increased.

## ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and food (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the duration of the activities will be covered by the receiving organization ProVision International.

All participants will be accommodated in Royal Bansko apart hotel, located in Bansko Bulgaria at the following address: ul. "Kosherinata" 2770, Bansko, Bulgaria



## VENUE

**Bansko** is a town in southwestern Bulgaria, located at the foot of the Pirin Mountains. It is a popular ski resort. The mountain peaks near the town, the numerous lakes and the old pine woods make it a popular site for recreation.



### **FOOD AND SPECIAL NEEDS**

ProVision International will provide participants with three meals per day and two coffee breaks.

- **Special needs:** Any special food diet must be previously informed to the organizers. Please, make sure that we know about your special diet.
- **Extra nights:** For those who come earlier (before 2<sup>nd</sup> of November) or/and leave later (after 9<sup>th</sup> of November), unfortunately the project cannot cover the extra nights and food. If your flights are earlier or later than the project dates, you will have to find accommodation for yourself. Of course, you can always contact the organizers to help you in finding a place to stay. The first provided meal will be the dinner on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. On 9<sup>th</sup> of November, the breakfast will be provided.

**NB!!! PLEASE KNOW THAT THE TOTAL DURATION OF THE EXTRA STAY SHOULD NOT EXTEND 2 DAYS –MEANING ( 1 DAY BEFORE AND 1 AFTER, OR 2 DAYS BEFORE OR 2 DAYS AFTER) Tickets with longer extra stay will NOT be reimbursement.**

## ARRIVAL IN VENUE

### How to get to BANSKO?

Although there are some different airports, the best option for everybody is to arrive to Sofia. There are several buses leaving everyday from Sofia to Bansko ( the first one is at 07:00am and the last one is at 16:45).



You will have to use public transportation to get from Sofia to project venue. For that you will need small change – 1.60BGN ( approx. 0.80 euro) for subway ticket and 16 BGN ( 8.11 euro) for bus from Sofia to Bansko.

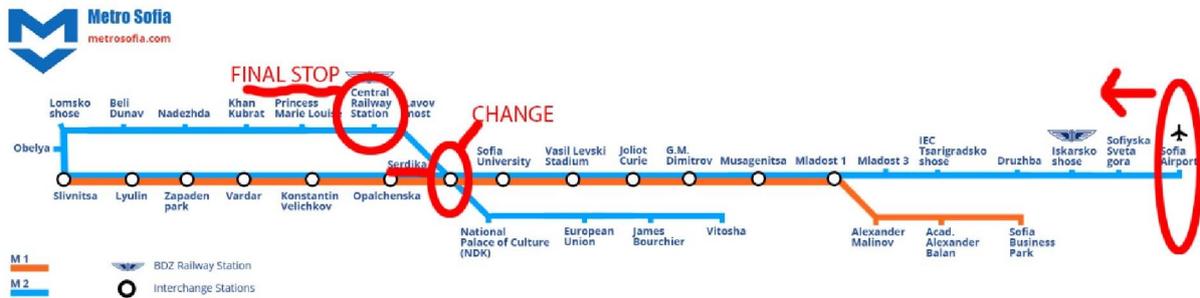
### If you are arriving at **Sofia airport – Terminal 1**

Outside of the terminal you will find white mini bus with sign TRANSFER SHUTTLE /or simply ask any of the staff where is the free shuttle to Terminal 2/. Once you get in –it will drive you / about 7 min/ to TERMINAL 2 of SOFIA AIRPORT. From there you can get metro / subway /taking the blue line/ - From Sofia airport terminal 2 to station called SERDIKA, there you have to change with the orange line towards OBELYA OR LOMSKO SHOSE and you have to get out at the 2<sup>nd</sup> station which is called CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION. Once you get out from CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION you will see large blue building with the sign Central Bus Station. Inside the station you will be able to get the tickets for the bus. Please check the image below:



### If you are arriving at **Sofia airport – Terminal 2**

Once at Terminal 2 of Sofia airport –please go out of the building turn left and go all the way down on the road and you will get to the / subway station of Sofia airport/ 2-3 min walk/ . From there take the blue line/ - From Sofia airport terminal 2 to station called SERDIKA, there you have to change with the orange line towards OBELYA OR LOMSKO SHOSE and you have to get out at the 2<sup>nd</sup> station which is called CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION. Once you get out from CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION you will see large blue building with the sign Central Bus Station. Inside the station you will be able to get the tickets for the bus. Please check the image below:



### How to get from **Central Bus station to Bansko**

Once you arrive at CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION go out of the station and you will see large blue building with sign Central Bus Station. Please see the image below:



From there you can buy ticket to Bansko. The journey will be about 3h and it will cost you 16 Bulgarian leva.

There are few buses a day running from Sofia to Basnko with schedule:

Route	Departing hour	Price
Sofia- Basnko	09:45	16 BGN
	11:25	16 BGN
	14:00	16 BGN
	16:45	16 BGN

**If you are arriving after 16:45 and you are not able to get the public bus there is option for renting a private shuttle that needs to be paid by each of the passenger and it's upon request.**

### For the way back from Bansko to Sofia

Route	Departing hour	Arrival hour	Price
Bansko - Sofia	05:05	08:05	16 BGN
	06:50	10:20	16 BGN
	12:50	15:50	16 BGN

**There are later buses as well but once you know your departure time you can contact us.**

### From Bansko bus station to Royal Bansko Aparthotel:

You have two options to get to the hotel.

- 1) Is to take a taxi which you can find just in front of the main entrance of the Bus station and will cost you about 10-15 BGN /5-7 euros/ per car. So if you are more people you can share the costs. Please know that taxi service can not be reimbursed.
- 2) You can walk to the hotel

### TRAVEL COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT

**Travel costs:** Please note that travel costs will be reimbursed on the basis of original tickets, boarding passes and invoices/receipts for travel. Do not forget to collect and bring all of them. Only cheapest/economy class travel will be reimbursed and a public transport.

**PLEASE DO NOT buy your tickets without having confirmation from the organizers.**

***!!!Please know that tickets that are not confirmed will not be reimbursed***

As soon as you filled the registration form and your participation is confirmed, you are kindly requested to submit your travel proposal for **validation** including detailed information about the name(s) of the participant(s) envisaged, itinerary (departure, arrival, dates, hours, transport company), type of transport (flight, bus, train etc.) and the website where you got the offer from:

- subject: [Travel validation] - Your country;
- address: provisioninternational.office@gmail.com
- deadline: 16 October, 2020

**ProVision International is not responsible of reimbursing tickets without our prior validation.**

### REIMBURSEMENT

How to provide the needed justifying documents? (Remember! If anything is missing from the list below, unfortunately we are not able to reimburse the costs). We will try to do cash reimbursement to all participants only if they can provide electronic version of all tickets before they depart from Bulgaria.

**1. Flight tickets** (economic class/low cost if possible) – all the following are needed:

**e-ticket** (you receive it by e-mail after you buy the flight);

**fiscal invoice** (ask your travel agency or check on the website where you buy the ticket how can you get a fiscal invoice). The invoice can be issued on the name of traveler, or on the name of the organisation you represent;

**proof of payment** (signed and stamped): can be a receipt from where you buy the tickets, can be a

payment order (if you pay by bank transfer) or can be a bank or an account statement (if you pay by internet banking);

**boarding pass** (you get it online and print it at home 24h-30h before the flight or directly in the airport);

In the exceptional case when the amount on your invoice is different than the amount charged, a personal declaration will be needed and only the amount charged is subject of reimbursement.

**2.Train tickets** (make sure the date, the itinerary and the price are visible on the ticket, if you can get an invoice is even better);

**3.Bus tickets** (make sure the date, the itinerary and the price are visible on the ticket, if you can get an invoice it is better);

**4.Private car transport and Taxi ( including Bla Bla car, uber and such) – will not be reimbursed**

**5.Please note that additional services on your bookings won't be reimbursed (extra leg room in the plane, additional luggages and etc)**

Important! Try to provide the documents above in English, or Bulgarian. If the documents are written in other languages we **will** need a declaration from you to explain the information provided in each document (in English).

<b>Country</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Travel cost limits</b>
Bulgaria	3 participants	0
Denmark	3 participants	275 euro
Slovakia	3 participants	275 euro
Spain	3 participants	360 euro
Romania	3 participants	180 euro
Greece	3 participants	180 euro
Hungary	3 participants	275 euro
Serbia	3 participants	180 euro

### **PRACTICAL INFORMATION (currency)**

Currency: in Bulgaria, we use лв – Bulgarian Leva. 1 EUR is 1.95 lv. You will need them to travel inside Bulgaria (bus, taxi or whatever you will use to move around it), so make sure you change a little bit when you arrive at the airport or before coming here. In case you will need to change again, we will help you out on spot.

## PLANNED ACTIVITIES

**\*The daily schedule will be provided within the next email very shortly**

**Intercultural nights:** For the intercultural evenings, we kindly ask you to prepare interactive presentation of your country. You can present it along with your food and drinks, music, traditional dances, etc. You can do it in the way you think is more suitable for the group, so be as creative as you want.

You are more than welcome to bring traditional food and drinks for this evening. It will not be possible to cook there. . You can also bring your flag, posters, postcards, leaflets or any kind of gift you want to give to the participants in order them to have a picture of where you come from. Videos or games are also a good idea to be implemented during that night!

## INSURANCE:



Medical insurance: procuring a medical insurance valid during your stay in Bulgaria is your own responsibility. European Union citizens are entitled to have an European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) which you can get for free from your health authorities and you can use in Bulgaria and in any other EU country as well. Anyway, you can also choose a private insurance for the duration of your stay (it should not cost more than 10 EUR depending on the provider and issuing country). Although it might be not mandatory to enter Bulgaria, if you choose to not have a health insurance **you need to be ready to cover any medical related cost. We strongly encourage you to get a medical insurance for your stay!**

## PARTICIPANT PROFILE:

- ✓ -Youth workers and leaders (18 +) keen on the topic of entrepreneurship and since the topic is women entrepreneurship we do not limit male participants to participate, which means we will also focus on the topic in general and we will have some workshops on women entrepreneurship as good practices
- ✓ -Demonstration of social sensibilities (socially active youth workers/volunteers with a role in local communities and interested in the topic).
- ✓ -Highly involved in activities related to



entrepreneurship and willing to promote it among young people in their local community.

- ✓ -Youth leaders/workers who wish to build capacity within their NGO and gain new skills as well as aiming to activate themselves to encourage other people from their community to become responsible for positive changes and be a part of the transformation, and who wish to develop international partnership with the other participants.
- ✓ -Experienced or interested in working with Erasmus+ programme.

### **WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU – CHECK LIST**

- ✓ All travel documents;
- ✓ All material and things that you need for the program (as homework);
- ✓ Anything you need for the intercultural night( food, drinks, brochures and etc)
- ✓ Energizers that could be done in the mornings / after lunch break;
- ✓ Swimsuit and flip-flops/there is pool in the hotel.
- ✓ Comfortable clothes for the activities outside and inside conference room;
- ✓ Anything you think you will need during your stay in Bulgaria and of course, GOOD MOOD!



**IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXCHANGE PLEASE FILL THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW NOT LATER THAN 15 October 2020 :**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev\\_oeaWn59k1YQAzTskUEkCzNK\\_xwAq1UVmtDVX8XmoGvlyQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7757](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSev_oeaWn59k1YQAzTskUEkCzNK_xwAq1UVmtDVX8XmoGvlyQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7757)