

BTV: Be Thoughtful and Wise

- training on the basics of critical thinking and media literacy

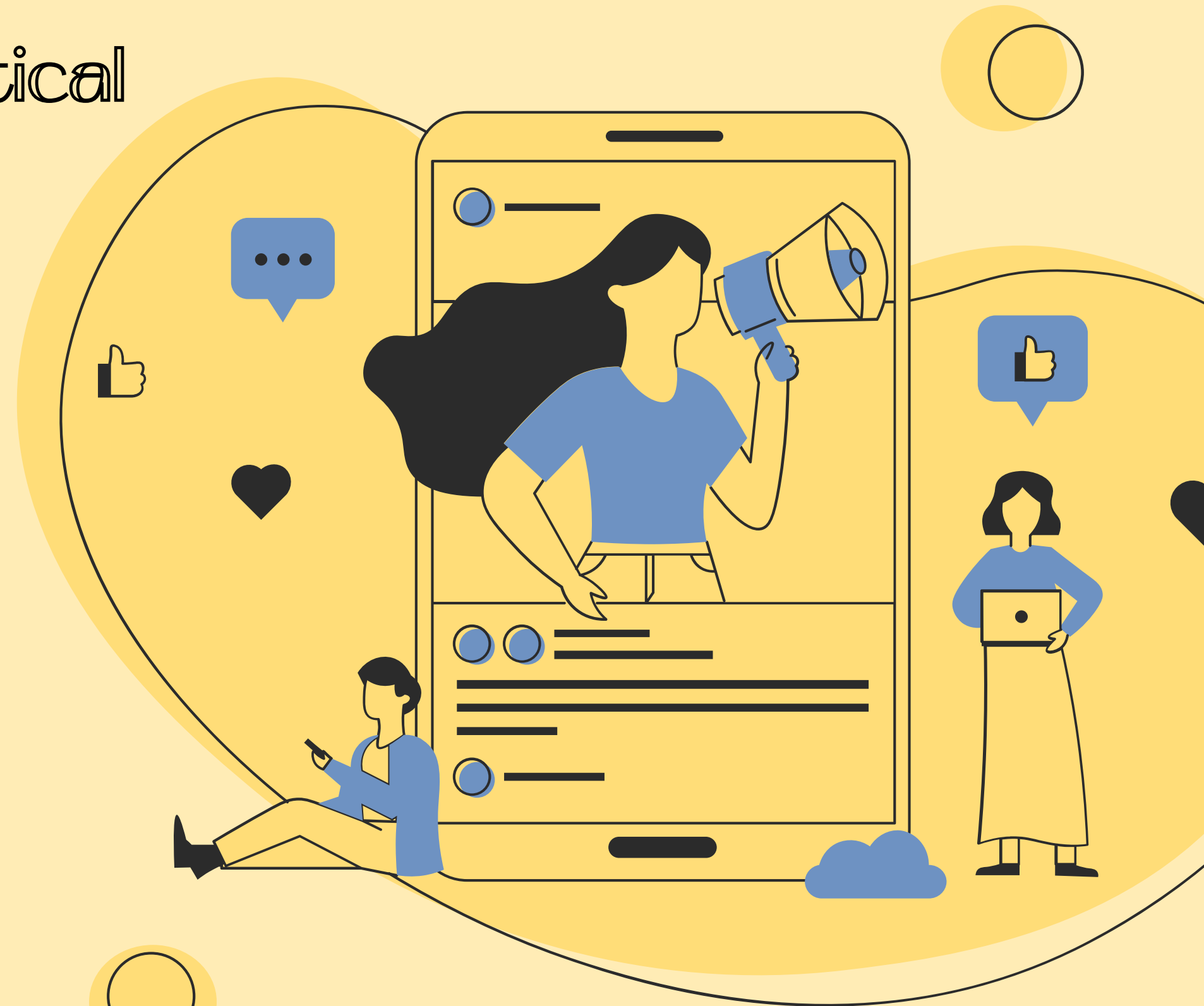
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Participants

34 participants from 15 countries:

- Armenia
- Belarus
- Czech Republic
- France
- Georgia
- Germany
- Italy
- Latvia
- Moldova
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Serbia
- Ukraine



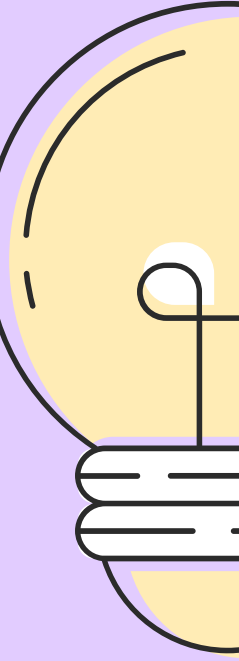
Participants

We're looking exactly for you, if you:

- *are motivated and open to the new experience;*
- *are open-minded and flexible, being able to learn, accept and adjust to the new knowledge, view points and perspectives;*
- *want to be more critical towards information and enhance your media literacy skills;*
- *are being able to communicate and express yourself in English;*
- *have a desire to share new information and skills within your community after the project.*



About the project

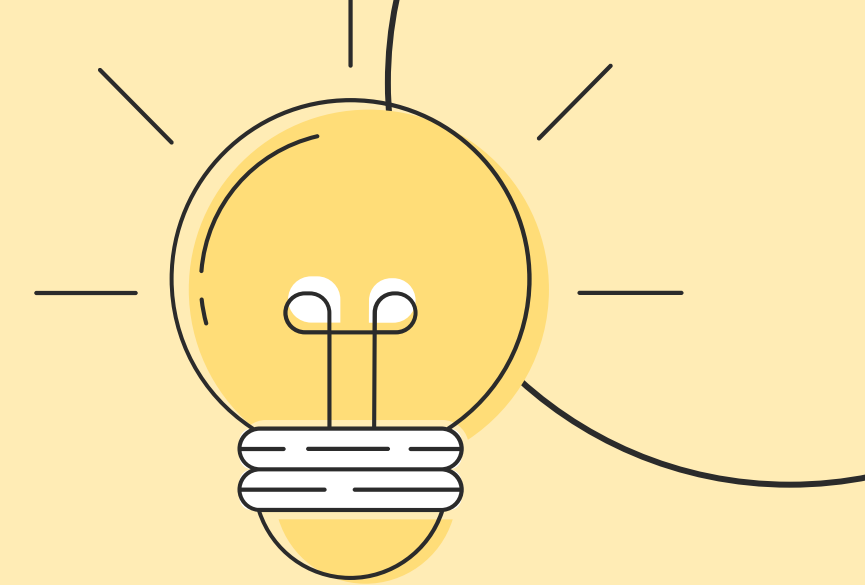


The modern world is a world of information. The abundance and variety of sources generate contradictory information. Unfortunately, this information is often not reliable and credible. Its distortion can be caused by various reasons – from ignorance or irresponsibility of the informant to deliberate control of the audience's consciousness.

In any case, if we don't want to be led and manipulated, we need to learn, how to analyze information, separate facts from interpretations and draw our own conclusions. In other words, we need to develop our media literacy and, more broadly, our critical thinking.



About the project



During the project you will:

- 1 discuss the concept of rationality and find out, how rational thinking can improve the quality of our life;
- 2 learn more about cognitive biases and come to terms with the fact, that they cannot be fully overcome;
- 3 realize, how misleading the information can be, and improve your skill of working with it;
- 4 discover, what the rhetorical fallacies are and how massmedia uses them for manipulating;
- 5 create your own public speech and try to convince the audience of your ideas.

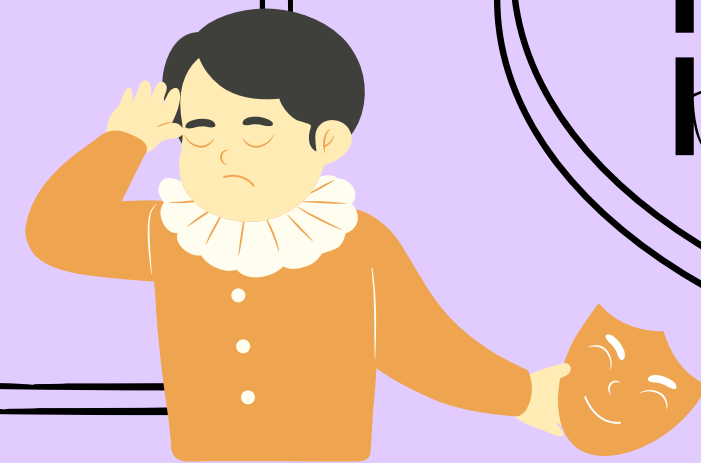


Planned activities

Debates



Theatre of
Improvisation



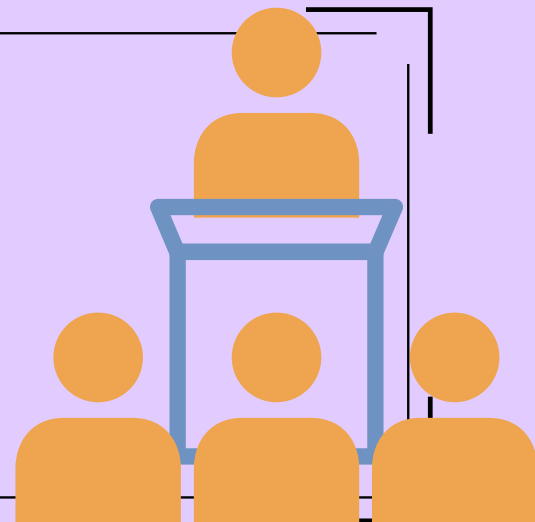
Workshops from
participants



Designing of
project's
brochure



Public
speaking



NGOs' fair



Venue and accommodation

ABOVYAN

is a town and urban municipal community in Armenia within the Kotayk Province. It is located 16 kilometres northeast of Yerevan and is considered to be a satellite city of the Armenian capital. Therefore, Abovyan is generally known as the "northern gate of Yerevan".



During the project you will live in [HIN PARVANA HOTEL](#) 

The rooms will be shared between 2-3 participants.

The rooms have either twin or double beds, individual bathrooms, also bed linen and towels (one towel per person) are provided.

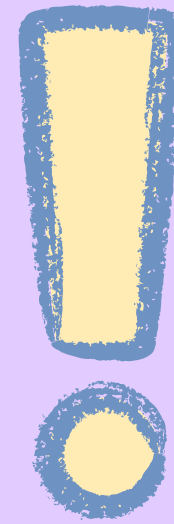
Travelling

4/12 - the arrival day

In case you arrive to the Yerevan airport, we can arrange a taxi pick up from the airport to our venue in Abovyan. The cost of the taxi is around 10 EUR/5000 AMD

13/12 - the departure day

We will arrange the taxi transfer from the venue to the Yerevan airport. The cost of the taxi is around 10 EUR/5000 AMD



PLEASE, DO NOT BOOK AIR TICKETS
UNTIL YOU GET THEM CONFIRMED BY US!

Otherwise, we will not be able to reimburse you. To confirm your travelling plan before booking it, please, send your proposal to med3ngo@gmail.com with the e-mail subject "TC BTW_your country"

In case you arrive to Tbilisi, we can arrange transportation to our venue in Abovyan, depending on the number of participants arriving to Tbilisi/travelling from Tbilisi. The price will depend on the number of participants.

Please, let us know your travelling plan in advance and we'll be able to provide you with the additional information on the transfer from Tbilisi to the venue in Armenia, Abovyan (please, keep in mind that the transfer costs from Tbilisi to the venue will be reimbursed only in case, they're still within your travel budget).

According to the rules of the French National Agency, you as well have **2 additional travelling days**. However, if you decide to use them to stay in Armenia, we would insist that you take **additional days after the project** (not before) to avoid the unnecessary COVID-19 risks before and within the project. If you decide to use the travelling days after the project, remember that it's on your own responsibility to organize your stay in Armenia.



Project costs

All the following costs are covered in the frames of the Erasmus+ project:

- travel costs (as mentioned on the right ->);
- accommodation in 2-3 beds rooms in Abovyan;
- three meals per day;
- materials for the activities.



Non EU countries will be reimbursed in cash during the project

EU countries will be reimbursed after the project via bank transfer

Travel budget per country:

- Armenia -- 0 EUR
- Belarus -- 235 EUR
- Czech Republic -- 320 EUR
- France -- 490 EUR
- Georgia -- 140 EUR
- Germany -- 320 EUR
- Italy -- 320 EUR
- Latvia -- 320 EUR

- Moldova -- 235 EUR
- Poland -- 320 EUR
- Portugal -- 780 EUR
- Romania -- 235 EUR
- Russian Federation -- 235 EUR
- Serbia -- 320 EUR
- Ukraine -- 235 EUR

- 40 EUR per participant of participation fee will be deducted from the max reimbursement of your travel costs (already included in the travel budget mentioned above)

International travel expenses can be reimbursed within the lump sum ONLY upon presentation of ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, stating your travel data and costs (boarding passes, tickets for plane/bus/train/etc., invoices, payment checks, bank statements)

Health

According to the current regulations, upon entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia via air and land borders travelers will be asked to:

- Provide a COVID-19 PCR test certificate with negative results taken within the previous 72 hours. The certificate should be in Armenian, Russian or English, include the name, surname, date of birth and passport number of the examined person;
- Provide certification of complete vaccination against COVID-19 with 2 dosages and the second dosage taken at least 14 days before entering the country;
- Non-holders of the relevant certificate are subjected to PCR sampling at the airport or border checkpoint sampling points and to compulsory isolation until the negative PCR test result will be obtained.

Please, keep in mind that:

- Participants are self-responsible for making PCR tests before the project and entering Armenia. We do not cover PCR tests' costs!
- Participants are self-responsible for acquiring travel/health insurance valid for the whole duration of the project, which also covers COVID-19 and flight cancellation/reschedule;
- If you decide to stay in Armenia within the additional travelling days, we would insist that you take additional days after the project (not before) to avoid the unnecessary COVID-19 risks before and within the project (if you decide to use the travelling days after the project, remember that it's on your own responsibility to organize your stay in Armenia).



www.mfa.am/en/COVID-19/2021/05/17/covid-19/10955

check the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to get the most accurate information

Preparations



Sharing practices

You are suggested to bring your ideas of the workshops/sessions/practices/discussions related to the project topic. You can organize something to share any relevant knowledge/experience that you have within "Sharing practices" sessions, which will be run in the Open Space format.

The main idea is sharing the best practices through learning from each other, getting to know each other better, having fun and benefit all together.

Intercultural night

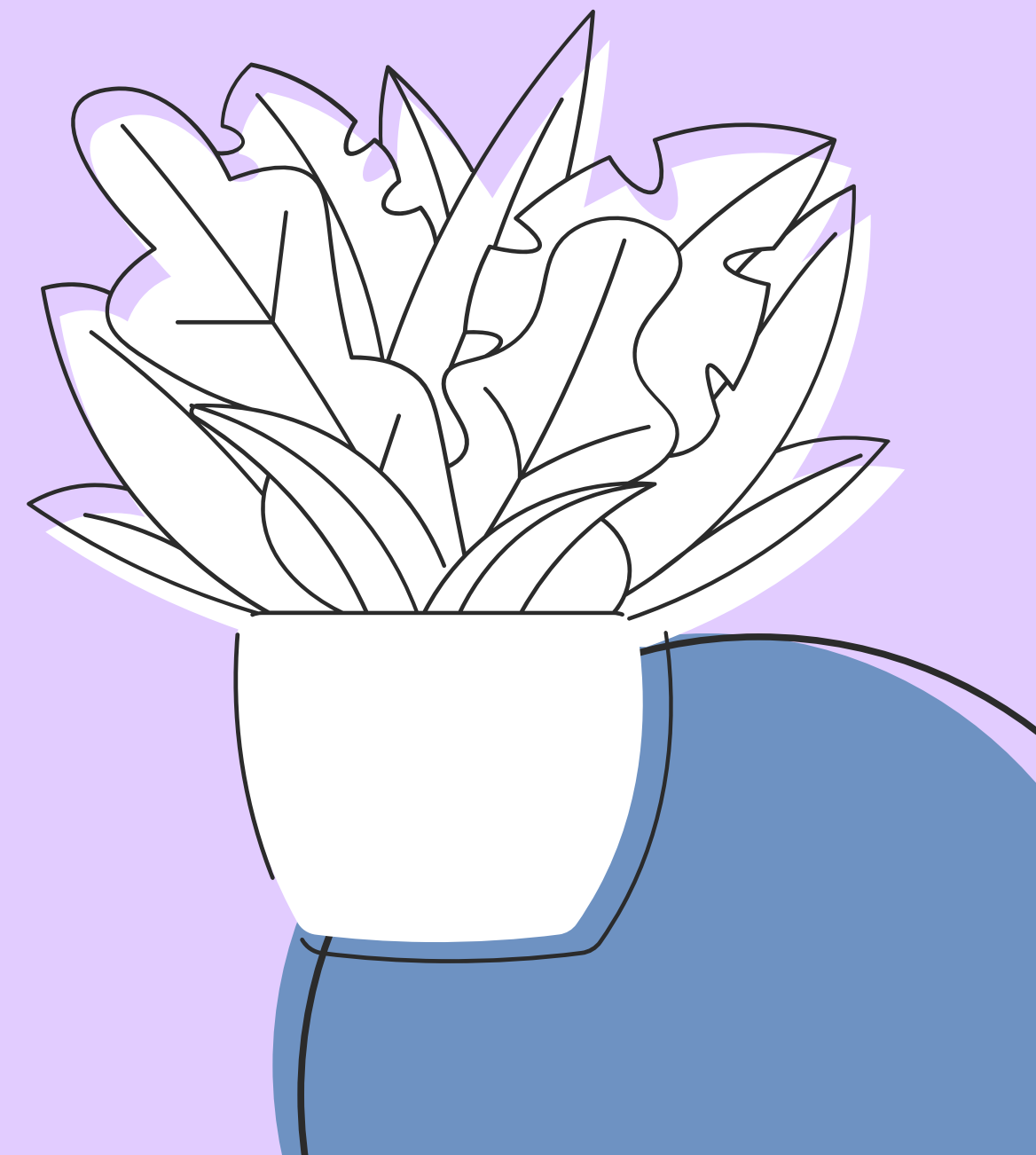
We expect you to prepare (otherwise, you'll have to improvise) 5 minutes interactive presentations about your country - it can be dancing, singing, playing, acting, quizing, etc. - make it creative and entertaining!

You may as well bring some national foods and drinks to share with others.

Further information

Things to bring:

- Valid passport for travel;
- Negative PCR test result or a full vaccination certificate;
- Travel/health insurance valid in Armenia for the whole duration of the project;
- All the required travel documents (all the tickets, invoices and, preferably, online boarding passes);
- Everything you need to conduct your workshop within "Sharing practices" sessions;
- Laptop (we will have the digital tasks for 2-3 days);
- Graphic design and editing programs you may need during the activities;
- Bring something special to share during the intercultural evening;
- Comfortable shoes, outdoor suits, warm clothes, backpacks which are needed for outdoor activities and trips (it might be pretty cold in Armenia within the period of the project);
- Swimming suit;
- Flip flops or indoor shoes;
- Personal hygiene items;
- The medicine, you may need.



Team BTW

Meet the team



Vladimir Kozachun

Trainer/Coach

PhD studies in psychology, practical social and medical psychologist, psychological counselor, trainer, coach, relevant expertise in public speech, critical and creative thinking, Improvisation Theatre methodology (Theatrical/Psychotherapeutic/Applied Improvisation)



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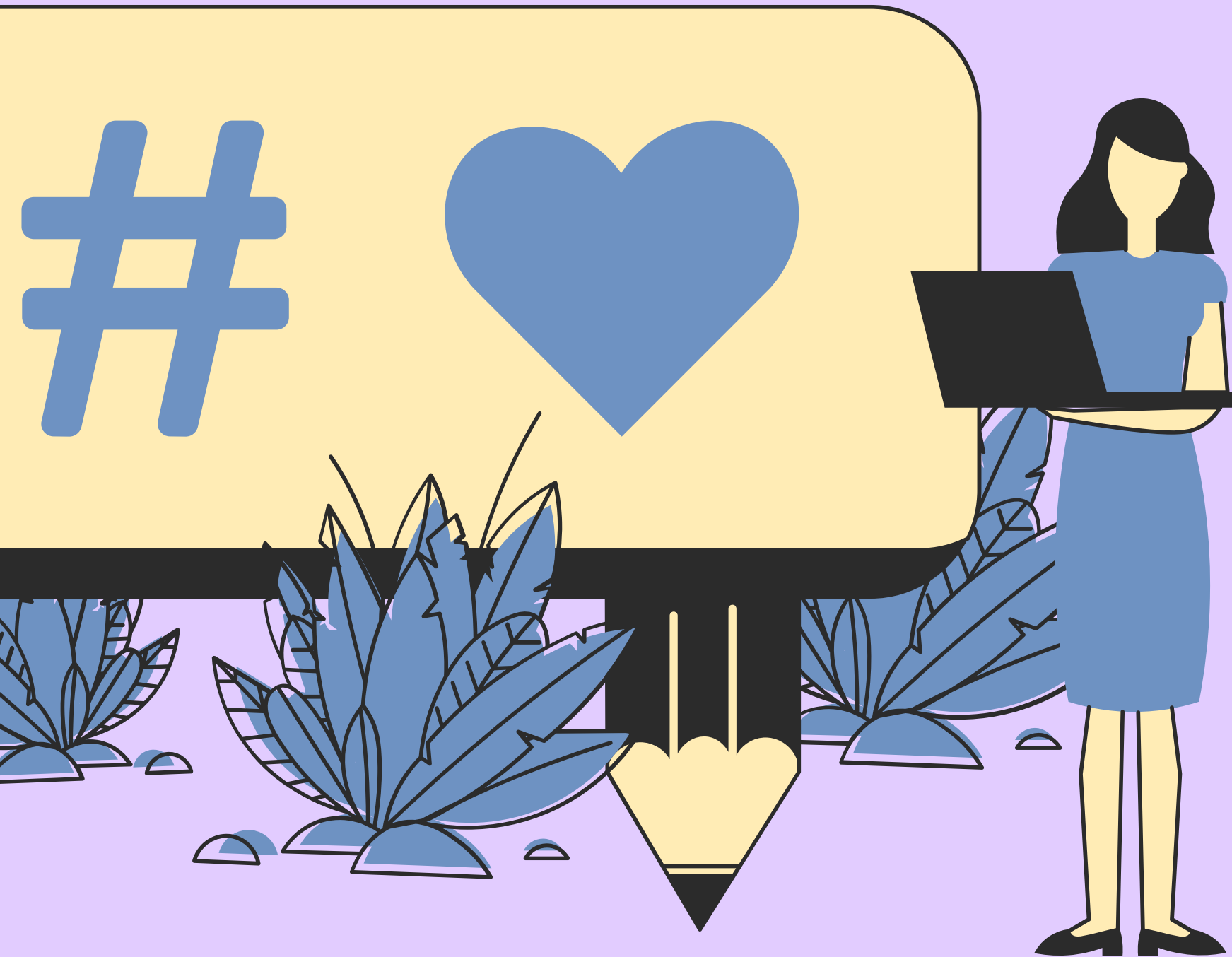


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See you soon!

