



Dr. Green Thumb

ERASMUS+ | KA1 TRAINING COURSE |

22-31 March, 2024
Bakuriani/Rustavi
Georgia

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Background and Objectives

The participating countries have a beautiful nature and important ecosystems. But the **level of awareness differs** from country to country. Not only the impact of heavy industry harms the environment but we can also see waste-dumping, pollution, littering in urban and rural spaces, harmful building and mining projects, usage of plastic bags and single-use products, etc.

We know that with our personal behaviour we are speeding-up the climate change and that we can make a change. The attitude towards the environment is important for all generations and concerns the whole society. **We as Youth Workers have the responsibility to support our target group. We can empower them to get active as citizens and engage in social processes.**

We want to work on this topic during a Professional Development Activity in Georgia with non-formal methods: **We want to use workshops, excursions and photography and learn how to engage our target group.** We decided to do it in Georgia, because it has a stunning nature but also environmental problems.

Our Objectives:

1. **Raising awareness** about environmental challenges and the impact on our lives
2. **Learning about the ecological situation** in different European countries and approaches by government and society
3. **Exchange of best-practice** on non-formal methods regarding ecology and environment
4. Acquiring **Upcycling and Photography-Skills**
5. Preparing a collection of activities as a **Manual for Youth Workers**
6. Inspiration for **Civil Activism**
7. **Promoting Erasmus+**

Dates and Location

The PDA will be implemented **22-31 March, 2024 in Georgia**. The first days (**22-26 March, 2024**) the group will stay in the Georgian town **Bakuriani** – town in the mountains, famous for hiking in summer and winter sport in winter. The Group will get to know each other, to get familiar with the topic and to learn about the work of each partner. We will also visit state and civil society actors on this topic.

Afterwards the group will move to **Rustavi (27-31 March, 2024)** – During this second phase the participants will implement workshops for sharing best-practice of their youth work on environmental topics, go for an excursion to the woods and create a Manual with methods and tools for other youth workers.

Participants Profile

We are addressing **3 youth workers from Germany, Georgia, Poland, Moldova, Ukraine and Cyprus** who

- work actively with young people and on a regular basis
- are at least 21 years old
- have at least intermediate English skills
- have a clear imagination of what they want to achieve during this project and how they want to use the new skills in their daily work
- have experience with non-formal activities regarding environmental topics or are willing to acquire them
- are motivated to share their skills by workshops and be committed to implement activities in the follow-up phase

We expect a full dedication during the whole project cycle: preparation (preparing presentations), implementation (active participation, implementing workshops) and follow-up (creation manual and implementing workshops).

Participating Organisations



Next Level e.V./Germany: Applicant Organisation

Youth Association DRONI/Georgia: Hosting Organisation

Fundacja We are for U/Poland: Partner Organisation

A.O. Pro Bono/Moldova: Partner Organisation

PANGEYA ULTIMA/Ukraine: Partner Organisation

PLANBE PLAN IT BE IT/Cyprus: Partner Organisation

Travel

We recommend to fly either to the **International Airport Tbilisi** via Istanbul with Turkish Airlines, Pegasus Airlines; via Riga with Baltic Airlines or LOT via Warsaw or directly with Eurowings, Condor or Lufthansa from Germany or LOT from Warsaw or FlyOne from Chisinau. The other option is to travel directly with Wizzair from Germany, Cyprus or Poland to the **International Airport Kutaisi** in Western Georgia and continue to Tbilisi with a shuttle bus company which operates according to the arriving and departing flights (Georgian Bus or Omnibus Express).

Travel Budget

Germany: 335 EUR

Georgia: 0 EUR

Poland: 335 EUR

Moldova: 250 EUR

Cyprus: 250 EUR

Ukraine: 250 EUR (with an option to increase the budget to max. 530 EUR per person, in case a longer travel is necessary to reach Georgia from Ukraine or from a third-country)

The amount of 25 EUR per participant is already deducted and will be used to organise local inter-city transfers.

NOTE: March 22 and March 31 are the travel days.



Accommodation and Catering

The expenses for accommodation, catering and local transport will be fully covered by the Erasmus+ Programme. The group will be accommodated in hotels in 2-3 bedrooms. There will be 3 meals per day and 2 coffee breaks. Dietary needs or allergies should be communicated to the organisers in the application form.

Application

If you want to be part of this project please get in touch with your sending organisation first. Afterwards please fill the application form by clicking [HERE](#) by **5th February 2023**.

Explicit information about the arrival, Hotel, transfer to the venue, and return will be sent to the selected participants

Contact

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