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ABSTRACT

“Smart-Social Rural Entrepreneurship Programme” (S-SREP) aims to increase the social entrepreneurship skills of young farmers through supporting the capacity building of local youth workers and developing cooperation between youth organisations working on rural development and to enable rural youth to gain knowledge, skills and experience in agriculture and technology-oriented job opportunities.

Objectives of the project:

- Determine the needs of young farmers for business start-ups and social entrepreneurship, and gather experiences and approaches on using technological tools in agriculture in the project countries.
- Create training content to equip young farmers with knowledge, skills, and experience to establish technology-oriented and environmentally friendly social enterprises.
- Create inclusive support systems to promote the use of technological tools and social entrepreneurship in rural areas. This includes enhancing the capacity of local youth workers to guide farmers and fostering collaboration among youth organizations.

FACILITATOR TRAINING

08.08.2024 - 15.08.2024

- Objective: To enhance the capacity of facilitators who will support the learning process of farmers, focusing on technological tools in agriculture, rural social entrepreneurship, facilitation skills, educational methods, and peer learning.
- Date and Location: August 8-15, 2024, in Karlovac - Croatia. Arrival day: 08.08.2024. Departure day: 15.08.2024
- Participants: 12 youth workers (4 from each project partner); 1 education consultant from Genç Çaba Association; 1 education consultant from Mano Europa; 2 trainers from IYP for facilitation training implementation. Total Participants: 16 individuals.
- Training Content: Focuses on technological tools in agriculture, rural social entrepreneurship, facilitation skills, educational methods, and peer learning.
- Post-Training Role: Participating youth workers will support the learning process of young farmers through both face-to-face and online tools. Each facilitator will be responsible for 10 young farmers, conducting face-to-face meetings, answering questions on the online platform, and reporting on the learning progress of their assigned farmers every three months.

THE VENUE TOWN

Karlovac is a small cosy city, located on a route between the Croatia's capital of Zagreb (very close), and a bit further from the biggest Croatian port, City of Rijeka. It is known as the town of four rivers (Kupa, Korana, Mrežnica and Dobra) and with those four rivers surrounding the town, it's location provides a perfect place for learning about environment and practicing outdoor activities.

Looked from above, it has a shape of a star, with very few other cities in the world having the same geometry as it had a very important strategic role in the history.

One of the interesting facts about Karlovac is that one of the oldest Croatian brewery, Karlovačka pivovara (croatian for Karlovac brewery) was founded in Karlovac in 1854, producing since then it's most famous and one of the „main“ Croatian beers, Karlovačko pivo. There is even a saying that beer is Karlovac's fifth river. Also, castle Dubovac watching over the town :)



ARRIVING TO KARLOVAC

- To reach Karlovac first you need to get to Zagreb, by plane, bus or train. Then, you can use a bus or train to reach Karlovac :)
- From the Zagreb Franjo Tuđman International Airport to Zagreb bus station, you can arrive by Airport Shuttle bus
- From there you can take another bus to Karlovac. If you prefer to travel by train, get to the Zagreb Main train station (close to the bus station) and take a train to Karlovac CENTER (direction Duga Resa, Ogulin or Moravice)
- Both trains and buses go relatively often (every few hours) and it's a short ride for both the bus and the train (approx 1hr)
- Please let us know how you decide to travel and we will look up certain time schedules and similar to help



TO THE ACCOMODATION

- To reach the accomodation from the bus or train station (green square) where you arrived from Zagreb, use the following map to the hostel (blue square):
- note that the train station is “Karlovac CENTAR”, not to be confused with “Karlovac MAIN STATION”

AT THE ACCOMODATION

- The accommodation will be in the Student’s dormitory (<http://www.hostel-bedem.eu/>), in triple and twin bedrooms
- Use the link to explore (switch the site on english!), and don’t hesitate to ask if you have any questions regarding the available utilities or similar
- All participants should be at the accomodiation for dinner time on the arrival day (08.08.2024.)