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## PROJECT TITLE

# Active Rural Youth - Changemakers of Tomorrow

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September 17th-22nd 2024

Mountain home “Dojkinci” (Piot, Serbia)

**PARTNER ORGANISATIONS:**

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# INTRODUCTION

Do you want to become changemaker in rural communities through social innovation?

- Have you ever considered to use technology in order to co-create sustainable solutions in rural communities?
- Have you thought about the fact that young people's voices are not being heard loudly enough on issues that directly affect them?
- Have you ever considered how could you deepen your connection to the environment and cultivate greater mindfulness towards it?
- We invite you to become changemaker of tomorrow by participating today in this youth exchange



# HOW TO KNOW IF THIS PROJECT IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

If you're aged 20 to 25 and want to become a changemaker in your local community through social innovation ?

- Is your background from natural sciences, tech, forestry, agriculture, art or social sciences ?
- Have you ever considered using technology in order to create sustainable solutions in rural communities?
- Have you ever considered how you could deepen your connection to the environment and cultivate greater mindfulness towards it?
- Are you keen on spending more time outdoors, and eager to explore eco-friendly practices, then this project is tailor-made for you.





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We want strongly motivated and committed participants that is why we are going to pay attention to answers in your **APPLICATION**

**FROM EACH COUNTRY WE WILL SELECT:**

- 5 participants aged 20-25 years old;
- 1 group leader over 20 to accompany and guide the group.

Please, read carefully **RULES** and **LEARNING AGREEMENT** for the participants on the website [www.kidhub.rs](http://www.kidhub.rs)



## TRAVEL DAY

September 17th-22nd

Arrival Day September 16th (from 14.00 - 18.00)

Departure day September 23rd (after 10.00)

**Language of Communication:** English.

## VENUE

Mountain home “Dojkinici” (Pirot, Serbia)

## TARGET GROUP

Youth 20 - 25

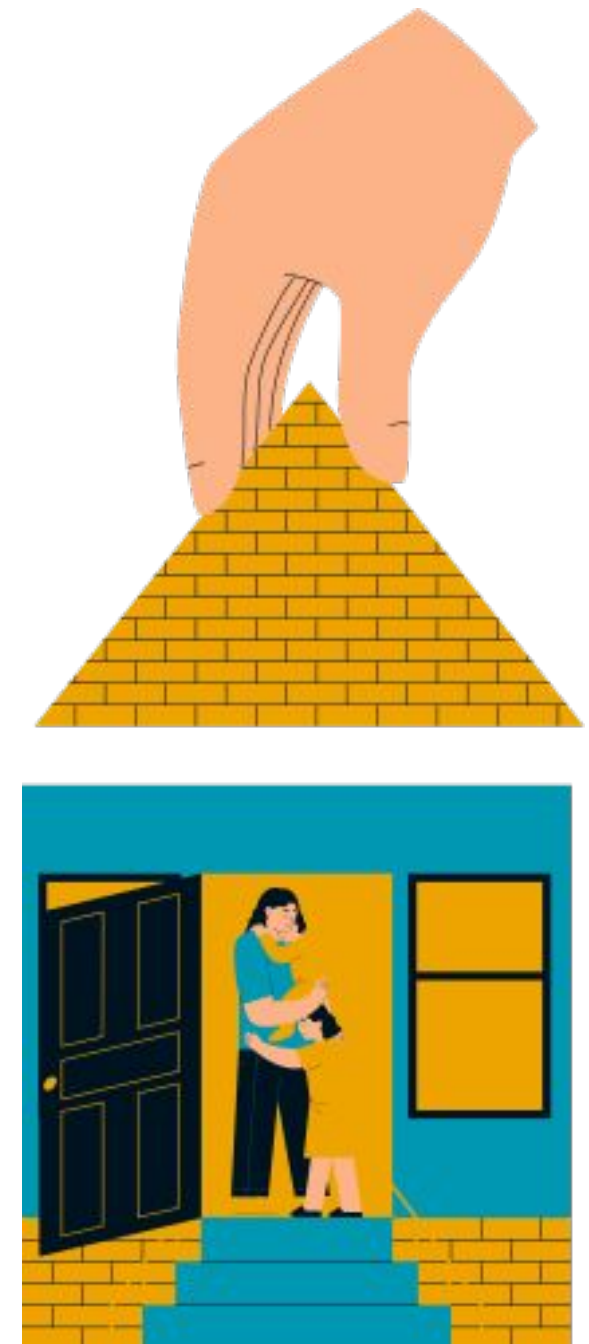
Youth Leaders 20+





# ABOUT US

KidHub is an organization focused on improving education through the design and implementation of programs focused on non-formal education, culture and social innovation. In our work, we promote a human-centric approach - solving challenges starting from the real needs of our target groups with a focus on **MAKER** education and **STEAM**. We are representatives of the international educational program Designaton and ambassadors of the "Education for Social Innovation" program. We are part of the EASE - European Association of STEAM educators network.[www.kidhub.rs](http://www.kidhub.rs)



# ABOUT THE PROJECT

Youth Exchange “Active Rural Youth - Changemakers of tomorrow” aims to bring 20 young people from Serbia, Romania, Spain and Greece together in a natural outdoor setting conducive to experiential learning and cultural exchange.

The project improves the level of skills and attitudes of young people towards “changemaker mindset” from rural and underdeveloped urban areas and also promotes social inclusion through active civic engagement in order to build more democratic, more inclusive, and more prosperous communities.

By “changemaker mindset”, as introduced by Ashoka global network of social innovators, we mean a wide range of skills necessary in the 21st century, such as problem solving, empathy, leadership, teamwork, entrepreneurship, scientific, technological and digital literacy.





# OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- a) To improve “changemaker” skills and attitudes of young people for active citizenship with focus on inclusion of rural youth and developing sensibility for intercultural communication and better understanding of EU perspectives
- b) To raise awareness about necessity for active engagement of youth in socially and environmentally relevant topics
- c) To support alternative forms of youth participation and to promote “participation for all” among local stakeholders





# METHODS USED IN YOUTH EXCHANGE

The mobility activities will be carried out according to the activities plan, using non-formal methods (public café, open space, brainstorming, debate, round table, case study, workshops, practical activities, study visits, outdoor activities, hiking, meeting with representatives from the local community, cultural evenings, debates, analysis conclusions and others proposed by the participants), in a multicultural atmosphere of mutual respect, favoring the achievement of the purpose and objectives of the project. We are also going to explore possibilities of using “Social Innovation Education” methodology for the purpose of co-creating sustainable solutions for rural communities.



# VENUE AND ACCOMODATION

Sports and recreation center "Dojkinci" - one of the most modern and fully equipped mountain lodges in Serbia.

It is located in the village of Dojkinci, about 40 kilometers from the town of Pirot, on Stara Planina and the entrance to the strict nature reserves of the Stara Planina Nature Park.

The facility is in a beautiful setting, next to the Dojkina river, at 900 meters above sea level, connected by an asphalt road to Pirot.





# VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

In the vicinity of the facility there is one of the most beautiful waterfalls of Stara Planina, the Tupavica waterfall, then the Vrelo resort, a trout pond, a system of trails for walking, hiking, cycling, etc., the Visitor Center - the Vrelo visitor center that presents the natural and cultural heritage of the Stara Planina Nature Park .



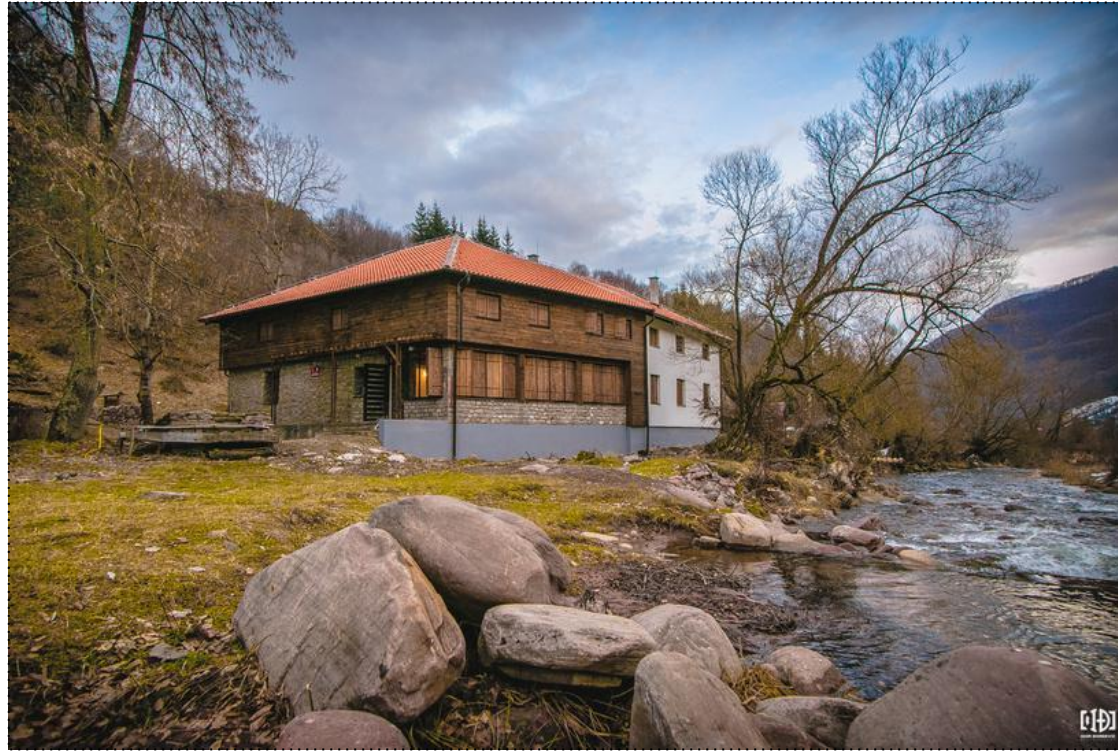
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This specific locality for YE is one of the many Serbian villages struggling to survive in the 21st Century, located in the nature reserve of the Stara Planina Nature Park. It is an example of a positive solution in the local community, because with the revival of the old mountain home, that part of Serbia, where most of the houses are abandoned, began to revive.

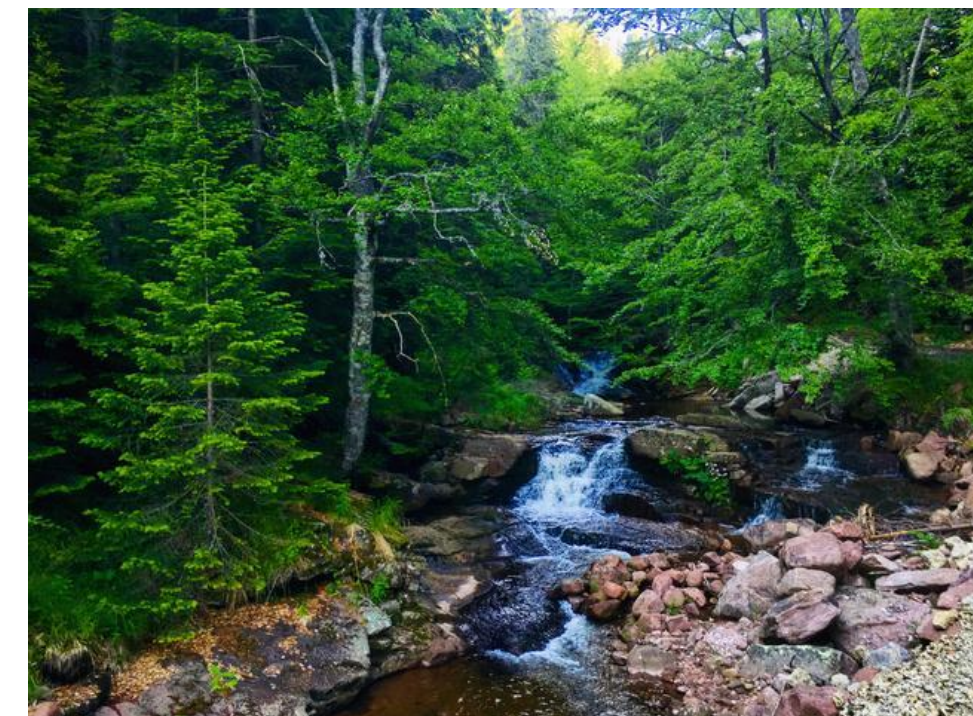




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Mountain home Dojkinici has 4 group bedrooms with shared bathrooms in which there are 8 or 10 beds for youth exchange participants, grouped by gender. Dining rooms, lounges, covered and open public spaces, and sports fields will also be available.





# MEALS

Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided, as well as coffee and snacks in coffee breaks twice a day.

Please let us know about your dietary requests in the application form.

Alcoholic drinks are not included in any lunch or dinner.





# WEATHER AND DRESS CODE:

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September, the first month of the autumn in Dojkinici, has an average between 10 °C and 21°C. Please check [accuweather.com](https://www.accuweather.com) for more updated information about the weather.

Casual, comfortable sportswear, slippers or sneakers for indoor and comfortable shoes for outdoor activities. It may also rain throughout our stay, so please pack warm clothes, waterproof jackets, and shoes.



# RULES OF CONDUCT IN THE VENUE

- 1) All participants are advised to take care and respect property of Mountain house Dojkinici, including the keys. If, in any circumstances they lose the key or damage anything they will be obliged to cover all costs towards the center.
- 2) All dormitories are being cleaned by Mountain home “Dojkinici” staff. All participants however need to maintain their spaces clean and tidy, demonstrating respect to the venue staff.
- 3) Personal property and belongings are each participant’s own responsibility; therefore they should take all necessary precautions.

# TRAVEL PROCEDURES

No participant can arrive later than the arrival day or depart earlier than the day of departure. Skipping activity days is also not tolerated.

We encourage greener means of travel, such as public transportation, carpooling, or contracted bus.

Costs covered by the participants will be reimbursed based on justificative documents.

Select the ticket (the most economical); Inform us (KidHub) regarding your selection;

Please do NOT buy tickets before consulting with us to avoid the ineligibility of your traveling expenses.

Buy the tickets only after our (KidHub) confirmation.



# TRAVEL BUDGET

Bulgaria 138 EUR (Green travel)

Greece 180 EUR

Spain 410 EUR (Green travel)

Serbia 138 EUR (Green travel)



# TRAVEL PROCEDURES

The travel expenses will be reimbursed via bank transfer to the bank accounts of each partner organization, after all the requested travel documents: invoices, receipts, tickets, boarding passes will be provided to us on their original forms, concerning both arrival and departure.

To avoid exceeding the travel budget or the risk of not finding a green means of transport, it is recommended to buy tickets at least 4 weeks before the mobility



# IMPORTANT

Most of the costs like travel, activities, materials, accommodation, and daily food, are covered by the Erasmus+ programme. Rest, such as insurance, travel upgrades such as priority, checked-in luggage, 1st class tickets, etc, are not covered. Please, remember, The EU does co-fund, not fully fund this event, therefore you must cover your additional expenses.



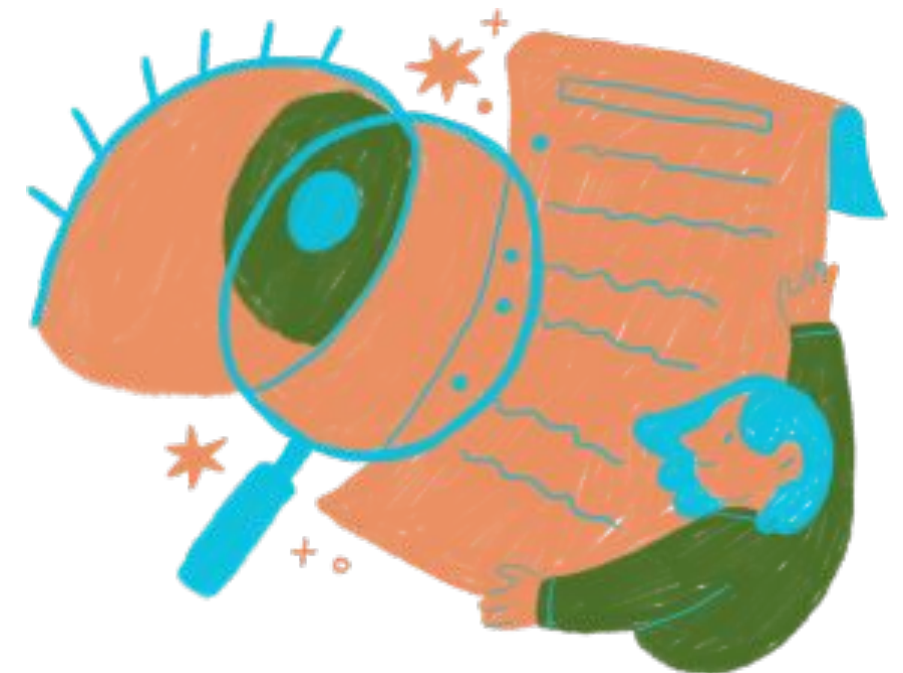
# INSURANCE

All the participants must have valid travel insurance for the whole project period, including the travel days. The insurance must cover the following:

- Third-party liability
- Lost or stolen baggage.
- Accidents and serious illness.

We cannot accept participants without private travel insurance.

Supplementary, we also recommend that you get a European health insurance card.





# YOUTH PASS CERTIFICATE

Youth Exchange proposes the validation of non-formal and informal learning and the skills gained by each participant, through the European Youthpass Certificate, which you will receive after the completion of the youth exchange. The YouthPass is a process of recognition of competences developed within the Erasmus+ for Youth. Through the YouthPass certificate, the participation in such projects can be recognised as an educational experience and a period of non-formal and informal learning.

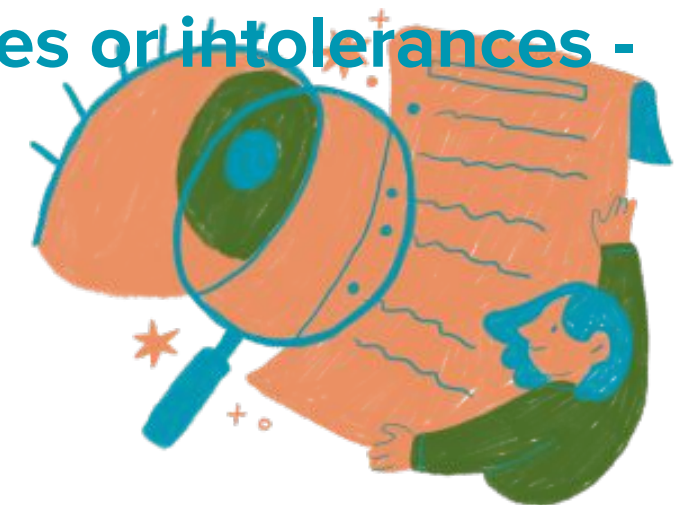


# HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply, it is enough to fill in the form below from KidHub or the partner organization in your country. We will get in touch with you.

Before applying please carefully read the application form and note that:

1. We are not responsible for the wrong or incomplete data you introduce in the form.
2. Your data such as name, e-mail, and date of birth must be correct. Making mistakes will automatically translate into wrong information on your certificate received at the end of the project.
3. You must use no other email address other than yours. Make sure you have access to it.
4. You have to specify to us if you prefer a vegetarian or vegan menu or have any allergies or intolerances - this cannot be changed during the project .





# THANK YOU

If you have any questions, please contact us  
through any of the following:

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