



Eco.Log.Y. Invitation for partners

„**Eco.Log.Y.**“ – it's a multinational youth exchange project that will take place in Plateliai, Lithuania at the end of July this year. The project is organized by **NGO „Krantas“**. NGO „Krantas“ will apply for funding from EU programme „Youth in action“ – action 1.1. „Youth exchanges“. The deadline for the applications is the 1st of February.

Organization - NGO „Krantas“ aims at creating a safe space for young people to realise their ideas, supports their initiatives and gives the opportunity on non-formal and intercultural learning. Organization is 11 years old and is one of the most active organizations in the region of Plunge, Lithuania. There are 25 active members in the organization. More about organization at www.nvokrantas.lt

Previous experiences. During 11 years the members of the organization had organized 4 youth exchanges itself and have participated in more than 30 youth exchanges and conferences in Europe and Asia.

Projects, that **were organized** by NGO „Krantas“:

- 2006 „Protected Environment – Happy You“ - [pictures of the project.](#)
- 2008 „Come closer – it's art“ - [pictures of the project.](#)
- 2010 „Use negative make positive“ - [blog of the project.](#)
- 2011 „Ycity 2011“ - [article and webpage of the project.](#)

Current project – Eco.Log.Y.

Main topics of the project are: **ecology, sustainable consumption and social media**. 24 young people from 3 different countries will be involved in this project.

The project is supposed to last for 7 days, during which the participants of the project will learn and try to elaborate on the topics listed above: what are the problems regarding these topics in their home countries and how could these **people make an impact in their local communities**.

The methods that will be used in the exchange are **flashmobs, recycling and rebuilding workshops, working with video/photo media**, and other forms of **non-formal education** (energisers, simulation games and role play games).

One of the goals of the project is the **continuity of the activities and the results through social media**. There are only few social advertisements in Plunge – none of them are dedicated for ecology and sustainability. We have a goal of creating **attractive and creative social advertisements** (posters, leaflets, videos, etc.) that could be used in public places of Plunge and Plateliai.

Participants of the project will have a chance of bringing the outcomes of the project back to their home countries - this way spreading the word !



The project will be split into three stages:

Stage 1. Getting to know the problem

- The participants will have a chance to share their ideas and get to know ecological problems in Lithuania and their home countries;
- Participants get to know what methods can be used to make an impact to the society

Stage 2. Understanding the problem and looking for solutions

- Participants dig deeper into the problem and start using the methods:
 - Workshop on recycling and reusing takes place;
 - Getting ready for the local action takes place;
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Stage 3. Making an impact and working on solutions

- Spending the day in Plunge town – local action takes part (a flashmob, press conference, other activities that were planned in stage 2)
- A trip to one of the most beautiful national parks in Lithuania – Kursiu nerija takes place.
- The creation and presentation of the social advertisements takes place;

The aim of the activities is to make people of Plunge aware of the ecological issues in their areas and the situation in Europe. The project is aimed at the people of all ages in the area. Making an impact and a change in the thinking of the participants and the local community are the **main purposes of this project**.

Project leaders



Dominykas Jaugelis

Experience: I have started participating at NGO „Krantas“ more than 4 years ago. During the time I have been the coordinator of international relationships of NGO „Krantas“.

I have participated in more than 10 various international youth exchanges in Turkey, Switzerland, Poland, Sweden, Denmark, Lithuania, Belgium and Bulgaria.

I have been a part of organizing 2 youth exchanges in Lithuania and Denmark as well.

Motivation: I want to do this project simply because I have seen many good and bad examples of international youth exchanges. I have been thinking a lot and have decided to make one exchange project myself – to make it an ideal opportunity for people to learn and develop. You can find me on [Facebook](#), let's communicate !



Donata Vengalytė

I have been working in NGO "Krantas" since 2008. Since then I saw a lot of youth exchange examples, have travelled around the Europe and took part in all most important NGO "Krantas" youth exchanges.

I want to be the part of this project because now it is the best time for me to share and show everything that I have learned from my past expierences, reveal and develop my leader skills, fullfil my personal aims and encourage younger people to seek and be the best they can .





Practicalities

The project could not be done without partners. For that reason **we are in contact with:**

- National Park of Plateliai
- National Park of Kursiu Nerija
- Our friends - organizations that work with social media;
- International partners – **YOU**.

Deadlines: We are applying the project for the deadline of 1st of February. We want to hear from you at the 18th of February latest !

Financing – 70% of travel costs and 100% of accommodation and food costs are covered by the programme “Youth in Action”

Group structure: 6 young people + 2 leaders

Countries: all Youth in Action countries.

Advanced Planning Visit – we are planning on having the advanced planning visit at the end of June. Details and dates for the APV and the project itself will be adjusted after the partners are clear.

So, if your organisation wants to **make an impact** by participating in this project, do not hesitate to send us an email at nvokrantas@gmail.com.

We want to know:

- The name of your organization
- Age of the participants in the organization
- Activities that is being done in the organization
- Number of members in the organization

Let's keep in touch !

NGO „Krantas“