

KA1 Mobility project for young people and youth workers- Youth Exchange

Brief description of the project

The project aims to increase the knowledge on the migration's phenomenon with reference to the new dynamics of Europe. The youth exchange will allow to observe the motivations of the transnational mobility and the opportunities that such a multicultural society could offer to young people. The participants will debate on the sense of multiple identity of the migrants (in particular of the second generation), the possible intercultural conflicts and the process of assimilation, integration and social exclusion.

The youth exchange will deal with many prejudices and with the superficial awareness of this phenomenon, that is frequently confused with other problems such as terrorism. The project will allow the participants to face topics such as freedom of expression, thought, conscience and religion through reflecting on the recent mondial events, from Charlie Hebdo in France to the terrorist attack at the Bardo National Museum in Tunis. This project wants to demonstrate the opportunities of a multicultural Europe through the growing mobility of young people. The exchange will take place in Palermo (Italy), multicultural city, in October 2015.

Objectives of the project

The general objective is:

to increase the knowledge on the phenomenon of migration in all its forms and the opportunities that it offers as contact between different people and cultures, in the direction of an intercultural development of the participants.

We foresee to reach the following specific objectives:

- to stimulate the awareness of young people on the benefits of a multicultural society;
- to foster the intercultural dialogue and to improve the inter-relational competences between the participants;
- to increase the awareness of young people on the training and working experiences that the transnational mobility offers;
- to supply with necessary instruments to fight any form of stereotype on migrations;
- to recognize and act against any form of discrimination;
- to increase young people's awareness about the influence of governments and mass media on topics such as migration, intercultural conflict and social inclusion;
- to improve the construction of positive relationship between young people coming from different cultural background.

Expected results of the project

We foresee that the participants will acquire or develop:

- increased knowledge and awareness of the opportunities provided by a multicultural society;
- language skills (working language English);
- intercultural awareness;

- ability to relate to a different youth culture (history, ethnicity, religion);
- ability to feel comfortable in multicultural contexts;
- sense of responsibility to themselves, the group and the community ;
- a new perception of the different ways of understanding reality;
- knowledge of the Erasmus Plus Programme;
- knowledge and awareness of European values;
- motivation to participate in the future in new educational opportunities;

Number and profile of the participants

This youth exchange will involve young people interested in topic of multiculturalism and the dynamics of the migration's phenomenon; they will share with the rest of the group their personal knowledge and experience. The youth exchange will involve 30 participants (5 participants + 1 group leader per country) .

All participants must be:

- aged between 18 and 25 years old;
- highly motivated to contribute to the exchange leaving the stereotypes at home;
- available for the full duration of the exchange.

Number and profile of the partners

We are looking for partners from Tunisia, Egypt, France, Germany, Turkey, Sweden and Finland working in the youth field, promoting the values of the EU, active against discrimination, racism, and fostering active participation in the communities at both local and European level.

In order to apply, please fill and send the attached document to l.costa@peresempionlus.org by the 17th of April.