



EUvolution International Youth Exchange

“EUvolution” is International Youth Exchange about youth mobility and European citizenship. In the spirit of the 30th anniversary of Erasmus+, which is celebrated in 2017, this project has the main goal of promoting tolerance and EU awareness among youngsters through the participation in Erasmus+ long-term mobility projects. The youth exchange will take place in the small village of Chãos, Portugal.

About the project:

“EUvolution” is an international youth exchange that will bring together 24 young people from 4 countries (5 participants+1 group leader from each country).

Our main goals are:

- ✓ raising awareness about the Erasmus + projects relevant for the participants (EVS, student mobility, internships, trainings, etc.);
- ✓ fighting stereotypes and fears about living abroad during a mobility project;
- ✓ promoting tolerance for people living abroad.

The participants will also discuss their expectations, fears and what they will learn in Erasmus+ long term mobility projects, the impact of such projects on all the stakeholders (participants, local communities, etc) and also exchange their opinions about current European problems and their influence on everyone. Furthermore, a net of horizontal relationships between the participants will be created during the project (so they can develop new projects together; exchange the information and opinions about ongoing problems, therefore promoting critical thinking and reduce the influence of popular media on young people's opinions).

During the youth exchange, the youngsters will participate to outdoor activities typical of our rural area, like hiking, climbing, visiting a local cave and visiting the cities nearby.

For whom?

- ✓ Young people from 18 to 25 years old
- ✓ With less opportunity, that are unemployed, or at risk of leaving school at an early stage
- ✓ Without experience in Erasmus+ long-term mobility projects
- ✓ With a basic knowledge of the English language
- ✓ Interested in the topic

When?

From 5 to 11 June 2017





**Rancho
Folclórico
de Chãos**



Where?

Chãos, municipality of Rio Maior, Portugal - a small village (170 inhabitants) in the middle of Natural Park of Serra d'Aire e Candeeiros (PNSAC). It is situated about 90 km from Lisbon and 220 km from Porto in Central Portugal.

The activities will take place in “Centro Cultural de Chãos” – which consist of lodging, traditional restaurant, conference room and other buildings.

Who we are?

Our organization placed in Chãos (about 170 inhabitants), in a Natural Park, grew up, when the youngsters and all the community found some limits in their economic and social life. The organization was a way to start to find new strategies to overcome the difficulties that all the community lived when the agriculture started to stagnate, because this is a rural place.

The organization that started as a dancing traditional group, became an answer for the children and youngsters, providing a place for them, where they can have support in school subjects, or even participating in activities when they have free time, helping them in a social way and also promoting their personal skills. This organization is for youngsters a place to develop themselves through different projects.

We develop national and international projects that give to these youngsters the possibility to contact with different cultures, that in another they would not have this opportunity.

