Youth exchange **Cultural heritage – united in diversity**

**Our organisation:**

We are non-formal group Cardio Youngs and our members are youngsters with healthy problems – cardiological diseases. Most of them in past participated in children summer camps for this target group, but now are young adults and can organize and participate for example in youth exchanges. In 3 years we had 3 youth exchanges with different topics (2015 – Photo in your Life – about taking pictures, virtual behaviour and looking for job, 2016 – Handmade-way to creativity, relaxation, self-employment – about creative techniques and entrepreneurship releated to our hobbies, 2017 – Non-formal education through board games – how to use board games as tool in non-formal education). Now we prepare our first training course with topic of board games as tool in non-formal education. Our youngsters are mostly with fewer opportunities – healthy problems and in our project is of course place for another youth with fewer opportunities.

**Project idea:**

In last months we could observe more and more discussions about cultural identity, protection of own culture and about multiculturalism at otherside. One of ways how to speak and learn about our cultural identity is to see and know our cultural heritage as product of our nation and culture. But youngsters in majority don´t like to go, get to know and learn about their cultural heritage, monuments and everything what there left our fathers. We see one of problems of this fact, that presentation of cultural heritage is not so interesting for young people. Informations and presentations about monuments in each country is done mostly by adults and really educated adults on this fields. And than youngsters don´t know that they can better understand culture, cultural difference and values of each country when they get to know better their cultural heritage. Our project idea is to bring together youngsters from different european corners in Slovakia and at example of our slovak historical monuments and cultural heritage to learn about cultural identity and differences, to lead intercultural dialogue and at first place: to discuss and prepare activities for better promotion and getting to know of cultural heritage by young people for young people, for example with using digital technologies, taking photos... We will use example of Slovak country with our heritage as old towns, folk architecture, churches, industrial monuments... but we will prepare activities applicated to each country. These can be in future used in non-formal education. Next year will be European year of cultural heritage and this is one of reason, why we would like organize project with this topic.

**Goals:**

1, promote cultural identity and culture through cultural heritage of involved countries

2, to understand culture and values of involved countries through view at cultural history

3, increase interest of youngsters for their cultural heritage and to gain ways how to promote cultural heritage for young people

4, discover and find out examples of activities for getting to know and promoting cultural heritage for youngsters, which can be use in future in non-formal education

5, to learn about european values and active citizenship through protection and promotion of cultural heritage

**Practicalities:**

**Date:** June 2018

**Duration:** 14 days

**Place:** different places in Slovakia

Our idea is to stay in different places in Slovakia according of cultural and historical monuments with which we will work as tool of non-formal education. It means that we will have accomodation in different places (but everywhere normal accomodation in house - hotel, pension) and we will travel by rented bus to excursions. We will be approximately half of days outside of our accomodation and we will work directly in places with cultural and historical monuments. Another days we use for workshops, discussions, group work, role playing... From this each country will have own time for sessions about cultural heritage, presentation of this and situation in their country. And during exchange we will work together at brochure with our own activities for promotion, getting to know and using cultural heritage and historical monuments as tool in non-formal education for learn about cultural identity and intercultural dialogue.

**Number of participants and countries:** 7 countries – 5 participants + leader – together 42 participants

**Age limit:** 18 – 25 years, leader without limit

**APV** – planning visit: march/april in Bratislava or surrounding – 1 leader + 1 participant from each country

**Tasks for partners and preparation for youth exchange:**

1, after approving of project we will sign agreements about cooperation, where will be points about our cooperation: sending participants, profile of participants, preparation of participants, travel rembuisement...

2, to send motivated participants who agree with rules: active participation in program and active preparation before exchange, no project tourists! And no alcohol policy in this project!

3, preparation of parts of program: each country will have in program workshops about their cultural heritage and historical monuments, ways of promotions for young people, situation in their country with sense of cultural identity, multiculturalism, intercultural dialogue...

**Financial conditions:**

1, as non-formal group we don´t have any other grants for this project and as financial contribution there will be participants fee around 30-40 Euro

2, accomodation, food 5x/day, transport during project, material.... will be founded

3, travel costs according E+ rules we will rembuise inmediately after project when we became original travel documents from participants

**Impact, dissemination:**

1, each partner will inform about project – for example web site, presentation in organisation, presentation for public – details we will discuss