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KA1 - Learning Mobility of Individuals

Association "Terra di Mezzo" – Italy

Project: "A sustainable environment for the development of rural areas "

Practical Information

Project Legal Name: "A sustainable environment for the development of rural areas"
Hosting Organization: "Terra di Mezzo" (ITALY)
Project Start Date: 1 February 2018
Project Total Duration: 8 Months
Project End Date: 30 September 2018
Dates of the preliminary visit (APV):
2nd – 3rd March 2018 ITALY (Sersale – Calabria) (excluding travel days)
Dates of the meeting: **from 25th May to 3rd June 2018 ITALY** (Sersale – Calabria) (excluding travel days)
Countries: All Programme Countries & 5 young people from each organization

Each partner will organize a **group of 5 young people aged between 18 and 30** (and 1 leader) and the group must be done by ensuring as far as possible the gender balance.

Action: Erasmus+ KA1
Budget: **Accommodation, food, activity costs 100% will be covered within the program.**
Most importantly: **There will be a contribution to travel expenses based on the distance in kilometers as shown in the Erasmus program.**
Venue: **Sersale / Italy (Calabria)**
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PROJECT SUMMARY

The project "A sustainable environment for the development of rural areas" will take place in **June 2018**. During the youth exchange the Italian organization will host 18 young participants (aged 18-30 years) and the team leaders (no age limit) from partner countries. They will work together on the following subjects: Environment - Entrepreneurship.

The aim of the project is to foster the exchange of ideas between young people of different cultures in order to build awareness raising actions on environment and biodiversity.

The projects aims to encourage youth commitment to the environment, through creative and follow-up workshops on management, promotion and active citizenship of the nature reserve "Valli Cupe" of the host territory. The natural site has contributed in the last few years to the youth employment and to the rural development of the entire territory.



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The basic idea is to make the physical space of the " **A sustainable environment for the development of rural areas** " the place of design and testing of productive ecosystems that focus on the diversity, stability and flexibility of natural ecosystems in a conscious and efficient interaction between man and environment. The experience will be a synthesis of ecology, geography, anthropology, sociology and design.

Through the project we intend to develop young people's skills in order to increase their autonomy, employment opportunities, their being active and aware in the search for a sustainable and rewarding life. The organization aims to develop and enhance the ecological and environmental sustainability awareness through the participation of different groups, such as young people, workers and development agents.

The cultural exchange will offer young people the opportunity to think, feel, invent and design integration in the world; to draw their own way of life, their home, the surrounding territory, with particular reference to sustainable agricultural production and sustainable tourism.

After the meeting young people will propose design and sustainable and integrated management of human and productive settlements in the territory.

The youth exchange will take place in SERSALE in Calabria (Italy) and will be for 10 days (excluding travel days). It will involve young people aged 18-30 years.

During their stay, participants will have the opportunity:

1. to present their local and national culture;
2. to learn the local and national culture of the partner countries and of the host country through the presentation of sustainable experiences, especially concerning agriculture and tourism for the development of local production;
3. to co-operate among peers for the construction of an intercultural project;
4. to experience cooperative learning, peer education to practice, to be teachers and students;
5. to gain practical skills and improve communication skills.

The main objectives of the project are as follows:

- Developing skills to do an independent research project;
- Promoting knowledge of different cultural expressions;
- Promoting the comparison among young people, in order to find contact points and to enrich the cross-cultural training;
- Encouraging the development of a European consciousness, stimulating reflection on the differences in cultures and values.

The different activities will use informal procedures and appropriate methodologies: team-building, peer-education, cooperative learning, role-play, debates, outdoor activities, learning by doing and workshops.

The association "Terra di Mezzo", together with the other project promoters, will organize the learning program to improve and upgrade the skills in the field of cultural promotion, exchange of knowledge, using innovative methods and best practices already tested.

The objective of the project is to promote creative thinking, knowledge of the cultural heritage of the partner countries and supporting the socialization experiences, comparing the results with similar initiatives at European level.