

CALL FOR PARTNERS KA1 Erasmus+ Program Youth Exchange

Rock the Mountains is a Youth Exchange that took place in Organyà, a small village in Catalan Pyrenees, in March 2016. During 10 days, young people from Catalonia, Sardinia, Belgium, Bulgaria and Finland were experiencing life in Pyrenees, different cultures and music traditions.

The project's aim was to create a positive environment for self-expression and personal growth through artistic activities and music in particular. 25 musicians and artists have lived together, experiencing a 'lifetime' of normal Organyà villagers' life: they've been on top of Santa Fe, sung Caramelles, played Gymkhana with local youngsters, danced with Goigdansa, and finally, have created a 2 concert shows, which were enjoyed by more than 300 people in Organyà and La Seu d'Urgell.

# Why Rock the Mountains II?

After its first edition, many youngsters from Pyrenees and partner countries started asking about the possibility of organizing the project again; so, not thinking long, Pirineus Creatius has decided to host the second edition of the musical youth exchange, approx. in March 2018.



The aim of the project *Rock the Mountains II* is to give an opportunity for young people in their personal growth, sharing their talents and cultures with other participants of the project and a local community, which will take an active part in all the activities. The exchange will create space for communication and co-habitation, which will allow participants to learn about different musical styles and traditions, getting to know more about themselves and other cultures through music.

The **project will consist of workshops** on musicality, rhythm, creativity, theatre, work on self-development and confidence, team-work and the process of learning through music. It will involve **cultural presentations** and rehearsals, which will be aimed to **organize and implement a concert** in Organyà, Catalonia, Spain, where the abilities of participants and the achievements of the project will be demonstrated. International **cooperation and mobility** opportunities for youngsters will also be promoted, in order to establish strong partnership for possible future projects and spread a word about Erasmus plus prorgam.

The **method of learning** during activities will be based on **non-formal education** and will involve the participants in decision-making process relevant to the program before and after the project. Notwithstanding the fact, that the **language of activities and workshops will be English**, this **will not be an obstacle** for participation of youngsters, who might not have a high level enough, but special attention will be given to their integration; **the language of the exchange will be music**.

Participation in this cultural exchange means **taking part in the development of art as an educational tool** for personal preparation of youth for the world that surrounds them. This project draws a **possibility of developing one's creativity and artistic and musical skills**, bearing in mind team work, personal and collective respect for each other and different cultures and visions on the world. Rock the Mountains **will plant a seed**, **so that its participants are able to enrich European community, keeping in mind all its diversity**.



### Who are we looking for?

Organizations that work directly with young people and have experience in organizing musical events and international projects. If you are the one :) here is the deal:

Associació Pirineus Creatius is responsible for coordination of the project and its organization on the local level, project's program and activities.

#### Your responsibility would be the following:

- Promote the project on its all stages (posts on web and social networks).

- Find 5 participants, preferably before the projects submittion (according to participant's profile of the project, please see below).

- Support of participants in organizing their travel to the venue.

- Support of participants during the activity (sending a reliable group-leader).

- Send all necessary documents to receive reimbursement of the travel expenses.

- Disseminate project's results widely.

The EU grant will cover all the expenses\*

\*Travel expenses according to the limited amount, established by Erasmus plus program.

#### **Participants profile:**

- Age<sup>1</sup>: 18-26 (Leaders - max. 30 years old)

- Creative: professional and amateur musicians, actors, singers; the most important is MOTIVATION!

- Open to other cultures and interested in sharing and learning

- Those young people who have little of international experience or none.
- Youth with fewer opportunities: social&geographical obstacles, unemployment, etc.

Sounds good? Then join us! :)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For exceptions, please contact the project coordinator



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For more information please visit: <u>http://pirineuscreatius.org/rock-the-mountains</u> <u>https://europa.eu/youth/es/news/41/35826\_en</u>







