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## Pulfer Kabaret

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**Project title:** Pulfer Kabaret (part of Gunpowder initiative)

**Duration:** September 2018

**Activity:** Youth exchange

**No. of volunteers per country:** 5 (4+1 youth leader)

**No. of countries:** 7

**Applicable countries:** Programme countries

**Location:** Kamnik, Slovenia

**Profile of participants:** An advantage is being active in the artistic field, but not mandatory.

**Ages of volunteers:** 17 - 29

**Short description of the project:**

The project will involve the production of an international cabaret in the city of Kamnik, Slovenia. The cabaret is a form of public performance of musical sketches which with a political/social connotation. It will also involve an advanced planning meeting (in July) in order to sort out the pre-departure obligations of each partner. The name Pulfer is an old-timey Slovenian (derived from German) word for gunpowder, as the project is a part of revitalising an old gunpowder factory.

**Hosting organisation:**

The youth centre Kotlovnica is a place dedicated to develop the untapped potential of young people. We host activities and events on many topics, but mainly focus on culture, entertainment and entrepreneurship. We try to give youngsters chances to develop their

untapped potential by giving leading them on their way and give them the technical capabilities and share knowledge, experience and connections with them. We organise concerts, theatre plays, poetry nights and other events along with five festivals throughout the year (link for the biggest one is below). Our other unit is a co-working space for young entrepreneurs where they develop their business ideas.

In the past few years we had the Gunpowder initiative in the EVS programme - three projects which lasted from 1st of August until 30th May (the third one is still on-going). This project will presumably take place in the renovated factory if there aren't unforeseen circumstances.

### **The project:**

The intention of the exchange is to bring youngsters from different countries together and produce a cabaret on a specific topic. The topic will be determined later (on the advanced planning meeting), around which the sketches will revolve. This will give us a glimpse of understanding of each country's understanding of the topic as well as individual types of expression.

The advanced planning meeting will take place in July on which the youth leaders will together with facilitators and mentors, come to an agreement on the topic, get some basic training in the theatre department and then agree what should be done in order to prepare for the youth exchange.

The youth exchange will take place in September in Kamnik, Slovenia. 35 people from all over Europe will come together to produce a cabaret in a week, which will be followed by a public performance on the last evening. During the project the volunteers will attend workshops to hone their skills in theatre, singing, dancing and technical skills. They will also produce their own sketches, which will be a part of the final performance. If any of them are not willing to perform, or would like to perform and still be more involved, they will be able to join the technical team also. The expert mentors on the project will be people from one of the best street theatre groups in Slovenia who possess years of experience as well as formal trainings in institutions all across Europe.

### **Useful links:**

Youth centre FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/kotlovnica/> (sorry, but it's in Slovenian language)

Entrepreneurial unit FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/coworkingkamnik/?fref=ts> (also, only Slovenian)

Our biggest festival Kamfest's gallery: <http://www.kamfest.org/kamfest-2015/slo/galerija>

Our municipality: <http://kamnik-tourism.si/index.php/home/>