



**YOUTH EXCHANGE – JULY 8° - 17°, 2019
SAN LAZZARO DI SAVENA, BOLOGNA**



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The development and integration of an intercultural dialogue among European cultures has always been vital for the establishment and advancement of the European Community. Enabling the different European cultures to create networks and shared, common basis in order to promote mutual understanding and interaction is fundamental to maintain peace and a strong European citizenship.

The Youth Exchange project "InterculturACT" involves 30 youngsters coming from France, Portugal, Denmark, Germany and Italy in San Lazzaro di Savena (Bologna, Italy) for a project about integration and the promotion of diversity, intercultural and interreligious dialogue through art and performances.

The project analyses and intervenes on the social inclusion of the involved countries, focusing on ethnic minorities highly affected by this phenomenon. Some of these young people are, indeed, part of ethnic minorities and could not otherwise enjoy similar experiences of travel and knowledge. The nature of these youngsters' fewer opportunities is bound especially to their condition of ethnic minorities, which unfortunately predisposes them to a status of social isolation, both direct and indirect. As data proves, a lot of them do not even try and integrate with their peers, who were born in the same resident area, but tend to isolate themselves. The disposition of this underprivileged condition is also economical and geographical in some cases, as families of these youngsters often live in non-favourable economical conditions or in rural areas.

Thus, this experience is important in order to undermine not only some beliefs about travel opportunities and knowledge but also about the peaceful coexistence of such different cultures: a vital element nowadays, considered the current historical moment in Europe, starting from institutions like schools.





PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To involve young people from high schools of the territories of the partnership in the topics of European active citizenship;
- To promote European mobility in schools for the knowledge of European cultures and awareness on the values of citizenship;
- To promote intercultural dialogue through art practices and the performances and enhance the meaning of cultures as wealth;
- To involve youngsters in an active learning process in order to improve their soft skills and their cultural expression.

We especially want to meet the need of the EU to improve teacher education and internationalization of school education in the countries involved, through alternative methodologies, mainly of non-formal education. The project intends to promote the core values of the respect of human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minority cultures, thus promoting pluralism, non-discrimination, tolerance and equality. Strengthened by these tools, young people and schools alike, will be more open minded regarding the possibility of using non-formal methodologies for integration and social inclusion, encouraging moments like this and inserting in their personal projects the European mobility programmes and the alternative possibilities of social experiences.





HOSTING ORGANISATION

YouNet promotes, designs and carries out: learning mobility and european active citizenship activities at a local, regional, national and international level; medium and long term volunteering and learning projects; cultural exchanges; informative, scholastic and professional orienting; cultural, social, sport, recreational and editorial activities; seminar and formative training aimed to organisations, social workers and citizens; formative, promotional and informative initiative related to specific themes linked to the above mentioned topics.

YouNet cooperates with: public institutions especially at local and regional level; schools, universities, vocational and other education institutions; public and private social inclusion organizations (e.g. underaged prisons); other NGOs;

It is particularly active in the field of youngsters with fewer opportunities and risk groups (ex-offenders, drug addicts, youngsters in rehabilitation centres, migrants...). Most of the activists of YouNet were involved in youth exchanges, leader trainings and seminars on social inclusion and youngsters from disadvantaged backgrounds. YouNet itself organises projects and activities on social inclusion at a local and international level.





PREPARING THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

What is a Youth Exchange

Youth exchanges allow groups of young people from different countries to meet, live together and work on shared projects for short periods. Youth exchanges take place outside the school environment. On a youth exchange, you can expect to participate in activities such as workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, outdoor activities and more. Participants' learning experiences are recognized through a [Youthpass](#). Discover more watching [this video](#) and [this video](#).

What to bring

Bring with you your ideas and suggestions for the program of the YE: what your group could “share” during the YE? (e.g. make a workshop about the topic, etc..) Participant list with names, contacts, food requirements and arrival and departure of EACH PARTICIPANT of your national group. Also please bring your own sheets or sleeping bag and towels, apart of your personal stuff (shampoo, daily care product etc.) A more specific list will be updated

What to prepare

Think about ways to involve participants from your country, which contribute they can give (workshop, lab, etc..), connected to the topic of the project. The YE program should be totally run by the participants, according to the Erasmus+ funding programme.



YOUTH EXCHANGE PREPARATION

The daily Agenda will be sent to you apart from this infopack. The main theme of the Youth exchange is intercultural dialogue and theatre.

- **Activity «Tell a story»**

Please come prepared on this activity. Every national group will come with a story to be tell to the group, that come from their cultural environment. It will be a fairytale or a traditional story or a legend from your folklore that can allow the rest of the group to understand your culture. On a second hand, after this small part the group will also tell the story on how their country are dealing with minorities and if they are part of (or they are new generation kids or migrants) how do they feel. Each group will have an hour and half to present the story using a form of acting. The aim of the activity is to start introduce the intercultural environment for preparing the show - they will have 1h 30m per each group session

- **Intercultural night**

Please come prepared with the food you need and your intercultural games presentation to make other people know about your country.



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Venue: The place is a building still under construction and is managed by BimboTu ONLUS. The association hosts the parents of kids which are hosted in Ospedale Maggiore because of a pathological disease. As they need to stay as close as possible with their kids, this building will be for them a reference on the territory.

It is in San Lazzaro city center which is far from Bologna about 15 minutes in bus (the bus pass often until night). The activity will be implemented to San Lazzaro the most.





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Venue: The building will have an open space where will be organised the bads and the divided spaces for gender. It will be a sort of camping situation but still we are in a building. The bathrooms are part inside the building and part outside (like camping spots). The kitchen is a big common kitchen with all the material and the lunch space is outdoor.





LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Financial conditions:

Accommodation, food, activities, local transports are fully covered by the project. The travel costs will be reimbursed up to **275 euro** as soon as all the ORIGINAL receipts will be sent first by scan and after approvance by ORDINARY post to YouNet in ITALY.

Each participant will buy her/his own tickets (**please send us the travel itinerary and wait for our authorization before to buy the tickets**) and we'll refund the costs once we'll receive by ordinary post all the **original tickets, boarding passes and invoices** from your team including e-tickets, busses, trains, shuttles to the airport, etc. We're allowed to refund only the original tickets (altogether including the return) once we'll receive physically by ordinary mail after the youth exchange. We'll process only one bank transfer to the sending organization or the group leader, for the whole national group. No first class tickets or taxi expenses are allowed to be reimbursed unless they are authorized by YOUNET.

One representative per country that would be Group Leader during the Youth Exchange



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

Unless particular conditions that you agree with YouNet you shall arrive on July the 8th and depart on July the 17th

Meeting point

The communication of exact hour of meeting point will be spread further. It will be anyway in Piazza Bracci, San Lazzaro di Savena.

When you arrive in the airport you will go to take the bus shuttle.

The Airport is about 6 Km far from Bologna city centre.

A shuttle bus links the “Guglielmo Marconi” airport to Bologna railway station ([Aerobus - BLQ shuttle service](#)). A one way ticket costs 6,00€ and can be bought in the red machines in front of the bus stops at the airport. The bus stops for taking the shuttle are:

- at the airport: at the car park next to Terminal A exit (on your right)
- at the Bologna railway station (next to the exit) – you can buy the ticket in the kiosks inside the railway station.

Departures from the airport are scheduled every 11 minutes and it takes about 30 minutes to get the Airport from the main railway station. There are buses from 5.30 am until 00.15.



LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

From the airport you will take the Shuttle BLQ direct to Bologna. The bus stop that you have to exit is: **Bologna “Ospedale Maggiore”**, the first stop when you depart from the airport.

From that stop, crossing the road, you can find another big red stop to take directly take number **19C Direction SAN LAZZARO STAZIONE**. **You go out to the stop San Lazzaro Municipio**. Piazza Bracci is exactly on your left.





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