

**Do it for yourself,  
Do it for your family  
Do it for your community!**

15<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2019 Galati, Romania



## About ATIC

The Civic Initiative Youth Association is an apolitical youth organization that aims to lead the development of Romanian society by attracting young people towards active citizenship and promoting local and national cultural values.

A.T.I.C. was set up in May 2016 in Galați by a group of young people to contribute to the social and personal development of local youth. We are active in our community - we work with young people and children from foster homes, poor families, unemployed people and other people experiencing social problems.

One of our main goals is to include local disadvantaged youth through various methods such as sports, music, theater, dance and painting. To achieve our goals, we work with families, local authorities, primary schools, high schools and universities and develop projects with them.



## SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

This is a Youth Exchange of seven days, involving 30 young people from 5 European countries, Romania, Bulgaria, Great Britain, Italy and Turkey, who want to be actively involved in solving the problems of their communities, to develop themselves and conduct local and international volunteer activities.

The specific objective of this youth exchange is to raise awareness about volunteering and develop the civic spirit of the participants by helping organisations, participants involved and not to find different ways to contribute to the development of the communities to which they belong.

## WORKING METHODS



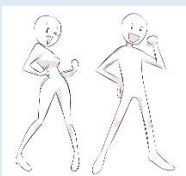
All the Youth Exchange activities will be done through non-formal learning methods, which encourage the exchange of ideas (debates, brainstorming, -"Methods of civic involvement"), critical thinking ("Causes of civic non-involvement"), creative capacities of participants (role games - "Time to be a Mayor"), study visits (City Hall, Local Council), but also the

possibility to develop an action and implementation plan ("Your Project for Community").

After participating young people will be able to:

- be ready to challenge themselves, but also the others with whom they come into contact, to be active citizens;
- apply participatory, effective and appropriate methods to other young people;
  - gain a higher level of knowledge and tolerance for other cultures;
  - be much more aware of the fact that besides belonging to a more restricted community, of the city and the country they live in, they also belong to another much larger and more diverse community, Europe;
- conceive and complete plans and actions and develop social events in their community;
- participate as promoters of social values in their communities;

## PARTICIPANT PROFILE



Participants will be selected through a common application process run by the applicant together with the partner organizations.

The partners will prepare a short list of 8-10 young people with different levels of experience in active citizenship and civic involvement, based on the participant application forms they've received and respecting the deadline for this stage. The list they will submit to the coordinators and together we will select the 5 participants in the project. All other participants that haven't been selected will pass on a reserve list.

Young people who meet the following criteria will be prioritized during the application stage:

- Young people aged between 18-28 y/o (5 per country), with no upper limit for each country's group leader (1 per country), who have minimal english language level (the spoken language will be english);
- Young people facing economic hurdles, unemployed people coming from families with low material opportunities, young people facing social, immigration and youth barriers belonging to a national minority ethnic group and young people facing geographical obstacles , namely young people from rural, migrant or migrant backgrounds.
- Individuals who want to be actively involved in solving the problems of the communities they come from , to develop from personal point of view and to carry out local and international volunteer activities.

The group leader should be a young or voluntary worker with experience in the organization and non-formal education.

We will clearly establish in the communication with our partners the need to ensure gender balance in the project and to respect the principle of equal opportunities.

## ABOUT THE VENUE

The youth exchange will be held in Galati Romania





The arrival day is 15<sup>th</sup> September (since the activities will start on 16<sup>th</sup> September morning) and the departure day is 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

We advise the partners to guide their participants to travel to the capital of Romania, Bucharest from where we will ensure their transport to Galati. We will provide minibuses that will pick up the participants from Bucharest and take them to the hotel in Galati.

The participants will be accomodated in a hotel, located in Galati , in triple or quadruple rooms. Each day three meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) and two coffee breaks will be provided.

Participants with special food diets must inform the project organizers BEFORE their arrival, through the application form, so that we can arrange alternatives.

## FINANCES AND TRAVELLING



All partners will have to propose to the coordinating organization a travel itinerary, to wait for a confirmation and to purchase the tickets respecting the deadline for this (15<sup>th</sup> August).

Each participant will receive support and guidance in establishing the travel itinerary and purchasing the travel tickets from their organization and leaders. Each national group must travel with their leader.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We will do the reimbursement via bank transfer to the sending organization as soon as possible after participants arrive home and send all the return tickets. Tickets will only be covered if they are THE CHEAPEST/ECONOMY CLASS.

**\*\*to receive any reimbursement, you must provide the following documents:\*\***

1. ID/passport (please scan/print it before the youth exchange).
2. E-ticket (you receive it by e-mail after buying the flight, so please print it off before the youth exchange).
3. Fiscal invoice (ask your travel agency or check on the website where you buy the flight how can you get a fiscal invoice). The invoice can be issued on the name of traveller, or on the name of the organization you represent.
4. Proof of payments: can be a receipt from where you buy the tickets, a payment order (if you pay by bank transfer), or can be a bank or an account statement (if you pay by internet banking).
5. Boarding pass.

We will also reimburse participants for bus/train tickets to and from the airport, so please keep and provide these tickets for reimbursement.

To reimburse VISA costs the participant will have to make a copy of the visa and to give us the invoice that shows the amount that was paid for it.

Please, try to provide the documents above in English. If they are written in other languages, we will require you to explain the information provided in each document in English.

Those who want to stay additional days in Romania (more than one) have to know that they have to support on their own their extra costs for those days and to sign a statement which specifies that they are not involved in another project financed by the EU programmes and they're travel costs are not reimbursed from other project's budget.

Partner/Country	Amount
Association of Ruse in help for society and young people-Bulgaria	180 €
New International Company Of Live Arts-NICOLA -UK	360€
Associazione Culturale di Promozione Sociale Gentle Giant-Italy	275€
Sosyal Yasami Gelistirme Demegi-Turkey	275€

## GENERAL INFOS

The official currency in Romania is RON. 1€= 4.7 RON

Time zone in Romania is GMT+3.

Weather in september in Galati is mostly rainy, with temperatures between 12-24 Celsius degrees.



<b>Some prices</b>	
Bottle of water	50 eurocents
Pizza	5 euro
Bread	1 euro
Chocolate	80 eurocents
Showergel	2 euro
Toothpaste	2 euro
Beer	70 eurocents

<b>Useful expressions</b>	
Hello!	Buna! /Salut!
I'm sorry	Imi pare rau
Yes	Da
No	Nu
Please	Te rog
Thank you	Multumesc

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