

CALL FOR PARTNERS

Erasmus+: KA1 – Youth exchange

Be Happy, Be Polyglot

CET platforma Skopje is looking for partners for a project “Be Happy, Be Polyglot” that is planning to submit to Macedonian National Agency on 5th of October 2021 deadline. The project is envisioned as 8-days youth exchange for young people and youth leaders coming from 6 European countries that will be organized in late 2022 in North Macedonia.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The main aim of the youth exchange "Be Happy, Be Polyglot" is to bring together 36 young people and youth leaders from 6 different countries and to deconstruct the myth that learning new languages is a difficult thing to do.



We would like to show that once you learn a new language it would be much easier to learn a new language, especially, if it belongs in the same group of languages. That's why we are connecting the Slavic and Romance languages. By learning one Slavic language it will be much easier to learn and to be able to understand the other ones. Same goes for the Romance languages. But in the bottom line, everything depends on the level of motivation. Motivation leads to discipline, discipline to perseverance and perseverance leads to good results. What better motivation than making it clear about the benefits that learning languages bring.

We go with the bold statement that learning foreign languages have the ability to set a person up for success in nearly every aspect of his/her life. Let's start with the jobs. Learning a foreign language opens up a world of job opportunities. It can also open many potential career doors, not only in terms of the range of jobs, but also the range of destinations to find a job abroad.

According to studies, polyglots also are better at problem solving, more creative and are better multitaskers. All these skills are very attractive to any potential employer. Another benefit of learning new languages is that makes a person to be more open-minded and exposed to different cultures, information and opportunities.





The working methods used throughout the youth exchange will be various non-formal educational and creative methods that will include: brainstorming, discussions, work in small and bigger groups, simulations, debates, theatre, role playing, presentations and outdoor activities.

ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES






-  **Slavic speaking countries:** Serbia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia
-  **Romance speaking countries:** Italy, Spain, Romania, France

Each partner organisation should send **6 participants: 5 young people and 1 experienced youth leader**.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

-  Experienced or inexperienced young people, youth leaders or active volunteers in youth organisations involved in the project;
-  Young people should be in the age group of 18 to 30 (preferably 18 to 25 years old) while youth leaders must be over 18 years old’;
-  Ready, motivated and able to attend for the full duration of the youth exchange;
-  With good command of the English language.

THE ROLE OF PARTNERS

-  Take active participation in all project phases from the preparation and implementation of the youth exchange to the dissemination, evaluation and follow-up phases;
-  Select and send a motivated group of 6 participants according to the agreed profile;
-  Appoint a contact person who will be responsible for smooth and timely communication with CET platforma Skopje;
-  Contribute and support hosting organisation as much as possible for ensuring visibility of the project and disseminating the project idea, results and activities on your websites, blogs, mailing lists and social media networks before, during and after the project completion;
-  Be ready to organise with selected participants follow-up activities or events in form of local workshops, activities, presentations of project results after the YE for your members, volunteers or young people from your communities that will be on similar topics as the project.

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

The applicant organisation will fully cover the accommodation, meals and program materials for the participants. Travel costs will be covered up to the 100% if they do not exceed the amounts established by the Erasmus+ Programme.

HOW TO BECOME OUR PARTNER?

If you want to be partner on the project, then please send us the attached fully filled **Partner Identification Form** by email to macedonia@cetplatform.org with subject line “BEEP partnership”, not later than 2nd of October 2021.

Please use the format of the PIF that we attach to this call for partners. It doesn't need to be the same document, but it MUST have the answers to all questions included in it.

WHO WE ARE

CET platforma Skopje is a voluntary, non-profit, non-governmental association of citizens with mission to: strengthen civil society on local, national and European level, promote and protect the human rights, perform activities which encourage moral and civic values, strengthen inter-ethnic relations, empower youth in society, advocate for social inclusion of vulnerable groups, promote non-formal education and offer support, education, training and mobility opportunities to young people. CET platforma Skopje is established in January 2016 by young, motivated, competent and experienced youth workers, leaders, activists and experts who are active in the civil sector and youth work from 2008. Furthermore, CET platforma Skopje is the Macedonian branch of CET platform network that has member organisations in Serbia, Croatia, Poland, Montenegro, Slovenia, Kosovo, Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Lithuania and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The vision of CET platform is to fulfil a broader social interest, to act and achieve objectives in the areas of civil society, democratic order and institutions, civic values, human rights, media, non-formal education and vulnerable categories of citizens in society. We strive to stimulate and sustain the personal, professional and social development of the local youth and to foster their active and responsible participation in educational, social, cultural, political and economic life in the communities they live in.

In the last 5 years, we have been very active as a reliable partner on Erasmus+ mobility projects. So far, we have sent over 400 young people and youth workers on more than [100 projects](#) abroad that were organised by our partners with the support of Erasmus+ programme.