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SAVE OUR PLANET

Seminar for Youth Workers

Dear partner organization!

We are happy to inform you that the project **Save our planet will be implemented from the 23th to the 29th of July in Ljubljana**. The seminar is intended for youth workers and other individuals that work with youth. The main idea of the seminar is to equip individuals that work in close contact with youth with the knowledge and skills for effective communication and encouragement of critical thinking in youth regarding climate change and sustainable development.

Type of activity: Seminar under the Youth Workers Mobility

Activity date: **from 23th till 29th of July 2022**

Activity location: **Ljubljana**, Slovenia

Partners involved:

- Foundation "Solidarity Works" - Bulgaria
- NGO Ergos – North Macedonia
- Generation Echo - Lithuania
- Naturel Der - Turkey
- Udruga Kor - Croatia
- Environment Engineering Group – Serbia
- Youth Network No Excuse - Slovenia

1) GENERAL INFORMATION AND ACTIVITY BACKGROUND

We are aware that in today's society with the advancement of the internet, web based media and the overload of information presents a challenge. The issue is painfully evident when we wish to inform ourselves on a specific topic and there is a plethora of information which might not be truthful, correct, scientifically proven or even misleading and we should be able to navigate through it all. The challenge is even bigger for young people. The effect of not knowing what is right, what is wrong, true and false might push many young people away.

Therefore a part of our role as the NGO sector is to support young people and encourage their critical thinking while helping them to develop filters through which they objectively select information and interpret them in a way so they can make an educated and informed decision. The project empowers youth workers as well as organizations. It focuses on effective communication strategies of climate change and sustainable development to young people.

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3) PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE

Participants should be:

- **youth workers or other relevant individuals** that work with youth
- required age of the participants is **18+**
- **previous knowledge** on the topics of climate change and sustainable development are not a requirement but can be helpful
- **have a motivation and interest** to work on the subjects of climate change and sustainable development with youth

4) ACTIVITY PROGRAM

The activities we want to carry out are directly linked to the profile of the participants.

- The first phase revolves around acquiring new knowledge in the field of climate change.
- The second phase will focus on effective communication strategies and how to better approach young people.
- In the third phase we will shift our focus to critical thinking and how to encourage it in our local communities.
- The fourth phase will revolve around inviting different relevant stakeholders and show how to effectively advocate for change.
- In the last, fifth phase we will evaluate the project and suggest follow-up activities.

5) HOW TO APPLY

In order to apply to the activity, please **fill in the form** available [here](#), by the latest **25th of June**.

Note: this form is meant **only for the 2 confirmed participants** from each organization. For your internal selection of participants please use other means of application!

Note: if the participants require a travel visa to enter Slovenia, you should adapt the selection of the participants and the form completion accordingly.

6) FINANCES (TRAVEL GRANT AND OTHER ASPECTS)

The Erasmus+ Programme finances the travel expenses up to the following amounts:

Organization	Participants	Travel Grant per Participant
Foundation "Solidarity Works"	5 youth workers	275 euros
NGO Ergos	5 youth workers	275 euros
Generation Echo	5 youth workers	275 euros

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Naturel Der	5 youth workers	275 euros + 80 euros/visa
Udruga KOR	5 youth workers	180 euros
Environment Engineering - Group	5 youth workers	180 euros

Also note that the COVID tests are covered under the Erasmus+ grant. As with the transfer, we will also need the receipts to be able to refund the costs due to testing. COVID testing is covered from the whole project budget, therefore the above travel grant partly also covers testing.

Important information!!!

In case the participant will spend more money for travel than the Erasmus+ Programme has approved, the participant will receive the amount approved by the Erasmus+ Programme.

In case the participant will spend less money for travel than the Erasmus+ Programme envisioned, the participant will receive the amount for which he or she has provided the receipts to the organizer.

Note: due to the changeable COVID situation, all the **purchased tickets should be fully changeable**, so that it is possible to receive a voucher or return money if a flight is cancelled.

Reimbursement procedure and requirements

Please note that only public transportation costs with the cheapest mean available are reimbursable. You are eligible for reimbursement only if you have attended 80% of activities during the event. In order for the participant to receive the reimbursement for travel expenses, they will provide the organizer with the following documentation:

- A completely filled out reimbursement form with all required information;
- **Original** boarding passes and all other tickets for transport (also originals) – please note that copies are not acceptable;
- Receipts/proofs of payment for all travel expenses which you would like to get reimbursed.

The reimbursement will be transferred to the participant **in 90 days after they will provide a complete reimbursement documentation** to the organizer.

7) ACCOMODATION

During the activity, the participants will be staying at a well-located accommodation in the city center of Ljubljana, probably in rooms by three, so that the venue will be easily accessible. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided, together with the coffee/tea breaks. We will give the exact information on the accommodation once we receive the confirmed booking from the accommodation provider.

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If the participants would like to stay in a private room (single/double) please let us know in advance. The amount that exceeds the planned price for accommodation should be paid to the organiser three days before the start of the activity at the latest.

8) PRE-ACTIVITY TO-DOs

Prior to the start of the activity, the participants should prepare a presentation of their countries and organizations work in the field of sustainable development and climate change which will be presented during the seminar.

Each team should also prepare a little something for the cultural evening, be creative! ☺

9) LOCATION AND ACTIVITY VENUES

The seminar Save our planet will be held in **Ljubljana**, which is beautifully located in the center of Slovenia and offers an amazing location to explore the rest of our green country. It is a political, administrative, cultural and economic center, with a bit over 280.000 inhabitants. The roots of Ljubljana go back to the Roman times when it was known as Emona and therefore the city has a long and rich history. The historic center offers a magnificent combination of well-preserved architecture, quality restaurants, hip bars, green areas, cultural spots etc., so there is much to see and explore for everyone. The view of the city is best enjoyed from the Ljubljana's castle that crowns and guards the city. Ljubljana is known for its green practices and was named the European Green Capital in 2016.

The programme of the seminar will take place in the No Excuse headquarters.

10) HOW TO GET THERE

To reach Slovenia by plane, you can fly to the following airports:

- [Ljubljana](#), Slovenia
- [Venice Treviso airport](#), Italy
- [Venice Marco Polo airport](#), Italy
- [Trieste Ronchi dei Legionari airport](#), Italy
- [Zagreb](#), Croatia

In order to reach the venue of the event, you can use the following means of transport:

- [GoOpti shuttle](#) – usually the easiest and cheapest way of transfer
- Train
- Bus

11) ABOUT THE ORGANIZER AND CONTACTS

No Excuse Slovenia is an organization in the public interest, which strives for positive social change and personal growth of young people. With the help of non-formal education encourages young people to social participation and activation of their peers. We harness the momentum of rebellious nature in young people to create positive change. Our focus is: Criticize, Suggest and Act. While it is easy to criticize, we encourage young people to go further and come up with solutions to tackle the problems they have identified in their local environment and broader.



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