



Erasmus+: Youth in Action youth workers' mobility project (TC) "Bring the Magic in Volunteering"



June 26th -July 3rd, 2022
(including travel days)



Latvia, guest house "Vecmuiža"
www.vecmuiza.lv



COUNTRIES INVOLVED:

Latvia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Lithuania, Italy, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Hungary



SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT IDEA:

In this project, we would like to look at volunteering projects from both sides - organization and volunteer. What are those challenges organizations and volunteers are facing? How to fully engage volunteers in organization everyday life and allow them to feel a sense of belonging to the organization. How to support the learning process and personal growth of the volunteers?

What does it mean magical touch and how to put magic in volunteering projects? Through the various activities, participants will develop skills to implement and improve volunteering projects what could bring positive and magical changes for both – volunteers and organizations.

The overall objective of the project "Bring the Magic in Volunteering" is to raise the quality of volunteering projects and to improve the quality of work with young people, in particular by improving cooperation between youth organizations and/or other stakeholders.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- ✦ Promote awareness of the quality of implementation volunteering projects in ESC program and other local & international programs and ensure the sustainability of partner organizations;
- ✦ Using NFL methods to develop participants' personal and professional competences for further work on volunteering project implementation;
- ✦ Share personal experiences about volunteering project implementation and to exchange best practices and failures in the projects;
- ✦ Generally promote the improvement of the quality of work with youth and cooperation between organizations.



THE MAIN ACTIVITY OF THE PROJECT:

The training course will use a variety of methods, such as individual and group work, games, simulation tasks, discussions, debates, etc. Activities will be run by both, trainers and participants themselves, implementing approach "Learning by doing". In the project non-formal learning approaches will be included - Learning by doing, Learning to learn, Learning to be with others, Learning to be.



THE MAIN IMPACT OF THE PROJECT ON PARTICIPANTS:

They will develop competencies in the implementation of E+:YiA mobility projects and ESC projects in order in future to carry out more qualitative projects and, in general, to carry out more professional work with young people.



TRAINING PLACE:

The training course will be held in Limbažu district, guest house "Vecmuiža" (around 75 km from Riga), but the last day activities will take place in Riga, at the youth studio "BaMbuss".





STRUCTURE OF THE TC:

The training program will be designed as an adventure that will guide participants through stages we have identified:

- ◆ CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES
- ◆ LEARNING & PERSONAL GROWTH
- ◆ ENGAGEMENT & INVOLVEMENT
- ◆ MAGIC & MAGICAL TOUCH



PROGRAM (DRAFT)

	26.06.2022 Sunday	27.06.2022 Monday	28.06.2022 Tuesday	29.06.2022 Wednesday	30.06.2022 Thursday	1.07.2022 Friday	2.07.2022 Saturday	3.07.2022 Sunday
	ARRIVAL	GET to KNOW	ENGAGEMENT & INVOLVEMENT	LEARNING & GROWTH	CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES MAGIC	More to Explore	DIARY & EVALUATION	DEPARTURE
8.30		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9.30	Arrival in Riga	Get to know each other	Philosophy of volunteering WHY	Learning (FE, NFL, IFL, self-directed learning, principles, etc.)	Challenges we face	OPEN SPACE activities, methods, tools, workshops organized by the participants for the participants	Preparation of the Self-directed Learning Diary	Departures
11.00		Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	Coffee break	
11.30		team & TEAM	Volunteering - give and get (volunteers, organizations, local communities)	Key competences	Constructive conflict transformation (non-violent communication, empathy map, blueprint)	OPEN SPACE	Planning of local follow-up actions and initiatives	
13.00		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
15.00	Bus to the guest house "Vecmuiz" www.vecmuiza.lv/	Erasmus+, European Solidarity Corps & Youthpass, TC program & aims, Roles & responsibilities, Personal aims	Motivation of volunteers (motivation, retaining, recognition) (FLOW concept)	Tools to support learning (learning interview, coaching, diary, cards, etc.)	Magic in volunteering little thing that turn a volunteering project into a magical one	On the way to Riga	Future cooperation and new projects Youthpass – Certificate & process	
16.30		International Coffee break	International Coffee break	International Coffee break	Smoothie time & Preparing for evening	Free afternoon in Riga	Coffee break	
17.00		Preparing presentations about organisations	Training and support of volunteers	Silence afternoon	Self prepared GRILL dinner and evening activities (implementation of a mini volunteering project in practice)		Evaluation of the project & Closure	
18.30		Exhibition of Organisations Reflection on the Day and harvesting	Reflection on the Day and harvesting	Reflection on the Day and harvesting				
19.00	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		20:00 Dinner at Lido www.lido.lv	20:00 Dinner in the city	
21:00	Opening, First Introduction & Welcome drink	Guess my Passion night	Latvian tradition culture	Free Evening	Something special....	Free Evening		



PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

Youth workers, representatives of the youth organizations, youth leaders, coordinators, supervisors, mentors, volunteers who work with volunteers on a daily basis and would like to improve the quality of the volunteering projects and to support young people's engagement in volunteering work and personal growth.

We kindly would like to ask partners to think also about gender balance and from each country select one male participant. And please remember participants with fewer opportunities are very welcome to take part in our project.



PARTICIPANTS:

30 (3 from each country + 1 trainer from Bulgaria and Latvia + 1 coordinator from Latvia)



TRAVEL COSTS

According to the Distance calculator and will be transferred by Bank after training. Flight tickets can be bought after getting approval from the project coordinator and travel options need to be sent to: ginta.salmina@gmail.com



IMPORTANT NOTE: Tickets should be bought with insurance for cancelation to prevent any inconvenience.

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Travel budget</i>
Baltijas Reģionālais fonds	Latvia	20.00
NGO Youth Club Active	Estonia	180.00
VsI "Inovatyvi karta"	Lithuania	180.00
Tudatos Ifjúságért Alapítvány - Ungārija/	Hungary	275.00
Brandenburgische Sportjugend im Landessportbund Brandenburg e.V	Germany	275.00
CVS-Bulgaria	Bulgaria	275.00
Associacio Cultura Creativa - Spānija	Spain	360.00
TDM 2000	Italy	360.00
Contextos - Cooperativa para o Desenvolvimento e Coesão Social CRL	Portugal	530.00



PROJECT TEAM

Natalie Jivkova (Bulgaria)

"I am inspired and passionate about non-formal learning since the moment I had my first experience 20 years ago. Since then I have been volunteering and working in various projects (environmental, social, youth) in the non-governmental sector. In 2002 I started my experience as a facilitator and trainer thus supporting the learning process and personal development of youngsters and adults."



Ginta Salmina (Latvia)

"My business background helped me successfully to open NGO what now I am running for almost 10 years and I have implemented more than 100 projects. In 2012 I started my experience as a facilitator and trainer and especially I like to use and to develop different educational games which now became not only my passion but also big part of my life."



Alise Pumpure (Latvia)

"I am local and international project manager and have been involved in NGO work for more than 7 years. I have implemented projects in various programs and themes, such as non-formal education, volunteering, youth and youth workers etc. "



APPLICATION FORM FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS:

(Selected participants need to fill out Application form by April 24.)



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS:



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