

INFOPACK

"Diversity Fest"
BLAGOEVGRAD, BULGARIA

1 JULY 2021 – 14 AUGUST 2021

PROJECT SUMMARY

The project "Diversity fest" is already APPROVED project which will take place in Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria.

PROJECT AIM and OBJECTIVES:

In the context of rising levels of hate speech, especially among young people, cyberbullying, low levels of media literacy and the emergence of far-right parties and formations, and the correspondingly high risk of social exclusion and radicalization, Diversity Fest project aims to:

- *to address a socially relevant topic and help young people to better understand what hate speech is, be aware of the consequences for society and be able to differentiate it from freedom of speech*
- *to raise awareness on hate speech and cyberbullying as serious issues, With even more serious consequences and hate crimes as a violation of human rights - presenting ways and channels for reporting hate speech online and introducing the Council of Europe's No hate speech movement to young people*
- *promote media literacy and safe and tolerant use of the Internet and knowledge of the basic legal frameworks among young people for combating cyber-defeat*
- *informing young people how to effectively combat speech promoting the arts and especially graffiti as a way of expressing of youth and their active position against hate speech*
- *Promote tolerance, mutual understanding and solidarity between young people of different nationalities*

The team strives for a multilayered effect on different target groups: Through public actions, school visits, graffiti messages, the festival itself, which is not something out of the ordinary for the city and will involve so many young people, we expect to inform the local community about the hate issue in speech, with the serious consequences it can have on young people and society as whole. In addition, the project will also raise awareness among the community about European No hate speech movement for different ways to combat it and thus we expect to increase the number of activists for democracy, solidarity and tolerance.. We believe that through the festival itself, which will be colorful, youthful and fun, as well as through the art of graffiti, we will engage many young people who are more interested and they will learn about the problem and realize the consequences hate speech can bring . In our opinion, the project will contribute to more good visibility of the opportunities that our organization offers and above all mobility and training opportunities under the ESC and Erasmus + programs for young people. European level - our team believes that the project will lead to wider awareness on the topic of human rights and the principles of anti-hate speech in youth work, solidarity, and the increasing popularity of the ESC as a tool for tackling this topic. We look forward to enhancing cooperation between EU and non-EU organizations from partner countries to work in this area to achieve more tangible and long-term effect. We aim at reaching a significant number of young people who at European level to become antihate activists and to become involved in the the hate speech in a Council of Europe speech. The project will include young people from partner countries who are key in this project because of the high percentage of hate speech issues and violation of human rights. In our view, the project will contribute to a broader overlap between the two topics in countries through young people as anti-hate ambassadors trough their activities after the end of the project. In addition, young people will help promote the ESC internationally. We believe that the project will have and will strengthen cooperation between EU organizations and partner countries, which is one of the objectives of the program. The most important focus of the project and the results it strives for are changing attitudes and promoting European values, about what we aim for is to build an active citizenship in young people, knowledge of human rights and their involvement as activists in the future. It is only

through education and change of attitudes as well as young people being included as activists, that to ensure long-lasting effect be, that models can be changed and values implemented. That is how the project seeks to have its impact - through a domino effect, to change the young people who, by bringing about a change in themselves as ambassadors of solidarity, will inspire their peers and contribute to building a European society based on tolerance and solidarity.

Project Activities:

During the project, volunteers will be introduced to the topic for hate speech, they will discuss various non-violent methods to combat it, will discuss the role of the media, discover more about human rights, work divided into media teams, designing promotional material, organizing workshops and meetings in schools to familiarize local youth with the problem and encouraging them to get involved as anti-hate activists. They will use various methods such as simulations, discussions, small group work, role play and and others. Over the last week, volunteers will be organizing a Diversity Festival with graffiti art and the colorful Holly Festival as a symbol of solidarity. Upon arrival, the volunteers will have activities to meet and form a team, present the project, formulate their goals, build trust in the team, and then proceed to workshops, through which they will be acquainted with the main topics of the project- hate speech, human rights, cyberbullying, media literacy. In order for them to educate students and other young people, they must first acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and competences, discuss topics related to freedom, discrimination, human rights, learn about various institutions, organizations and campaigns aimed at promoting tolerance and solidarity. In addition, they will learn more about opportunities for Mobility Programs-ESC and Erasmus + so that they can promote these opportunities among their peers. This section will be followed by preparation of workshops, meetings with young people, intercultural tolerance nights, and the diversity festival itself. Prior to the last week, evaluation activities will be undertaken, as well as planning of their follow-up activities, development of videos and other promotional materials for the project. The project will involve 30 young people between the ages of 18 and 30 from different countries, cultures and religions.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE:



- All participants must be at age 18 -30 years old
- All participants must be currently residing in the country they will represent and be able to prove it if needed with documents
- Open minded , willing to volunteer and motivated to be part of our team
- Not to be part of EVS or ESC before

Venue: Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Acomodation:

The volunteers will be accommodated for free in fully furnished apartment in double or tripple room with another person from the same gender. We will try to provide free wifi connection for the whole duration.

Pocket money:

The volunteers will be receiving 180 euros for the whole duration of the service as pocket money which will be paid in two installments (one in the beginning of the service and one around the mid of the service).

Food money:

The volunteers will be receiving 180 euros for the whole duration of the service as food money which will be paid in two installments (one in the beginning of the service and one around the mid of the service).

Weekly schedule:

*please know that the program is subject to change according to the needs of the volunteers and we are still developing it and we will share with all of you at mid of June 2021

Travel costs:

***** PLEASE DON'T BUY YOUT TICKETS BEFORE YOU GET CONFIRMATION FROM THE ORGANIZERS! *****

*We strongly advice participants to use low costs companies such as (WIZZAIR , RYANAIR, VUELING and etc) to get to Bulgaria in order to fit in the budget and in order to redirect those costs to project activities if needed

To get confirmation please do the following:

Subject of your EMAIL : [ESC- travel plan approva- YOUR COUNTRY, NAME]

Email to be sent to : evs@alternativibg.org



Travel Reimbursement Rules:

- 1) Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes. Please remember to bring the original invoices. there will be no reimbursement without the original invoices and tickets with indicated Names of travelers, description of the journey, indication of cost and currency and date of trave.
- 2) Reimbursement will be done in EUR beased on the actual price of the ticpets indicated on the ticket or/and receipt/invoice.

For tickets purchased in other currency than Euro will be used the official European Commission exchange rate converter, available at: http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/index_en.cfm

- 3) Please send copies (scans) of all tickets and invoices and email them to evs@alternativbg.org before attending the event. This will be very helpful for the organizers to begin processing the financial and reimbursement data so that all payments may be made as efficiently as possible.

Country	Maximum reimbursement per person in euro
Georgia	275 euro
Armenia	275 euro
Italy	275 euro
Ukraina	275 euro
Spain	275 euro
Turkey	180 euro

HEALTH INSURANCE



Each volunteer will be provided with free insurance for the whole duration of the service provided by CIGNA insurance company through your Sending organization.

***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARTNERS FROM ARMENIA , TURKEY REGARDING THE VISA ISSUEING*****

Country	Maximum reimbursement per person in euro
Turkey	40 euro
Armenia	40 euro



***If you have VALID Shengen visa you are able to enter Bulgaria, but please get in contact with the Bulgarian consulate / embassy to get confirmation for that and ask if they will be requiring some documents on the border.

NB! PCR tests will be covered by the receiving organization based on real spended amount. Please know that we would like to keep the travel costs as low as possible so we can pay fully the PCR tests of the participants with the allowed funding. The required documents for the reimbursement will be:

- Invoice on the name of the participant with cash or card payment, including the payment slip
- Certificate for negative PCR test with stamp and signature of the laboratory

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