

TREASURES FROM A BACKPACK 2.0



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WHERE? Bucharest, Romania

Hi there!

Are you a traveler, opened to new experiences? Do new cultures and the way of life in foreign lands move you and make you think? Do you like to share your travelling experiences with other people?

If you answered "yes" to all the questions above, then you came to the right place. :)

We offer you a opportunity to join our youth exchange that will enable you travelling to Bucharest, thinking about new topics and share it with the public in a way you feel most comfortable to express yourself. With the help of backpack journalism you will have the opportunity to share your experiences, thoughts, feelings via video, photography, writing blogs ...

In the next pages you will find more about our youth exchange. Please have a read through the information provided and do get back to us in case some issues remain unclear or you have any questions .

ABOUT THE PROJECT

- 18 young people from 3 countries
- age: between 20 and 30 years
- 10 days together in Bucharest (Romania)
- different workshops and events related to values of European union
- each participating country will actively contribute to the program
- working in culturally diverse groups
- sharpening our skills and get new and diverse knowledge (interpersonal/ communicational, multimedia, writing...)
- destroying stereotypes
- creating and sharing products with the use of backpack journalism

HOW WILL THIS YOUTH EXCHANGE LOOK LIKE?

We can divide it into three phases:

1. Preparatory phase

You will have opportunity to actively participate in creating our/yours youth exchange. You will have meetings with your youth leader to discuss and prepare your part of the program.

We already have created facebook group where you will get a chance to know other participants and have BPJ challenges.

2. Youth exchange phase

First 3 days you will get to know each other, learn about Youthpass tools and Erasmus +, have workshops about BPJ and storytelling.

Next 5 days before noon you will be exploring topics connected with the values of EU prepared by partners organizations (Italy, Romania). In the afternoon there will be practical workshops using BPJ methods, which means that we will transpose our thinking and our findings into products with the use of the media; **writing, filming and photography**. Last 2 days you will plan dissemination activities, have product presentations, group reflection and evaluation and of course farewell party :).



3. Phase of spreading results

During the exchange you will have time to plan activities for dissemination. After coming home you will have two months to carry out those activities in your local environment.

WHAT IS BACKPACK JOURNALISM?

“Today, we travel more than ever. Many people travel, collect stamps in their passports, take thousands of photographs – and that’s the end of the story. But we want to go beyond this. The goal of our backpack journalist community is to transform travel into a cultural meeting experience. To let external paths change our mindsets and broaden our horizons. And, finally, to learn to tell our story-and thereby change the world.”

(<http://popotniskonovinarstvo.si/popotnistvo-novinarstvo/>)

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Romania - **Asociatia PLURAL** (<http://asociatia-plural.ro/>)

Slovenia - **Socialna akademija** (<http://socialna-akademija.si/>)

Italy - **PAOLAB** (<http://www.paolab.eu/>)

FINNANICAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following project is financially supported by the ERASMUS+ grant. Hence, 100% of the food and accommodation expenses will be covered by the organisers, as well as up to 100% of the overall travel costs (please see the max. allowances per country listed below).

Romania - 20€

Italy - 275€

Slovenia - 275€



ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

We'll be staying in hostel near city center.

Food will be provided for you in hostel or nearby restaurant. Everyday there will be three meals and two coffee breaks.

ABOUT SOCIALNA AKADEMIJA

The mission of the Socialna akademija (Social academy) is to contribute to active citizenship and social responsibility of young people and young adults through training, education, research and the promotion of a culture based on common values, such as the respect for human dignity, solidarity, justice and the common good.

We organize study courses, seminars, conferences and workshops as well as various projects with other civil society organizations, from Slovenia and abroad. We are also developing educational systems in other youth organizations, guiding different youth initiatives and international trainings. In the last years, the Social Academy has been able to combine the usage of multimedia equipment and knowledge, web tools and social networks with youth work, since it operates an own Multimedia Center (MMC).

TRAVELLING TO ROMANIA

You are allowed to arrive or depart few days before or after the mobility. Extra stay will not be supported with food or accommodation, yet you can use this time to visit some places around Romania.

In line with the rules of the ERASMUS+ Programme, we would like you to make your travel arrangements using the cheapest travel options. Also, before purchasing any tickets, please make sure that your travel times/cost are approved by us in advance!

CONTACT PERSON

In case you need any help, have some doubts or need more information please contact: **Sabina Belc** on mail sabina@socialna-akademija.si.



We'll appreciate any ideas and suggestions of yours that could be incorporated at the time of preparations to the project.

This is going to be youth exchange which we wish to implement **NOT FOR YOU** but **TOGETHER WITH YOU!**