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Alicante, Spain

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Organizer: NGO Sal Fuera (SPAIN)

Partners: IUVENTA (SERBIA)

YOUTH SENATE TALLINN (ESTONIA)

YOUTH OF EUROPE (POLAND)

ARMENIAN OPEN SOCIETY YOUTH NGO (ARMENIA)

AGORA (BULGARIA)

Dates: 1st to 7th of September of 2017

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

Our planet is “everyone’s business”. Young people in Europe today are usually biasing towards living in urban areas with little contact with natural environment. In order to inspire young people to spend more time within the natural countryside of Europe there is a need for attractive approaches to topics concerning environmental protection, ecology, sustainable development and promotion of protection of the environment. Sal Fuera thought for activities which would appeal to young people and inspire them to travel to the outdoor spaces in Europe and therefore also motivate them to protect such spaces. The project has protection of the natural environment as a central pillar. The project focuses on photography, which is a popular hobby among youth across Europe and thus opens up a connection between these individuals and the natural environment. In addition, by offering discussion on climate change, environmental campaigning and more theoretical approaches it also provides scope for individuals interested in sociology, policy making, urban planning, economy or other related field.

Photography can be a powerful tool that youngsters are already using, allows easy sharing in social media, increasing visibility, and inspiring other young (and not so young) people to protect their environment.

AIM and OBJECTIVES:

Specific objectives of youth exchange are to:

- Promote photography as a tool of protecting environment and a way to acquire knowledge and skills useful for persons' professional development.
- Foster mutual better understanding of ecological situation and culture in countries of participants and develop a sense of ecological awareness.
- Encourage youth to further influence media in the topic of ecology in their own countries.
- Promote cross-border cooperation in the fight against climate change.
- Create an itinerant photo exhibition with resulting pictures from participant, during the youth exchange, that will remain as a campaign against climate change and environmental degradation.

METHODOLOGY:

The working methods of the youth exchange will include typical non-formal education methods, focused on individual and group exercises, workshops, live presentations, discussions, quests for experience and tests for skills by which we are going to cover all the

components of the topic of the project, environmental protection + photography. A youth exchange is a hands-on activity which means that project's agenda includes a lot of field work in the countryside of Elche. We will have field visits to several strategic points that need to be promoted as natural sites, protected and/or cleaned. So, be ready for some volunteering action! And most of all, have your camera ready to shoot it out!

FOR WHOM:

- 31 participants in total from 6 different countries.
- 4 + 1 per country. 4 participants and 1 group leader.
- The participants should be between 18 and 30 years old.
- There is no age limit for the group leader.

There is no experience required for this youth exchange.

However, we would like to remind you that this project is based on **environment protection** and **photography**. If you feel that you can contribute with your participation, you are more than welcome! But think it twice if you're searching for a holiday trip, a city hunting experience or a beach resort. Accommodation will be in the city of Alicante, but not very close from the touristic sites. We will have several trips to the countryside of Elche, meaning that we will walk under the sun, take pictures, learn and understand the importance of the particular landscape of Elche, volunteer work in our polluted river, and much more...

THE VENUE, ELCHE-ALICANTE

Elx or Elche is the hometown of NGO Sal Fuera. Our town it is known, mainly for our date palm trees. It's the only palm grove of its type anywhere in Europe. Also, we are in the province of Alacant (Alicante), the southernmost province in the region of Comunitat Valenciana. We invite you to do some Google research, tell us what you find out!

Our accommodation will be in the capital of the region, Alicante, but our working field regarding environment and photography will be in Elche, hometown of our NGO, Sal Fuera.

The accommodation name is "Albergue Juvenil La Florida" where we will work and sleep. However we will do field trips to the countryside of Elche. We'll have very comfortable rooms with air conditioning and private bathroom. You can find the description of the accommodation here:

<https://reaj.com/albergues/juvenil-la-florida/>

TRAVEL COSTS

We will reimburse your travel costs according to the rules of the Erasmus + Program. Reimbursement process of the travel costs will start upon presenting original tickets, receipts/invoices and boarding passes. Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket, receipt or invoice. The reimbursement process will start once:

- We have all the necessary documents regarding your travel costs (invoices, tickets, and travel costs document).
- The Erasmus + online survey is completed.
- The dissemination of the results of this youth exchange has been done by your sending organization.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please, do not buy any transportation ticket without consulting us at ongsalfuera@gmail.com any ticket purchased without consulting might be not reimbursed.

IMPORTANT NOTE 2: Reimbursement will be done after the youth exchange for the participants that accomplish the steps shown above.

However, we can assure ONLY reimburse up to 80% of the total travel costs (please consult the next table to check your 100%). The other 20% will be done once the project final report has been submitted and approved by the National Agency of Spain. This might take several months. So that, we STRONGLY suggest that you take a travel option that does not overcome the 80%.

Example:

„If I am a Polish participant, the 100% of the amount of the travel costs would be 360 €. If I spend 288 € for travel costs, it means that I would get after the youth exchange by bank transfer, at least 288 €. The rest of the amount would be transferred by bank transfer once the project report is submitted and approved by NA.“

Country	Partner	Nr.of Participants	100% Travel Cost
Spain	Sal Fuera Elx	6	20 EUR
Serbia	IUVENTA NEVLADINA ORGANIZACIJA UDRUZENJE	5	275 EUR
Armenia	Armenian Open Society youth NGO	5	530 EUR
Bulgaria	AGORA	5	360 EUR
Estonia	MITTETULUNDUSUHING YOUTH SENATE TALLINN	5	360 EUR
Poland	Youth of Europe	5	360 EUR

WHICH AIRPORTS ARE THE MOST CONVENIENT?

- Airport of Alicante/Elx. This is the best option according to distance. It's located only 20 km away from Elche, and 8 from Alicante and it usually has good deals.

- Airport of Valencia. This is the second best option regarding distance. It's located 155 km away from Alicante, but the city of Valencia and Alicante have good connections with train, bus and carpool. You have to count 1:25 min by car to Alicante. Can be around 20-40 € the transportation to Alicante.

- Airport of Madrid. This airport it's the least convenient according to the distance. But usually they have the best deals. If you choose this airport, it has to be a real good deal with the flight because then you have to add from 60 to 140 € for the transportation to Alicante. And it takes around 3:50 h by car. If you need help for searching the idea transportation inside SPAIN, please do not hesitate to contact us, we are willing to help you.

There are some websites for transportations such as:

<http://www.renfe.com/> (TRAINS)

<https://www.alsa.es/> (BUS)

<http://www.goeuro.es/> (Searching device)

<https://www.blablacar.es/> (Carpool, it works very well and they issue invoice with the price)

WHAT TO BRING WITH US?

Bring something to represent your country. Yes, we will have intercultural evenings where you will have the space to present your country; we suggest that you bring some food, drinks, flags, materials, etc. If you are already familiar with intercultural evenings from other projects, this is a friendly reminder: we won't have space to show videos, sorry!

If you are a participant and you have laptop, cameras or video production/edition material, please bring it with you. If you are a group leader, you will have to bring at least one laptop (or be sure that there is one laptop in your group).

Nowadays, mobile phones and tablets are excellent cameras too. We know you will bring it with you ;) No need to ask for it.

List of personal items MUST bring:

- Cap, hat, something to cover your head (pretty sunny in here)
- Sunscreen cream, anything spreadable to protect your skin from our unforgiving sun.
- Swimming suit, beach towel, flip-flops... Yeah! Looks and smell like beach! (but not every day, don't get spoiled! ;)
- Toiletry of any kind you might and towel for your personal hygiene. There are some hairdryers but not in every room.
- Comfortable shoes and clothes to walk and get muddy! We will have field trips to the countryside and some volunteering actions!

Thank you very much for your attention! We can't wait to host you here ☺

Peace, Love, Photography & Environment protection

Sal Fuera