



Erasmus+ youth exchange



**FACTORY OF
SUCCESS:
START UP
YOU(TH) LIFE**

Samobor, Croatia

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YOUTH EXCHANGE

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09.09. – 13.09.2021. in Samobor, Croatia

PROJECT SUMMARY

This project revolves around the idea of making entrepreneurship more accessible to the youth. With this project we want to inspire youth all over the world to take action and engage in entrepreneurship, to acquire non-formal skills needed for doing that and to turn their dreams and ideas into reality – to start up their youth life. Through this project participants will gain both information and acquire basic non-formal skills and knowledge about entrepreneurship and how to personally tackle the above mentioned issues.

Specific project objectives are:

- developing basic skills and knowledge of the steps needed to create a business for 30 young participants from 5 countries,
- developing knowledge and skills of 30 participants needed for entering into labour market and entrepreneurship through writing resumea, writing cover letters, presenting themselves to others, creating their own startup business plans and teamworking,
- to change the youths attitude towards entrepreneurship and inspire them to actively engage and experience entrepreneurship process as something fun and accomplishing,
- to develop intercultural and language competences of 30 participants, especially possibility to share experiences, learn from each other's and to offer them the possibility of working in teams to achieve a common goal and build mutual tolerance,
- to increase the participants knowledge about the possibilities Erasmus+ programme offers to young people.

PROJECT DURATION: 01.07.2020. – 30.10.2021.

Arrival date and time: September 08th 2021, 6:00 pm

Departure date and time: September 14th 2021, 10:00 am

YOUTH EXCHANGE OVERVIEW

Category	Data
Name of the project:	Factory of success: Start-up you(th) life
Type:	Erasmus+ KA1, Youth Exchange
Dates of main activity:	09.09. – 13.09.2021.
Project venue:	Samobor, Croatia
Number of participants:	6 participants per country (5 young people + 1 group leader)
Age limit:	18-30 (20-30 for group leaders)
Participating countries	Croatia, Romania, Slovakia, Italy and Turkey

TIMETABLE

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Days 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	
9.00 – 10.00	ARRIVALS							DEPARTURES
10.00 – 11.00		Introduction to project topic	Workshop – writing cover letter	Simulation job interview (part I)	Businessman for a day - workshop	Creating short video story of the project		
11.00 – 12.00		Getting to know each other						
12.00 - 12.30		COFFEE BREAK						
12.30 – 14.00		Youth unemployment – what is the main problem? How can we combat that?	Be your own boss vs. having full-time job?	Simulation job interview (part II)	Businessman for a day - workshop	Learning mandala and Youthpass		
14.00 – 15.30		LUNCH						
15.30 – 18.00		Workshop – writing resume	Erasmus+ programme, Youthpass certificate & Key competencies	Study visit to local young entrepreneur	Meeting with young local craftsmen and entrepreneurs	Final evaluation		
18.00 – 19.00		Reflection time – learning mandala	Reflection time – learning mandala	Reflection time – learning mandala	Reflection time – learning mandala	Free time		
19.00 – 20.00		DINNER						
20.00 – 22.00		Intercultural night: Croatia	Intercultural night: Italy & Turkey	Intercultural night: Slovakia & Romania	Free night	Farewell party		

METHODS AND ACTIVITIES

This project is based on the methods of non-formal education, which support active involvement of participants and focus on their self-reflection and documentation of learning outcomes. Such methods also encourage young people to choose their own approaches and methods that offer them the flexibility and freedom to explore their emerging interests.

THEORETICAL WORKSHOPS

Theoretical part of the main activity, based on the methods of non-formal education, non-hierarchical approach and implemented by participants themselves (through research, simulations, presentations, discussions etc.) focuses on exploring topics of entrepreneurship in partner countries and what are the problems and solutions for youth unemployment.

PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS

Practical part of this project is focused on increasing participants knowledge and creativity through creation of resume, cover letter, simulation of job interview and creating an Erasmus video story. There will also be a study visit to local entrepreneurs and a meeting with young craftsmen and entrepreneurs who will share their own experience in starting their business.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants will be from following countries: Croatia, Italy, Romania, Slovakia and Turkey. There will be total number of 30 participants (5 + 1 group leader from each country). Participants should be between **18 and 30 years old**. In each group there will be one **group leader age 20-30**, preferably a person who has already been to at least one or two YE.

Participants should have high interest in topics of entrepreneurship and want to share and learn more about entrepreneurship and youth unemployment and through non-formal education develop practical skills to start their own business.

Preference is given to young people who come from rural areas in their countries, young people who face economic or geographic obstacles. Their profile is as follows:

- 1.) Cultural differences -participants from this category are the ones having different cultural background. This project will enable them to gain theoretical and practical knowledge about different cultures, enabling them to understand gastronomy cultural differences better and provide activities on this topic, thereby disseminating the competences acquired.
- 2.) Geographical obstacles-advantage is given to young people coming from rural and undeveloped areas
- 3.) Economic obstacles – participants who come from families with lower financial incomes and don't have the same opportunities as their peers to take part in international projects and those who are unemployed or in a process of education.

Each organisation is responsible for sending a gender mixed team (3 female and 3 male participants), involving fewer opportunities participants as well. ALL participants will need to fulfill an application form and the Hosting organization must have this information from each participant:

- Full name,
- Gender,
- Date of birth and age,
- Place of birth,
- Passport, ID number with issue and expiration date,
- Phone number and email,
- Special needs/ allergies, Food restriction, Health restrictions.

The application form will be collected by partner organisations and it should be sent to the HO to uo.samobor@hok.hr.

The main language used during the YE will be English. Participants taking part in this project must be able to communicate and express themselves in English.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation, living and other project / exchange related expenses are 100% funded by the EU. Participants will be provided with 3 meals per day and coffee breaks.

Participants will be accommodated in **Hostel Samobor**. There, they will be divided into two and four bed rooms. The rooms are equipped with bunk beds and the hostel also provides wireless internet connection. The laundry facilities, kitchen and air conditioned living room with 60 chairs and TV are located on the first floor.

Bed linen and towels are provided but we suggest participants also bring their own towels.



Hostel Samobor: <http://www.hostel-samobor.hr/en/>

TRAVEL

Travel expenses of the participants are covered in line with Erasmus+ Programme rules and European distance calculator. (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en)

Please note that we will reimburse only REAL travel expenses!

Reimbursement of the travel costs will be initiated after the coordinating organization receives all the **original tickets** of any kind means of transportation, receipts, boarding passes, etc. not exceeding travel budget for each participation country.

Please download all your electronic boarding passes to your emails! You are obliged to send all original travel documents to organizers during 15 days (post stamp or email date) after the project, otherwise you will not be reimbursed.

Copies of travelling documents are not acceptable and non-reimbursable.

Flight tickets must be in economy class, business class tickets are not acceptable. Please note, taxi expenses are not covered and reimbursed.

Participants who come to the exchange past arrival time or leave earlier than than departure time will not get ticket reimbursement!

Reimbursement of travel expenses for the participants will be carried out through bank transfers to the account of sending organization.

Participant need to send a travel plan to organizers before buying a ticket! After the travel plan is approved by organizer, participant can start to buy the ticket that the organizers have approved.

Reimbursement framework:

COUNTRY	PARTICIPANTS	TRAVEL GRANT (per participant)	TRAVEL GRANT (organization)	TRAVEL DISTANCE*
Croatia	6	0 €	0 €	0 - 99 km
Italy	6	275 €	1650 €	500 – 1999 km
Slovakia	6	275 €	1650 €	500 - 1999 km
Romania	6	275 €	1650 €	500 - 1999km
Turkey	6	275 €	1650 €	500 - 1999 km

*Based on travel distance per participant (distance between place of departure and venue of the project). Distance should be calculated by using **European Distance Calculator** (https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en) for each of the participants individually.

We kindly ask all of the participants to **calculate their travel distance in advance (prior to buying tickets), as in case if they fall within lower travel distance (e.g. between 100 and 499 km) their travel limit is lower.**

After calculating, please check the following table to determine your limit of travel costs:

DISTANCE	TRAVEL COSTS LIMIT
10 – 99 km	20 EUR
100 – 499 km	180 EUR
500 – 1999 km	275 EUR
2000 – 2999 km	360 EUR

Before buying any tickets, please consult us on uo.samobor@hok.hr

TRAVEL TIPS

FROM ZAGREB INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (DR. FRANJO TUĐMAN) TO ZAGREB MAIN BUS STATION

The Zagreb airport Dr. Franjo Tuđman is situated 12 km from the city center of Zagreb; the airport is the largest in Croatia, with international connection to most of Europe and domestic connection to the major cities in Croatia.

The airport bus is parked outside the main arrival terminal. The trip with the airport bus to the main bus station takes about **35-40 minutes**; at the main bus station, you also have tram connection to the city center. You can see departure times from Airport to bus station here: <http://www.plesoprijevoz.hr/en/page/timetable>

Please note that after 8 PM, buses depart from the airport after aircraft landing. Price for a one way ticket with the airport bus is 30 kuna (approximately 4 euros).

FROM ZAGREB MAIN BUS STATION TO SAMOBOR

Local bus from the main bus station to Samobor departures approximately every half an hour. The trip can last between **30 and 50 minutes**, depending on whether it is a direct line.

Please note that you are supposed to buy tickets directly from the bus driver while entering the bus.

Price for a one way ticket is **28 kuna (approximately 4 euros)**.

Departure times from Zagreb bus station to Samobor will be provided to you by hosting organization.

When you arrive **MEETING POINT** will be on **MAIN BUS STATION** in **SAMOBOR**. There will be somebody from our team waiting for you.

VENUE

SAMOBOR



Samobor is a city in Zagreb County, Croatia. It is part of the Zagreb metropolitan area. Samobor is located west of Zagreb, between the eastern slopes of the Samobor hills, the eastern part of Žumberak Mountain, in the Sava river valley. It is part of the historical region of Croatia proper.

You will fall in love with magnificent walks through the city, discovering culture and history, but also as you leave the city and head to the forests and mountains. Fresh air, untouched nature, sunny vineyards, family restaurants offering cozy atmosphere and local cuisine are perfect invitation for spending time in Samobor. During the year, there are plenty of events you can visit, especially the Samobor Carnival („Fašnik“) that takes place in February, Battle of Samobor in 1441 in March, Samobor Spring Fair and Salami Festival usually in March/April, Circus festival in April/May or Samobor Music festival in September/October.

Also, you should not leave Samobor without trying some of the specialties from exquisite local cuisine, „bermet“ (aperitif wine), „češnofke“ (sausage), „kotlovina“ (meat prepared in cauldron), „kremšnita“ (famous custard pastries), „Rudarska greblica“ (miners pie) or some of the local wines that you can try along the Wine road. For all information about Samobor, please visit official web site of Samobor.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET TO BRING!

- Personal medication;
- Comfortable and warm clothes and shoes
- Identification documents (ID, passport, visa, etc.);
- Health/travel insurance;
- 1 laptop per national team;
- Travel tickets and boarding passes (originals);
- Face masks

We strongly recommend every participant to acquire health/travel insurance at their own expense for the whole duration of the exchange.

Anyone who uses medicine should bring with themselves. We don't give any medicines and we don't cover extra insurance fees.

Also, please get a valid EU healthcare insurance card (if applicable):

- if you're an EU citizen, you have the right on free health insurance that gives you access to medically necessary, state-provided healthcare;
- **European Health Insurance Card** info - <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>)

Official currency in Croatia is **Croatian kuna**.

1 euro = 7.6 kn

(InforEuro - http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/inforeuro/index_en.cfm)

PREPARATION

TASK-RELATED PREPARATION

Each national group has to prepare :

- ✓ a presentation of the partner organization and sending country (preferable in multimedia presentation in ppt format),
- ✓ a presentation of national customs and traditions – interactive presentation at the Traditions Evening - evenings dedicated to the culture of one of the participating countries (includes traditional music, art, food etc). During the YE each one will get the opportunity to present his/her own organization in a visual way during cultural nights and workshops. We encourage participants to bring as much relevant-materials as possible
- ✓ Information –in English! about your organization; brochures, leaflets, etc.

Spreading the results: when the participants arrive back to their countries they need to organize one information meeting and hand out some promotional materials (brouchures). That must be documented by photos. An article on your site, Fb and a on-line media must be published.

Intercultural Evening

Please bring something typical from your place: food, drinks, traditional clothes, music, any “strange stuff” to show, say us some curiosity about your traditions or social behaviors, teach us some dance, play a traditional game, everything but power point presentation and touristic videos from YouTube!

INTERCULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC PREPARATION

Croatia (kroʊˈeɪʃə/ kroh-ay-shə; Croatian: Hrvatska [xř̩ʋaːtskaː]), officially the Republic of Croatia (Croatian: Republika Hrvatska), is a sovereign state between Central Europe, Southeast Europe, and the Mediterranean.

Its capital city is Zagreb, which forms one of the country's primary subdivisions, along with its twenty counties. Croatia covers 56,594 square kilometres (21,851 square miles) and has diverse, mostly continental and Mediterranean climates. Croatia's Adriatic Sea coast contains more than a thousand islands.

The country's population is 4.28 million, most of whom are Croats, with the most common religious denomination being Roman Catholicism.

The official language is Croatian.

Useful links containing useful Croatian phrases (some with audio)

<http://www.Learn-Croatian.com>

<http://www.visit-croatia.co.uk/croatianfortravellers/>

<http://www.hr/hrvatska/language/>

http://www.everything2.com/index.pl?node_id=1355876

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/other/quickfix/croatian.shtml>

http://www.linguanaut.com/english_croatian.htm

http://wikitravel.org/en/Croatian_phrasebook

Travel blog with useful information and fun random facts about

Croatia <https://www.chasingthedonkey.com>

YOUTHPASS

Youthpass is a tool to document and recognise learning outcomes from youth work activities. It is available for projects funded by Erasmus+: Youth in Action (2014-2020) and Youth in Action (2007-2013) programmes. It is a part of the European Commission's strategy that supports the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and outcomes.

While creating their Youthpass certificate together with a support person, project participants are given the possibility to describe what they have done in their project and which competences they have acquired. The certificate can be helpful in obtaining jobs and improving career progress since it can easily be attached to one's CV and serve as a proof of professional development.

8 Key competences for Lifelong Learning evaluated by Youthpass are:

- a. Communication in the mother tongue
- b. Communication in foreign languages
- c. Mathematical competence and basic competences in science and technology
- d. Digital competence
- e. Learning to learn
- f. Social and civic competences
- g. Sense of initiative and entrepreneurship and
- h. Cultural awareness and expression

The participants of this project have a right to obtain their Youthpass certificates at the end of the main activity.

ORGANIZER

ASOCIATION OF TRADES AND CRAFTS SAMOBOR (CROATIA)

Udruženje obrtnika Samobora, Svete Nedelje i Stupnika is a recognizable professional association that gathers over 1300 craftsmen and craftswomen of different professions from City of Samobor, City of Sveta Nedelja and Municipality of Stupnik. The Association provides support for its members, giving them legal, economics and accounting advices and various different informations. A lot of work is done in organizing various educations and courses for our members. Special focus of our Association is connecting craftsmen and craftswomen with other entrepreneurs in country and abroad.

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