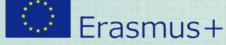


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# INFO PACK Youth Exchange Youth change for climate action

Larnaca, Cyprus 19–27 March, 2023



# Project Summary:

The "Youth Change for Climate Action" Youth Exchange will bring together 40 participants from 8 different countries (Cyprus, Italy, Romania, Spain, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech Republic, and Greece) and provide them with the capacity building so that they are in a better position to undertake initiatives that respond to the environmental needs of their communities.

The main objective of the youth exchange is to raise awareness about environmental issues and explore the possibilities of action in the direction of sustainable living culture.

Climate change creates increased levels of uncertainty about our future, and within that uncertainty, one thing is certain, we will leave the Earth to our children, youth, and future generations!

Young people are increasingly aware of the challenges and opportunities of the necessary transition to low-carbon development, and many are joining the global dialogue on solutions, participating, and taking action. As young people around the world work to shape their future by taking action on climate change, their actions inspire us all.

This project aims to develop, among young participants from 8 different countries, the importance of direct contact with nature:

- To develop a healthy lifestyle for themselves thanks to outdoor activities

- To develop an ecological way of thinking and ecological habits, useful for creating a better everyday life and to start thinking about their own green business future

- The preservation of environmental resources as the primary source of a healthy Earth and to preserve our future.

In order to get achievable results out of the project, we have developed the following objectives:

(a) To acquire project participants' knowledge of Climate Change science with theoretical and

practical opportunities to live more environmentally friendly (causes, consequences, local and global impacts, environmentally friendly living).

(b) to empower participants with the skills to address the environmental needs of the community

through a campaign.

(c) encourage participants to further use social media and youth portals to promote green living and empower them to multiply the skills acquired during the Youth Exchange in their local communities by disseminating project outcomes (project videos, press releases, photos, etc.)

(d) To promote interactions, networking, and collaborations with young people

# Project details:

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Hosting organization: Agros Enviromental Group
Venue of the project: Pervolia, Larnaca, Cyprus
APV dates : 03-05 Ferbuary 2023
Youth Exchange Dates: 19-27March 2023
Number of participants: 4 participants + 1 group leader
Age: 18-30 years old. No age limit for the group leader
Participant countries: Cyprus, Italy, Romania, Spain, Bulgaria, Hungary, Czech
Republic, and Greece
Language: Project will be run in English.

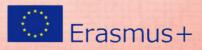
# Participants profile:

- Responsible youngsters aged between 18-30
- Have a good or basic level of English
- Be interested in the topic and motivated to learn and share experiences with others
- Promote a positive attitude at the group level, active engagement, and teamwork.
- Gender balance and group diversity in terms of different social and cultural backgrounds should be taken into consideration

Team leaders will be responsible for their group and their needs, and will help facilitate the whole project by giving advice, and coordinating communication between us, the project organizers, and participants.

# Partner Groups

- Agros Environmental Group Cyprus
- Asociata GEYC Romania
- Associacio Globers Spain
- Youth Waves 4 EU Greece
- Sdruzhenie Walk Together Bulgaria
- Fiatalok a részvételért Egyesület Hungary
- Objektivni Evropa Czech Republic
- Associazione Eurobox Italy



## Travel Costs Reimbursement

The Youth Exchange is funded through the Erasmus+ program. This means that accommodation, food, materials, program activities, and travel costs (up to the amount indicated below) are fully covered.

### The reimbursement for travel per country is: Greece, Romania, Bulgaria, Hungary: 275 Euro Italy, Czech Republic: 360 Euro Spain: 530 Euro

- In order to receive reimbursement, please keep **ALL original documents** of transportation (invoices, tickets, boarding passes, etc.).
- The money will be reimbursed via bank transfer after submitting all the original documents, upon completion of the Mobility Tool+ by group leaders.

Please note:

- Only the cheapest means of transport/fares are subject to reimbursement
- The following costs will NOT be covered by the project's budget: Taxi, Personal Car, Parking, Personal Costs
- Your trip must start from your home country
- Please DO NOT buy your tickets without having prior confirmation from the coordinator.
- There is a participation fee of 20 EUR to cover additional costs and 2-day trips to other cities in Cyprus.

#### Important:

ALL participants must travel from their home country to Cyprus. This is the new rule we have from National Agency and ERASMUS+. We cannot host participants who travel from a different country and not from their home country. You can fly from a different country, but your trip must start from your home country. As an example, a participant from Romania, can go to Greece by bus or train and take a flight from Greece to Cyprus. However, we need also the bus or train tickets which confirm that the participant started the journey from the (partner) country that comes from.

#### Note:

If you want you can travel to Cyprus 1-2 days earlier or leave 1-2 later after the end of the project or on APV.

However, you have to cover this extra cost for accommodation and food by your own.

## Venue

Location - Accommodation



- The participants will be accommodated in the Journalist Village in Pervolia (Larnaca City). It is located right next to the beach and the apartments are fully equipped with a private bathroom, kitchen with fridge, air conditioning, and central Wi-Fi.
- The venue consists of small flats with 1 or 2 bedrooms. Each flat can accommodate 3-6 people.
- At the venue, there is a large activity room, where all the workshops will take place, and a restaurant called Enalia, where all the meals of the day will be served, as well as snacks during the coffee break.

Address: Makarios avenue 9, Journalistic Village, Pervolia 7560 Cyprus

Note that: We can provide the accommodation and food only on the indicated in the invitation dates, any additional days the participants need to take care of on their own.



## Traveling to Cyprus:

- Larnaca airport is the nearest to the venue. Cyprus has a second airport situated in Paphos, however, transportation between Paphos and the venue is more difficult.
- Note that: Ercan is an airport in the Northern part of Cyprus, which is occupied by Turkey, and it is considered to be an illegal airport, not belonging to the Republic of Cyprus. Therefore, the European Union cannot cover travel expenses between any country and that airport. Therefore, we are asking you to book your flights with the cheapest flights from one of the 2 legal airports in Cyprus (Larnaca and Paphos).

#### Coming to the Venue:

More info will be given during the APV



### Safety and Health Information

### Health Insurance:

It is recommended for all participants to provide their own health insurance. We do encourage to issue at least European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) or an Additional Travel Insurance. Personal and medical insurance are the responsibility of the individual participant. We will not be responsible for any loss of luggage, currency or personal effects, or any medical costs.



## Intercultural Nights:

For the intercultural evening, please prepare to present your country and culture in an interactive and creative way.

You can show some videos, traditional dances, costumes, games, music, and of course, food and drinks!!!

Creativity is the key requirement. Participants will also have the opportunity to present their organization and its work. You can bring some materials (brochures, posters, PowerPoint presentations, films, photos, etc.)

## What to bring:

- All original tickets and boarding passes, passports etc.
- European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
- Personal Medication
- Material and National Products for the Intercultural Nights
- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Personal care products (such as shower gel, shampoo, comb, hair dryer etc.)
- Sunscreen
- Power adaptors (Cyprus has the 240 Volt/50Hz, with 3-pin electricity plus socket)
- Information about your country and your home organization
- And above all bring joy and lots of positive energy !!

No certification or special skills required, just bring your enthusiasm and experience the event in a fit and happy mood

And now, pack your bags, fill your heads with ideas and come meet us and many other young Europeans in Cyprus. Together we can make a change!

**Contacts:** Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions

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