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Info Pack

NewsRoom Youth Exchange

03-10.02.2025

(including travel days)

Bușteni, Romania

Dear participant,

We would be pleased to have you as a part of our mobility, in Bușteni, Prahova county, Romania, at Vila Doi Ponei. In this info pack you will find all necessary info for the mobility as well as its rules.

It will take place between **04.02-09.02.2025**, with **03.02.2025** and **10.02.2025** the travel days. The objective of this youth exchange is to work together towards the creation of pieces of traditional and new media, in order to become more knowledgeable about journalism and media literacy.

The youth exchange will include, among others, elements of civic education, bias of news companies, discourse analysis and sway of public opinion through media pieces.

About the project

During this project the participants will get to experiment in a practical manner with concepts such as radicalisation, confirmation bias, agenda setting, manipulation, as well as with activities based on discourse writing and the creation of pieces of traditional and new media. The nonformal activities are designed to increase the participants' critical thinking skills, awareness of disinformation and manipulation online and offline, as well as their ability to detect agendas and create their own pieces of media.

Objectives

Develop participants' ability to critically analyse media content by identifying radicalization, confirmation bias, agenda-setting, and manipulation techniques in both traditional and new media.

Increase participants' understanding of disinformation strategies and their impact, enabling them to recognize and counter manipulation both online and offline.

Equip participants with the skills to produce their own media content, emphasizing the importance of ethics.

Rules

In order **to confirm their presence** in the project, the participants will send the coordinating organisation, the Romanian Humanist Association, **the signed Learning Agreement**, that will be communicated to the sending organisations before the selection process starts.

By signing the aforementioned document, the participants **will offer their consent on complying with the rules** of the project. Some of the rules are:

- **No drugs** possession or consumption.
- **Take part** in all proposed activities.
- **No alcohol** consumption **for underage participants** and **no excesses for over-18 participants**.
- Give us **all the required travel documents** (the ones that are only physical have to be given like that in Busteni or sent by post) **for the reimbursement**.
- To qualify for **travel reimbursement**, the participants **have to be present throughout the whole duration of the project** (respecting the arrival and departure days).
- The **arrival day will be 03.02** and **departure will be 10.02** (these days are specifically designated for travel and no activity will take place)

Logistic Details

Participant Profile

We are looking for participants interested in media, media creation and journalism.

Each national group must have **4 participants + 1 group leader**.

The participants **must be residents** of the country of the sending organisation (either citizens or provide proof of residency at the moment of selection in the mobility).

The participants must possess a **proficient level** of English.

The participants must be between **16 and 30** years old, while the **group leaders have no age restrictions**.

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Travel

In order to reach the Doi Ponei Villa these are the options from Bucharest:

The easiest ways to get into Bucharest are with either the train from the airport to the North Railway (aprox. 15 minutes), or with bus #100 from the airport to city centre (aprox. 40 minutes depending on traffic).

By train

- From the North Railway take a train to Poiana Tapului. From there you need to walk 15 minutes to the accommodation.

OR

- From the North Railway take a train to Busteni. From Busteni you will need to either walk 35 minutes to the location, or take a taxi (for which you will need around 30 RON in cash)

Train schedules: <https://mersultrenurilor.infofer.ro/en-GB/Itineraries>

Travel

By bus

The option for the busses depends on the offer from the website [autogari.ro](https://www.autogari.ro). (<https://www.autogari.ro>)

Check for the schedule of the busses from Bucuresti, or Bucuresti Henri Coanda (the airport) to Busteni, as well as for the specific departure points, depending on the bus.

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Distance	Non-Green	Green
10 - 99 km	EUR 28	EUR 56
100 - 499 km	EUR 211	EUR 285
500 - 1.999 km	EUR 309	EUR 417
2.000 - 2.999 km	EUR 395	EUR 535

Accommodation

The accommodation will be at Vila Doi Ponei.

Participants will be checked-in into international rooms, of two.

Each room has its own bathroom. Each participant has towels in their respective room. If the towels are not on the bed or bathroom, do check the wardrobes.

The participants will be accommodated in double rooms - meaning there is a double bed, with a slight separator in the middle.

Smoking in the rooms is forbidden.

Useful Tips

If you will use the surface public transportation in Bucharest (bus, tram, trolley bus) you can buy tickets from ticket stations, small grey buildings in some of the bus stops, directly from the bus/tram/trolley bus by card at a ticket validator, or from the 24Pay app. You can also check where the buses and other means are and where the stops are through the InfoTB app.

The weather in Buşteni in February is quite cold. The averages are between daily max of up to 18 degrees and minimums of down to -7 degrees celcius.



The currency in Romania is the Romanian Leu (RON). Be prepared with cash on you, as most places and taxis in the Buşteni area don't take card. If you use Bolt or Uber in Bucharest, **the cost is not reimbursed**. Taxis in Bucharest are not safe, as they charge more than they should, especially for non-Romanians.

See you soon!

If you have any further questions
please do not hesitate to ask us

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