

Info-pack

Youth exchange

Social Entrepreneurship for Change

Popova Shapka, Tetovo, Macedonia

05-13 October 2018

Project summary

Due to the current political and social situation in the world, Europe has faced the problem of huge waves of immigrants and refugees. Travelling hundreds and thousands of miles from Africa, the Middle East and Asia, people are risking everything in the hope of reaching their goal, and the danger does not end at a border crossing. After arriving to desirable destination, for young people of migrant and refugee background, real battle just than starts, one that involves efforts for 'right' integration and inclusion based on equal rights and responsibilities as a rest of respective community they decide to settle.

Social exclusion can affect all age groups but it demands particular attention from the youth field because it produces deep and long-term damage to the living conditions, social and economic participation, emotional life, and health status of young people with migrant and refugee background.

The problem of employment of young people with migrant and refugee background is for us the most burning one. We witness this on our skin and we see that youth are in danger of becoming the "educated unemployed" and joining the so-called NEETs. They are even more marginalized when their gender, ethnicity, social status, disability or geographic location isolates them from the mainstream. A young person without work for prolonged periods will struggle to recover:

In the face of such economic and social challenges, there is demand, especially for young people of migrant and refugee background, to better prepare for today's varied and unpredictable career paths.

The objective of the project is to tackle youth unemployment especially in respect of young people of migrant and refugee background, across the EU through innovative solutions including social entrepreneurship, and raising awareness on youth unemployment.

This project also aims to ensure equal access to employment across the society, particularly among young people with migrant and refugee background through equipping them with relevant skills.

The main aim of the project is to increase the quality of youth opportunities for migrants and refugees by equipping young people with competencies necessary for development of social entrepreneurship ideas and projects.

The project is based on an intensive learning process to reach following objectives:

- To enable participants to go through a process of development of social entrepreneurship projects and reflect on its different steps;
- To gain understanding on how to do social entrepreneurship projects and how to make it relevant for the needs of young migrants and refugees;
- To increase the knowledge of the background to social entrepreneurship (theory, concepts, steps, philosophy);
- To develop practical skills in designing and implementing social entrepreneurship projects;
- Raising awareness about problems that young migrants and refugees are experiencing
- Introducing tools regarding how social enterprises tackle societal problems in respect of young migrants and refugees
- To motivate young people in order to undertake and utilize social entrepreneurship as a force for social change

- To introduce necessary tools to young people on how to find innovative ways of tackling social problems in respect of young migrants and refugees
- To develop pilot projects which address social challenges in their organisations or community
- Equipping young people with the relevant skills of how they can cope with social problems

“Social Entrepreneurship for Change” is connected to several main objectives and features of both Erasmus+ program. First of all, it supports professional development of young people and it provides them with tools to create and run social entrepreneurship ideas and projects. Through its practical part, it stimulates their creative and innovative thinking in designing social entrepreneurship projects, based on young migrants and refugee’s needs and requirements for their social inclusion.

The project is consisted of 3 parts:

- Online introduction and learning platform
- Residential youth exchange at Popova Shapka, Tetovo, Macedonia which will gather 36 participants (young people and group leaders) from Sweden, Macedonia, Turkey, Italy and Spain from 05.10.2018 to 13.10.2018
- Follow up of the youth exchange where the young people will implement their planned projects, social business plans and entrepreneurship programs with help of their organizations and group leaders.

Participants

The main target group is young people who are of migrant or refugee background who are currently excluded from the job market as well as the wider society.

- Are aged from 18 to 28;
- have interests in the field of employment and social entrepreneurship;
- Have a desire to apply their competences in developing new activities, workshops, trainings and etc;
- Are supported by their respective organizations in applying their competencies and newly developed tools in taking over initiatives and implementing their social entrepreneurship business plans, workshops and trainings with youth and/ or youth workers and various activities in youth work.

Country	Organisation	Number of participants	Travel Reimbursement
Macedonia	Center for Education and Development	6	/
Sweden	Youth Educational Sphere Sweden- YESS	7	275
Turkey	Demokrasi ve Hakuk Toplulugu	7	275
Italy	SOS Europa	7	275
Spain	SAL FUERA ELX	7	275

Participant's selection deadline: 05 of September 2018

Venue

Hotel Teteks Arena, Popova Shapka/ Tetovo/ Macedonia

Notice:

- You'll be accommodated in double, triple or quadruple room; the hotel provide towels and hair drier;
- In rooms you will be divided by gender and mixed nationalities;
- When you will arrive our team will welcome you in train station; The hotel have Wi-Fi, bar and big areas for free time activity and fun.
- Food : Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served at the restaurant inside the hotel.





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Participants would buy all travel tickets **online** (We don't reimburse travel agency tickets, cash payments without a receipt are not allowed!) and **always** make online check-in where possible. This will speed up the reimbursement process and is more environmentally friendly. All tickets should be sent before the project to: vlade-tearce@hotmail.com

BEFORE BUYING THE TICKETS SEND THEM TO US FOR APPROVAL

Participants are allowed to stay up to 5 days longer in Macedonia if they want, but they need to pay for their own accommodation/food.

Reimbursement:

Reimbursement of travel costs can be done as soon as we have all original documents from participant and participant has carried out follow-up activities and posted about it in the blog. We will send it by bank transfer.

Documents which are needed:

- Original invoice of the flight ticket, it should be in **English** and amounts in **euros** (if possible). Please book your tickets in travel site where you can get the documents in English and in Latin alphabet!
- Boarding passes (very important) from your journey to Macedonia and from your journey back electronic versions –make online check-in before, because we don't cover check in fee on board!)
- Flight tickets with travel times (English! Latin alphabet!)
- Bus/train tickets
- If luggage is not included in plane ticket, try to add it right away while buying the tickets online, separate luggage receipts are not subject to reimbursement)
- Use of taxi / personal car will not be reimbursed

Travel insurance:

If you are European Union citizen, please make sure that you have the European Health Insurance Card(<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=653&langId=en>) or temporary certificate. Additionally it's **obligatory** to make travel insurance (for people coming outside EU), this is your own contribution and will not be reimbursed. Travel insurance should include medical insurance, trip protection and luggage insurance.



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What to bring:

- Autumn and warm clothes because the venue is on a mountain
- Rain jacket / coat
- Swimming suit (there is a hotel close to ours that have swimming pool)
- Personal medicine
- Some materials/flayers/contact sheets from your organization to share with others,
- Some traditional food, drinks or other things of your country you would like to present/show to others... (for intercultural evenings)
- You can prepare some energizer or bring some board games☺
- Positive energy and open-minded attitude☺

About us

Center for Education and Development (CED) invests in young people's development through non-formal education, volunteerism and youth work fostering creative initiatives and mutual collaboration. We are non-governmental organization that works in region of Pollog (Western Macedonia) since 2006. Organization has as a target group of young people aged 12 to 28 years, while for achieving its goals in youth activities includes teachers, parents, heads of leading institutions, Schools, Universities, Municipalities and many other organizations.

CED invests on the youth population through non formal education, youth work and volunteerism, aiming that all of these to encourage creative initiatives for building healthy and developed environment and coexistence between all the citizens.

For more information check www.ced.org.mk

The city of Tetovo is one of the largest cities of Macedonia, outside the capital city, Skopje, located in the North western part of the country, adjacent to the Shar Mountains, the highest and biggest mountain area in Macedonia.

The city is home to diverse communities and is a true student city, with more than 15,000 students studying at two Universities. It's a city on the move and offers a variety of cultural, sports and other activities. There is theatre, music, and history, delicious cuisine and confectionery and an ideal location for skiing and outdoor pursuits. We recommend you experience Tetovo and the rest of this part of the country for yourself!

For Tetovo historical sites please visit: www.tetova.gov.mk.

How to reach Tetovo



The cheapest and direct companies that fly to **International airport Skopje**, Macedonia (which is closest and most frequent airport in Macedonia) are **Wizzair** and **Pegasus** (from Turkey).

From the airport there is a bus which goes directly to the main International Bus station in Skopje, check the time schedule here: <https://www.manoragroup.com/en#timetableanchor>

From the bus station in Skopje you will take a bus to Tetovo. There are busses on every half an hour or every hour. (Last one departure at 21:30h)

We will pick you up from the bus station of Tetovo and bring you to Popova Shapka.

If you have any questions about your travel arrangements, please contact us. Don't forget to keep all the receipts.

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