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Youth Exchange “SUNemploymentTOO” Komatini 3 - 11 August, 2017

Summary of the project:

The youth exchange “SUNemploymentTOO” with 8 partner organizations and 40 participants (4 participants +1 leader) from 8 different European countries (Greece, Slovenia, Cyprus, Italy, Germany, Latvia, Poland and Portugal) will take a place in Komotini - Greece from 3 till 11 August 2017.



Nowadays all around Europe the youth unemployment is increasing and there are countries such as Greece where 65% of young people are unemployed. Young workers they are trying to get a summer job and they have to work with less than the basic, without working Rights in very bad conditions unable to react as they need at least a seasonal job to survive. SUNemploymentTOO is exactly this kind of employment that is temporary and as the summer pass, you are again unemployed. “SUNemploymentTOO”, it is more than a project title as express the demand of all the young people all around Europe and especially in the South, for stability, dignity, respect, work, Social Rights and a better future. During the 7 days of the Youth Exchange, 40 young people from 8 different countries will share opinions and ideas on unemployment and the lack of awareness of opportunities. They will be informed about their Rights and how they can go to work abroad through the right path. They will explore creativity in the workplace as the youth must bring energy, imagination, new ideals and a limitless vision with them.

with them. The project aims to inform youth about situation of youth unemployment in different countries as well as about job and educational opportunities. Young people they will learn how to see the summer as a job opportunity and not a job for opportunists who take advantage of young people. By learning their Rights and how to protect those, with the use of the right programs such as Erasmus plus, EURES and EU funding opportunities for young entrepreneurs, they will be in better place than before. Emphasis will be given European Voluntary Service as an opportunity for youth to get involved in various activities.

Youth Exchange time Plan:

Plan your trip according the arrivals to Komotini and departures from Komotini!!

Arrival Date of the project: 3 August 2017 (till 16.30 p.m. you have to be in Komotini)

Departure Date of the project: 11 August 2017 (you have to leave this day from Komotini, not the previous one)

Duration (without travel days): 8 working days

Profile of participants and partner organizations:

Totally in the project will be 8 countries and 40 participants. From each organization 4 participants + 1 leader in age 18 - 25. The leader doesn't have any age limit. Participants have to be related and interested within the topic.

Insurance:

All the participants are responsible to obtain a health and full travel insurance. The costs for the insurance have to be covered by you. If applicable, remember your European Health Insurance Card.

Place of Activity:

The project activities will be held in Komotini. You will be accommodated in the hotel „Orpheus“ located on the central square of Komotini. <http://www.hotelorfeas.gr/en>

All the participants will stay in triple rooms. Breakfast will be provided by the hotel, lunch and dinner in local restaurants.

Project activities will be held in „EuropeDirect“ office and garden: <http://europedirectkomotini.eu/eud/en/>

HomeWorks and Preparation:

- 1) Present the situation of employability during the summer period in your countries (5-10 min)
- 2) Present good practices about Erasmus plus projects in your countries (5 min)

- 3) Present the opportunities for young entrepreneurs in EU what offers your countries (5-10 min)

*) Loesje workshop (lead by Latvian team)

**) Be ready for intercultural evenings (no video or any digital presentations), do it in interactive way and bring with you traditional music, food, drinks and everything else you think you would like to show and share with the other participants. Every country will have 5 minutes in total. We will have a small party in the office garden.



About Komotini:

Komotini (Greek: Κομοτηνή, Turkish: Gümülcine) is a city in Thrace, northeastern Greece. It is the capital of the region of East Macedonia and Thrace and of the Rhodope regional unit. It was the administrative center of the Rhodope-Evros super-prefecture until its abolishment in 2011. The city is home to the Democritus University of Thrace, founded in 1973. Komotini is home to a sizeable Muslim minority, which constitutes 50% of the city's population.

Built at the northern part of the plain bearing the same name, Komotini is the seat as well as the administrative, financial and cultural center of the prefecture. It is also the seat of Eastern Macedonia - Thrace Region and a transport interchange. During the Turkish occupation, Goumoultzina or Gkoumourtzina (as Komotini was known at the time) was the most important settlement of the region and became very prosperous. During the second half of the 19th century it became major agricultural and breeding center of the area. It was liberated in 1913, but did not join Greece until May 1920 with the signature of the Treaty of Sevres. A great number of refugees settled in Komotini in 1922-1923. In the modern town the Christian and Muslim communities co-exist in peace as far as culture and every day habits are concerned. It is located 795 km NE of Athens and 281 km NE of Thessaloniki.

How to reach Komotini:

- 1) **Flying to Thessaloniki!** There are buses at 8:30, 11:30, 14:30 to Komotini. Takes around 3 hours to Komotini and costs around 45 EUR with the return. There is a bus number 78 that takes you from the airport to the bus station - KTEL.
- 2) **Coming from Istanbul!** From Istanbul Komotini is 7 hours depends on how much time will take on the border's control. The ticket costs around 36 EUR with the return.

TIAGO, KLINTA, KARINA please take the bus at 09:00 (company Ulusoy) or at 10:00 (company Metro/KamilKoc) from Istanbul to Komotini on 3rd August.

KASPAR, ELINA, RAITI please take the bus at 18:00 (company Metro/KamilKoc) from Istanbul to Komotini.

*Arriving from Istanbul - the bus will leave you in front of the central square where is also the hotel located. Arriving at the bus station, ask for the hotel or central square- its just 3 minutes walk on foot.

Country	Participants	Arrival/Departure	Arival	Departure
Poland	Stefan, Elzbieta, Malgorzata, Katarzyna	Thessaloniki	1 Aug 12:00	11 Aug 07:50
	Karolina			
Italy	Giulia	Sofia/Thessaloniki	2 Aug 15:35	11 Aug 07:50
	Uddhava, Alberto		1 Aug 10:50	11 Aug 12:05
	Francesco	Sofia	2 Aug 12:00	13 Aug 10:20
	Iacopo		3 Aug 09:45	12 Aug 11:10
Germany	Hermann, Ksenija, Andreas, Jens	Thessaloniki	3 Aug 15:05	11 Aug 18:10
	Violeta		3 Aug 14:10	13 Aug 16:40
Portugal	Tiago	Istanbul	1 Aug 19:10	?
	Claudio		2 Aug 22:10	11/12 Aug
	Sara	Thessaloniki	2 Aug 22:55	11 Aug 16:00
	Joao		2 Aug 22:55	14 Aug 15:30
	?		?	?
Latvia	Kaspars, Inese, Raitis	Istanbul	3 Aug 14:25	13 Aug 14:55
	Klinta, Karina		2 Aug 15:15	12 Aug 14:55
Slovenia	?	Thessaloniki	?	?
Cyprus	?		2 Aug 07:40	11 Aug 21:45

Travel cost limits:

Nr	Partner Organization	Country	Nr of people	Max travel budget per person, EUR (100%)
1.	JUGEND, BILDUNG UND KULTUR EV	Germany	4+1	275
2.	Work in Progress	Italy	4+1	275
3.	Sistema un G Latvija	Latvia	4+1	360
4.	DOREA Educational Institute WTF	Cyprus	4+1	275
5.	Fundacja "Zielony Slon"	Poland	4+1	275
6.	Associacao Check-In-Cooperacao E Desenvolvimento	Portugal	4+1	360
7.	Kulturno umetnisko drustvo Plac	Slovenia	4+1	275

Weather:

The average temperature in Komotini will be very hot and sunny. You can check the weather forecast in <http://www.gismeteo.com> before your arrival.

Take light clothes and suncream and comfort shoes for outdoor activities ☺

Financial Conditions:

Accommodation and food supply will be covered 100%. We will provide participants with three meals a day and coffee break when needed. These travel expenses will be reimbursed to the partner organisation or leader via transfer. We would like to remind you that flight tickets need to be economy class. Participants need to bring and submit all the original tickets, invoices where is shown the **PRICE** and **BOARDING PASSES** in order to get their reimbursement. If the participants do not submit the respective original documents to us, their payment will not be reimbursable!!! Please let us know the costs of your travel from your country to Komotini, sending the e-ticket and invoice when you buy the travel tickets to proceed the reimbursement forms in advance (for those who haven't done it yet). Participants can arrive to Greece 2 days before the starting date of the activity and their departure ticket can be 2 days after the date of completion of the activity. The travel costs per person are indicated above.

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