

CIRCULAR ECONOMY OUTSTANDERS

ABOUT THE EXCHANGE

“Circular Economy Outstanders-CEO” will be a 7-day Youth Exchange from 2nd- 9th of June, that will take place in Ohrid, North Macedonia.

The exchange will get together 30 participants from North Macedonia, Czech Republic, Azerbaijan, Croatia, Italy and Estonia, aged 18-25 years old, who will have a chance to gain skills and knowledge on the topics of entrepreneurship, social innovation, and circularity. The project itself will serve as a motivator for the participants to be the change and to become green entrepreneurs with innovative business ideas.

OBJECTIVES OF THE EXCHANGE

01 To provide the participants with the knowledge and first-hand information from already established businesses with innovative business models in order to motivate them to start planning their own innovative business;

02 To create green entrepreneurial objectives (GEO) action plans that will empower the participants to take positive actions and initiatives within their local community;

03 To encourage young people to be more open-minded and start thinking of ways they can get other people involved from their local community.

04 To motivate the participants to be future CEO's

INFO PACK

2nd - 9th JUNE
Ohrid, North Macedonia

METHODOLOGY

We chose a range of methods to empower the participants capacity to facilitate and deliver activities in a more clear and impactful manner:

1. Theoretical learning;
2. Individual and group learning;
3. Experiential learning: Learning by doing;
4. Informal learning;
5. Building mutual understanding.

The program is built up step by step from specific to general when it comes to group facilitation. The starting point will be focused on self-awareness and will develop towards program design based on awareness of group's needs.

PARTICIPANTS PROFILE

Target group for the Youth Exchange are young people aged 18-25 years old who:

1. Have not taken part in training courses or youth exchanges;
2. Have economic and social obstacles;
3. Have limited entrepreneurial skills;
4. Have been unemployed for a longer period of time;
5. Are able to communicate in English.

The selection of candidates should be conducted by each partner organization from the respective country, based on an open call disseminated among young people, where the criterias will be clearly mentioned.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

This youth exchange will provide you with:

AWARENESS

- To be aware of waste created;
- To be aware of the unemployment rate and ways to decrease it';
- To be aware of whether or not you have an entrepreneurial spirit to create your own business and open up new job positions;
- To be aware of your behavior in the diverse environment you live in.

KNOWLEDGE

- Knowledge of the situation of the development of young people in 6 countries;
- Knowledge of waste prevention and circular economy;
- Knowledge of different cultures and habits of young people

SKILLS

- Entrepreneurial skills by working on innovative business ideas and green action plans;
- Teamwork skills by participating in various team exercises and outdoor challenge;
- Communication skills by preparing presentations;
- Intercultural learning.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES

During the youth exchange, the participants, through individual and group work, and with the support of the facilitator, will create their personal Green Entrepreneurial Objectives (GEO), as well as GEO Action Plans. In order to apply and improve the knowledge and skills acquired during the Youth Exchange, but also to contribute to their local communities, in the follow-up phase, which will be conducted after the completion of the Youth Exchange, each participant will have the obligation to implement its GEO Action Plan in its own country.

In the whole process of implementation of the action plans, the participants will receive support from the partner organizations from the respective countries.

TIME FRAME OF THE PROJECT

ACTIVITY	DATE
Preparation period	May – June 2022
Youth Exchange	2 nd June - 9 th June 2022
Implementation of follow-up activities by the participants	June 2022 - November 2022
Implementation of dissemination activities	June 2022 – July 2022

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

DATES FOR THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

Arrival of the participants and start of the program	2nd June
Closing of the program	8th June
Departure of participants	9th June

VENUE FOR THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

The exchange will be held at the Scout Centre in Ohrid, North Macedonia. It's location is perfect in many ways, mainly because it is in a peaceful area and is just 2 km away (20min walk) from the city center of Ohrid. The Scout Center lies of 32.500 m2 with a lot of green areas and a small river flowing next to it. In the center there is a beach on the Ohrid Lake on the southwest side of the camp. which makes it perfect for a whole beach day, since the sun sets really late. The center is an ideal place for youth and other organized groups of people which offers a space for amazing and fun workshops and activities. The participants will be accommodated in shared rooms with 2 single beds in solid built objects with individual bathrooms.

Within the Centre there is one big conference hall (150 people) and one smaller (30 people). The center owns small football and basketball pitches, which are fully equipped and ready to use at any time, since they are lit during nights.

More about the Scout Centre you can find on the following link: <https://www.scout.org/node/549914>

Ohrid is the eighth-largest city in North Macedonia. The city is rich in picturesque houses and monuments, and tourism is predominant. In 1979 and in 1980 respectively, Ohrid and Lake Ohrid were accepted as Cultural and Natural World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. Ohrid has a warm-summer mediterranean climate bordering on an oceanic climate moderated by its elevation. During June, the average high temperature is 25 °C and the average low temperature is 12 °C.

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1. It is necessary to participate from the beginning of the YE till the end, no late arrivals / early departures.

2. The selected participants for the Youth Exchange need to be vaccinated with at least two doses of an appropriate vaccine against the Covid-19 virus and to respect and implement the active protocols for entering North Macedonia and for participation in this type of activities.

3. It can be that you will have to make a test for COVID-19 before arrival in North Macedonia and/or before departing from North Macedonia. We kindly ask you to combine the travel costs reimbursement with the Covid-19 test cost, and if not possible, please let us know.

4. Participants are required to keep all invoices and documents required for refund of travel expenses. The organizers will reimburse the travel costs of the participants after they complete the exchange up to the lump sum amounts in Erasmus + rules:

- Czech Republic, Croatia, Estonia, Italy - **275€**
- Azerbaijan - **360€**
- North Macedonia – **20 €**

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