

*Key Action 1
Learning Mobility of Individuals*

*Action: Youth Exchange
Project title:*

***“Some call it Europe, we
call it Home”***

Info Pack



Agros –Cyprus 27 April – 05 May 2018

Dear Friends,

In this letter you will find all that you need to know about the Youth exchange “*Some call it Europe, we call it Home*” which will take place in Agros, Cyprus. Here you will find information concerns goals and methodology of the youth exchange, information about accommodation, money reimbursement and other practical issues. We hope we will answer all your questions and hope to see you in April in Cyprus.

*Best regards,
Organizing team*

Main Details About Project

Applicant Organization: European Ways e.V.

Hosting organization: Youth Dynamics Group

Venue: Agros, Cyprus

APV dates : **16-18 March 2018**

Youth Exchange Dates: **27 April - 05 May 2018**

Youth Exchange participant No: 4 participants + 1 group leader

Age: Between 15-30 years old. No age limit for group leader

Participant countries: 50 participants from 4 EU (Germany, Greece, UK, Cyprus) and 6 neighboring (Armenia, Egypt, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia Federation and Jordan)

Language: Project will be run in English.

Cyprus Airports: Larnaca and Pafos

Venue of the project: Agros village in Cyprus www.agros.org.cy

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About Project goal and methodology

Our project "Some call it Europe, we call it Home" is a multilateral youth exchange with 50 participants from 4 EU (Germany, Greece, UK, Cyprus) and 6 neighboring (Armenia, Egypt, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia Federation and Jordan) countries. The project will be organised in Agros village – Cyprus between 27/4-05/5/2018. It's aim is the cultural diversity, inter-religious dialogue and empowerment of youth from various social, religious, cultural and ethno-racial backgrounds. Especially we would work with marginalised youth with less possibilities, particularly refugees and asylum seekers or those coming from low income families or rural areas. We expect that our participants

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are mainly **newcomers** with small experience in youth work, but a strong willingness to develop. The project would provide them with social tools and skills and would help to raise the awareness for their cultural diverse surroundings, to find out and understand the differences as well as to be proud to except their cultural and personal identity. By doing so they will develop respect and understanding towards other groups and nations. The project leads also to achieving personal, social and professional development.

The main objectives of this project are to promote inter-religious dialogue, raise awareness of one's own identity and culture and to cross borders to other traditions, languages and mentalities by involving actively with participants from other countries. One important part of the project would be dedicated to address prejudices in all its kinds and how to fight it. We expect to develop cooperation between different cultures, religions and civilizations by working on same tasks and creating new projects. Participants are going to get to know each other better and get profound knowledge about culture, history and religion of others. During the project we will additionally exchange cultural information through music, dance, songs and quisine. This will be done in an interactive way in intercultural learning environment.

Through activities including group work, outdoor activities, interactive lectures, quizzes, role games and workshops, the participants will find out more about the factors that may separate us (like nationality, religion, mentality, sexual orientation, background, etc.) and learn how to benefit from this diversity instead of seeing them as obstacles. By getting in touch with the other participants, they will broaden their horizons and improve mutual understanding. Also during the project we will organize intercultural nights where all the partner groups will present their country, their culture, traditional foods, drinks, music and dances.

The main purpose of the project will be the active participation in the integration of everyone. We will try to find reasons which promote conflicts, to find difficulties and communication barriers by stimulating conversation about intercultural differences, discussions about situations and sharing of views.

The participants will deepen their knowledge on the subject of intercultural and non-formal learning, draw a map of existing attitudes towards non-formal intercultural learning as achieved through cross-border volunteering. They will as well explore the values and impact of intercultural non-formal learning and volunteering and share best practices of promoting and increasing visibility of intercultural learning and volunteering as well as develop new practices. The opportunities of using Youthpass in ERASMUS+ activities as a tool for self-reflection and evaluation will also be discussed. By working, creating and cooperating together our participants will become more aware of cultural diversity in Europe. The working programme uses informal learning in form of discussing, games, group activities. Through this, they will experience a new way of discovering their own history. In turn, these young people will act as multipliers among their cohorts who in the long run will become better citizens.



About Participants

In this project we will include 4 participants and 1 team leader from each partner organizations. Participants aged 15 to 30, no age limit for group leader. In total 50 youth in the project. Team leaders will be responsible for their group and their needs, and help facilitate whole project by giving advices, coordinating communication between us, project organizers and participants. Before departure to the venue team leader will be responsible to ensure proper thematic, cultural etc. preparation of participants.

As mentioned, each national team (participants) will be responsible for preparing several games and lead one or two thematic sessions during the project. During the APV meeting in March 2018 group leaders will split tasks/sessions between national teams. Based on task division group leaders will prepare participants before departure. If needed we can recommend each national team for each session NFE methodology to lead the session. Why do we do this? Because youth active participation and engagement into the leading of the project is a best way for exploring new competencies, taking responsibilities and for learning and personal growth.

We hope to see you in the project well-prepared, positive and motivated to learn and inspire each-other to start making positive transformation in terms of ecological awareness and lifestyle around the world.

About Arrivals and Departures

APV

Arrival day: March 16th

Departure day: March 18th

Youth Exchange

Arrival day: April 27th

Start of the program: April 28th

End of the program: May 4th

Departure day: May 5th



We ask you to plan your travel in a way to be at the program venue on April 27th at 7 PM the latest and leave on May 5th in the morning. If you want to come earlier and/or leave later than expected it can be maximum 3 days before the project and 3 days after the project, but in that case please keep in mind that we cannot cover the costs of longer stay accommodation, meals and etc.

Important Note: Please keep in mind, that **you cannot arrive/depart to Ercan (ECN) airport** as it is located on the Turkish side and government of Cyprus does not recognize the airport as a legitimate port of entry. You can use for your arrival and departure either Larnaca (LCA) or Paphos (PFO) airports in Cyprus.

Important Note: **ALL** participants of youth exchange must travel from their home country to Cyprus. This is the new rule we have from National Agency and ERASMUS+.

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We cannot host people who come from a different country and not from their home country. Of course you can flight from a different country but your trip must start from your country. As an example a person from Bulgaria can go to Greece by bus or train and take a flight from Greece to Cyprus. But we need also the bus or train tickets which confirm that he starts his journey from his country.



Cyprus VIZA - Schengen viza

The people from partner countries they will need viza to enter Cyprus.

No visa is required for entry into Cyprus by nationals of most European countries. Nationals of other countries should contact the nearest Consulate of the Republic of Cyprus or if there is none, the nearest Consulate.

So if your participants need visa to enter Cyprus we will need the following details in order to prepare and send you invitation letter and hotel reservation

Details of the person who need visa:

Full Name:

Date Of Birth:

Passport No:

Issue date:

Expiry Date:



Schengen viza

Cyprus is not in Schengen Zone but you can travel to Cyprus with your Schengen viza. Please be careful as the Schengen visa must be valid in order to enter Cyprus!!

You can tread about Schengen at <http://www.schengenvisainfo.com/>

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****Please Note:** third country citizens who are holders of a valid Schengen Visa (type C, single, double or multiple entries) and who have already entered Schengen territory according to the stipulations governing the issuance of the Schengen Visa they hold, can travel to Cyprus without acquiring a Cypriot Visa. They can stay in the Republic of Cyprus for the duration of a period equal to the remainder of the period of legal stay as stated on their Schengen visa and at the latest until the expiration date of their visa.

Budget for travels

Unit costs of your travel expenses will be covered by the organizers with the support of ERASMUS+ program. Below is a list with the maximal travel budget per person for each country:

Country	Total maximum unit travel cost per person in EUR
Germany	330
Greece	235
UK	500
Armenia	235
Egypt	235
Belarus	330
Ukraine	235
Russia Federation	330
Jordan	235

Travel costs from home to the venue of the project and return. For itinerant projects: travel costs from home to the place where the Activity starts and travel costs from the place where the Activity ends to home. Please note: only cheapest means of transport/fares are subject to reimbursement. The costs from airport to Agros and return back are around 30 euro per person. This amount is not included in the above list and it will be covered by organizers.

Partner groups

Name of the Organisation	Country of the Organisation	Type of Organisation
European Ways e.V.	Germany	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Youth Dynamics	Cyprus	Group of young people active in youth work
"International Center for Intercultural Research, Learning and Dialogue" NGO	Armenia	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Non-governmental organization "Kharkiv association for active youth "Stella"	Ukraine	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Belarusian Youth Public Union New Faces	Belarus	European NGO
Social Association for Media Profession	Egypt	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS ASTIKI ETAIREIA	Greece	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
JORDAN Youth Innovation Forum	Jordan	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Interregional youth social movement of support of voluntary initiatives SFERA	Russian Federation	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
NEW INTERNATIONAL COMPANY OF LIVE ARTS	United Kingdom	Non-governmental organisation/ association/social enterprise
Total number of participating organisations excluding consortium members where applicable		10

Travel costs Reimbursement

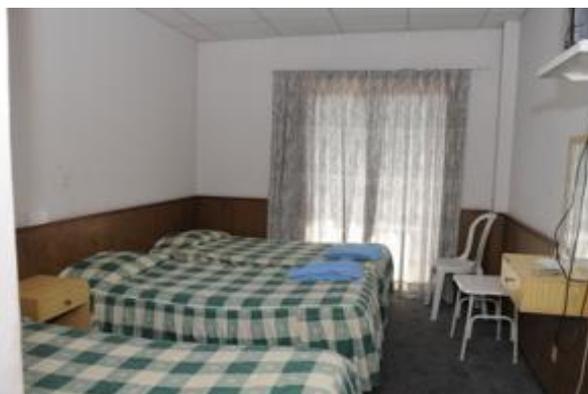
Unit costs of your travel expenses (see table above) will be covered by the organizers with the support of ERASMUS+ programme. In order to receive this money for transportation, please keep **ALL original** invoices, tickets, **boarding-passes** or any other transport document. There is a participation fee of 30 euro for EU countries and 20 Euro for non-EU in order to cover daytrips and other organizational costs.



Accommodation

Venue

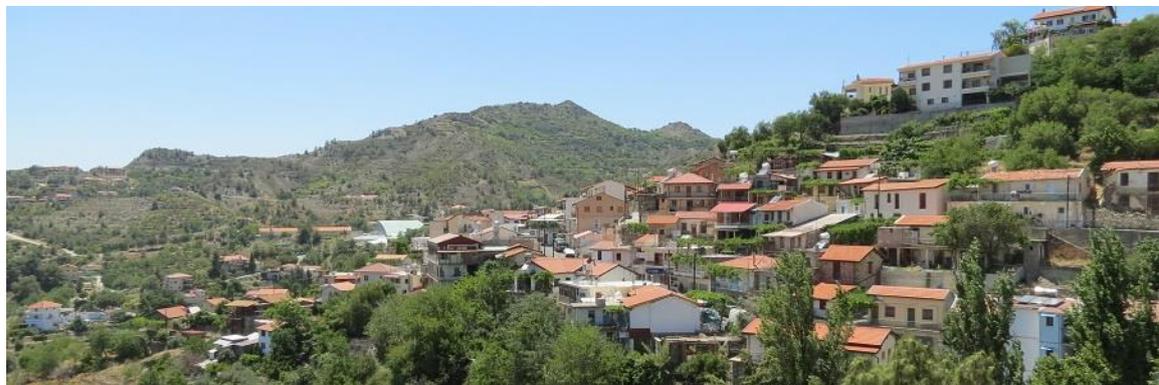
Participants will be lodged in Vlachos hotel in Agros, a beautiful village in the heart of Cyprus (www.agros.org.cy). The hotel offers triple and quadruple rooms, bathrooms and balconies offering views to Troodos Mountain. Towels and bed linens are provided. The hotel also offers free wifi and two minimarket shops are located very close.



Venue of the project (Agros village)

Agros is a village in Limassol district, built amphitheatrically among high mountains. Its population is 800 people and it is one of the most interesting villages in Cyprus and Pitsillia area. Historical and cultural sites are kept in a natural environment of extraordinary beauty with the village maintaining the customs and its traditional character. The love for work and the progressiveness characterise its inhabitants. The village's modern roads make it a connection point between the cities of Nicosia and Limassol and the mountain of Troodos. Its main production line consists of grapes, garden products, fruit of excellent quality, soutzoukos, traditional type smoked products (sausages, lountza, choiromeri), traditional sweets and marmalades. Its inhabitants are also into tourism business (hotels, tourist apartments, inns, traditional coffee shops, taverns and bars.)

More info about Agros village at www.agros.org.cy



Coming to the venue of the project (Agros village)

When you arrive in Larnaca or in Pafos airport we will arrange a bus to pick you up from there and bring you to Agros village. The trip from airport to the venue of the project will take about 1 hour and 30 minutes.



Climate

The average daytime temperature in April is around 20-25°C and you are advised to bring sun protection lotion or cream to protect your skin and avoid getting sunburn. At night, the temperature drops down, so please also bring a jacket with you!

Entry to the island

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. 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. This is not our personal opinion, but a policy of Cyprus Republic that we have to respect. Therefore, we are asking you to book your flights with the cheapest flights from one of the 2 legal airports of Cyprus.

Practicalities

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. We recommend participants to have the European Health Card.

Currency: The currency of Cyprus is the Euro (€). It is divided into 100 Euro cents (¢).

Weather: In May we can expect weather with temperatures between 20-30 C..

Please bring warm clothes with you. You can check weather here:

<http://www.accuweather.com/en/cy/agros/>

European Health insurance card

The European Health Card is accepted in every country of the European Union. If you don't have it, you can get it easily. You should go to the office recharged with health affairs, and ask for your European Health Card. It's a little blue plastic card, and you can get it for free. It's valid in every EU country for 1 year. Or any other insurance is welcome (organizers are not covering insurance costs).



What to bring

In order to everybody have a really good time, we would like you to bring some things which we believe are important for the participation of all participants and for the success of the Youth Exchange.

- Necessary documents such as passports, travel documents, etc.
- Comfortable clothes and shoes
- Personal care products, such as shower gel, shampoo, comb, etc.
- Hair dryer
- AC power (Power adapter)
- a typical taste (typical drink, food, sweets, snacks...) of your Country for the "intercultural evening";
- cameras, laptops and other equipment making life and work easier;
- some cool pieces of music and games from your country;
- information about your country (books, brochures, posters, postcards, video, PowerPoint presentation, music, etc.);
- information about the organization you come from (brochures, PowerPoint presentation, video, etc.);
- comfortable clothes;
- Some traditional stuff, food/drink, music, flag of your country for the intercultural evening
- Medicine, if you regularly take any
- And above all bring joy and lots of positive energy !!
- Endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure!
- Positive attitude, desire to learn and meet cool new people!



Intercultural nights

- For the intercultural evening, we kindly ask you to prepare an interactive presentation of your country (you can present your country's food and drinks, music, traditional dances, games etc.) Creativity is the basic 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.)

It is not required any certification or special skills, just bring your enthusiasm and live the event in its proper and cheerful mood!

We encourage participants to be an active part of this project, embracing responsibility and enjoy the cultural side of this experience!

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

We hope that you find the Project worth participating in and we look forward to meeting you on April 2018!

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any more questions!

See you in Cyprus!

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Useful information about Cyprus



- ✓ **Weather:** check it out e.g. on <http://weather.yahoo.com/>
- ✓ **Electricity:** Cyprus has the 240 Volt/ 50 Hz 3 pin electricity plus – so you will definitely need adaptors. Make sure you bring at least one with you. 
- ✓ **Cyprus Time Zone:** UTC (or GMT) +2
- ✓ **Cyprus currency:** the Euro. You can use your credit card (VISA, Mastercard etc.) almost everywhere.
- ✓ **Cyprus International Dialing Code:** +357