# in NITRA - SLOVAKIA Colors of diversity

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- Project "Colors of diversity" is our reaction to current situation in Europe. We are daily observers of something we can not touch, but we can feel it. It is fear of change, fear of something unknown or something we think it is so different that we can not accept in our lives. On the other hand we already implemented various Erasmus+ projects and there, we experienced different observations including willingness to research about other cultures, to listen, to compare, to find out and to understand.
- By this project we want to create space where participants can share experience from youth work and use this environment to learn more about differences and similarities, intercultural competences and discuss various problems nowadays appearing more and more in Europe, such as Euro-scepticism, nationalism, hate speech, stereotypes and prejudice, media abusing, racism and the fact that youngster all around the Europe feel frustrated, do not trust to government and choose radical acts instead of searching for systematic solutions. Training will involve 27 participants from 8 countries, youth workers, activists. Methodology of the project will be based on nonformal techniques and will bring innovations and increase quality of youth work by introducing innovative approaches and methodologies to promote Intercultural Learning for youngsters..



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- We are searching for participant with the following criteria:
  - Youth workers/leaders and trainers working in a daily base with youth
  - Age from 20 with exception possible
  - Experienced in the topic of Intercultural Learning and dialogue
  - with hunger to learn innovative tools and methodologies to be used for young people education
  - committed to cooperate and create follow up activities in order to test their learning achievements after the training course
  - Open minded and actively involved in the activities of their organisations and entities

It will be given priority to participants with fewer opportunities profiles in order to provide opportunities to most disadvantaged youth workers, leaders and trainers (e.g.: coming from rural areas hard to reach living, geographical obstacles, with difficult families background related to social obstacles, or due to other obstacles in a status of risk of poverty. Lastly, we will involve participants with cultural obstacles like people coming from minority groups and first or second generation migrants.

- There will be two levels of participants' selection. First is that each partner organisation will take a responsibility to select participants representing their organisations. The second level is that the main initiators of the training will put an open call via SALTO and social networks, to ensure wide outreach to youth workers working in the countries involved in the project.
- All applicants MUST fill an application form and final selection of participants will be done by organiser (SIEDAS). It is FORBIDDEN to buy any tickets without approval of organiser.



#### SOCIAL INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION OF SLOVAKIA

#### ABOUT US

SIEDAS is a non-governmental, voluntary, interest and non-profit association that devotes its attention particularly to young people who want to find out their talent, discover the spirit of entrepreneurship and principles of sustainable society. Within this objective and through its activities, association helps to create a student culture, which bears elements of the study, an active approach to fulfillment of life goals, relaxation and exploring of new things to broaden young people's horizons and facilitate their entry into the labor market.



NITRA

#### DISCOVER THE PLACE, LIVE THE STORY

Nitra is a town in western Slovakia, situated at the foot of Zobor Mountain in the valley of the river Nitra. With a population of about 83,572, it is the fifth largest town in Slovakia. Nitra is also one of the oldest towns in Slovakia and the country's earliest political and cultural centre. It is located 90km from Bratislava.

OFFICIAL VIDEO ABOUT THE TOWN



# Travel costs & finance



100% of accommodation and food costs is covered by Erasmus+ grant. We apply 30 Eur FEE for participants as their contribution to activities organised during project. All costs during extra days (max. 2 days besides project dates) are covered by participants themselves!

#### TRAVEL LIMIT BY COUNTRY / PER PERSON

Macedonia - 275 Eur Greece - 275 Eur Cyprus - 360 Eur Lithuania - 275 Eur Denmark - 275 Eur France - 275 Eur Italy - 275 Eur Slovakia - o Eur

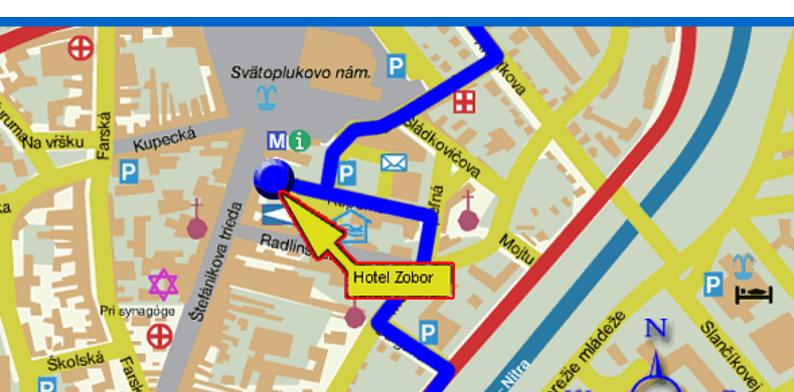
#### **REIMBURSEMENT POLICY**

Each participant will receive 80% of the total reimbursement after the presentation of all official documents (boarding passes, invoices, bus/train tickets, ...) at the end of the training course. The rest will be sent to 1 bank account of chosen participant from each delegation or sending NGO from each country (according individual needs). This will be done only after participants done the follow-up activities (such as send us the tickets on their way back home via post or dissemination of project results). It is FORBIDDEN to buy any tickets without approval of organiser.



#### HOTEL ZOBOR ACCOMMODATION

We will be accommodated directly in the centrum of the town in the hotel Zobor (Address: Štefániková trieda 5) where we will also work and eat. You do not need to bring towels as they are provided by hotel. There is a wifi in the hotel, but you can visit local coffee places, tea houses or pubs which are right on the pedestrian zone in front of the hotel an have access to free wifi . Hotel is 15 minutes walk close to Nitra bus station, but you can also reach it by taxi which cost just 2 euros. (Taxi is not included into reimbursement).



### HOW TO GET THERE?

We strongly advice to take either train or a flight to Bratislava or Vienna and then come to Bratislava. There is a stable bus connection between Vienna airport and Bratislava bus station. From Bratislava you can easily travel to Nitra by bus from bus station Mlynske Nivy in Bratislava. We strongly advice to use buses of Student Agency company - yellow bus that you can see in the picture above. You can buy tickets online from their website: https://bustickets.studentagen cy.eu/?0 or directly from the bus driver on the station. You can also use other companies as for example Turancar (similar yellow buses). !!!

Taxi will not be reimbursed. We will not reimburse you any missed flights.



BEFORE PURCHASING YOUR TICKET, WE HAVE TO APPROVE YOUR ITINERARY, SO SEND IT TO US.WHEN WE APPROVE THE TICKET YOU CAN BUY IT. THEN PLEASE SEND YOUR TICKET BY E-MAIL TO US. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PRINT IT OUT AND MAKE A COPY OF IT AND THEN BRING BOTH ORIGINAL AND COPY WITH YOU TO US.



#### WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?

We will organise NGOs fair so participants should bring some promo materials or have any other tool to be able to present their sending organisation.

We will organise an intercultural evening where participants will present their countries by national products such as food, drinks, flag, traditional items or different customs and habbits.

The weather should be sunny, but it is end of April, so it can rain as well. Cameras are strongly advised. Laptop can be useful. Do not forget to bring the best mood with you.

#### DO NOT FORGET!

- To arrange health insurance for your trip abroad
- To fill application form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTB6XR8YmR5xYY BUQhx\_bqaVkaalvU--GKu4SBwBkWC6pnFQ/viewform
- After our confirmation of your selection join our Facebook group

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#### "STRENGTH LIES IN DIFFERENCES, NOT IN SIMILARITIES." - STEPHEN R. COVEY -

# in case of any questions Contact us

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EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER WILL BE GIVEN TO SELECTED PARTICIPANTS

See you soon