

# OUTSIDE THE BOX

## PRELIMINARY INFOPACK

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MOBILITY OF YOUTH WORKERS

HRÁDEK (CZECH REPUBLIC)

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### BACKGROUND

"**Outside the box**" is a project of **mobility of youth workers** of the Erasmus+ programme. It will involve youth workers from 9 countries to cooperate on tasks related to use of the methods of non-formal education in formal education. Various methods of non-formal education such as workshops, role-play, presentations, discussions, debates, excursions, meetings etc. will be used throughout the project. Each country will also prepare presentation of their culture for „Evenings of national culture“ to present their country and their typical culture, songs, music or meals.

### PARTNERS

Organization	Country	Participants
EUROTEAM CZECH REPUBLIC, z.s.	Czech Rep.	3
PRONI Centar za socijalno podučavanje	Croatia	3
Asociación P.O.D.	Spain	3
SEAL Cyprus	Cyprus	3
Monopatía Allilegiis	Greece	2
SOPRO - Solidariedade e Promoção ONGD	Portugal	2
Caribbean Youth and Sport Foundation	Sint Maarten	2
Hidak Ifjúsági Alapítvány	Hungary	2
Edufons	Serbia	2

The project application was submitted in October 2019 and approved and it was planned for summer 2020. Due to Covid-19 pandemic the implementation of the project was postponed and upon our request the project period was prolonged till March 2022. We strongly believe the situation in Europe will allow us to organize the project meeting at the end of October!

## **PARTICIPANTS**

22 youth workers from 9 countries – **Czech Republic, Croatia, Cyprus, Greece, Hungary, Portugal, Serbia, Sint Maarten and Spain**, each country will be represented by **2-3 participants** according to the information mentioned above.

**Profile of participants** – youth workers who cooperate with people working in the field of formal education (e.g. teachers, career advisors...) and who are interested in sharing and using methods of non-formal education in such institutions. The participants should be people who participate in leading youth teams, are interested in future work in their organizations and in development cooperation between their NGO and organizations of formal education as well as in development of international cooperation and further work on international projects and activities. All participants must be able to communicate in English fluently. Each participating organisation will organise selection process using their own methods, however, the organiser keeps the right to confirm the participation to ensure they match requirements of the project and the profile of a participant.

As the project is a mobility of youth workers, there is no age limit for the participants, participation of experienced youth workers is welcome.

### **IMPORTANT !!!**

**For this project, we are ONLY going to accept vaccinated participants, who hold the EU Digital COVID Certificate.**

**EACH PARTICIPATING ORGANISATION MUST INVOLVE AT LEAST 1 PARTICIPANT WITH FEWER OPPORTUNITIES**

(Preferably - cultural differences, economical obstacles or geographical obstacles )

Here are the definitions of such participants according to the Erasmus+ programme guide:

- **disability** (i.e. participants with special needs): people with mental (intellectual, cognitive, learning), physical, sensory or other disabilities;
- **educational difficulties:** young people with learning difficulties; early school-leavers; lower qualified persons; young people with poor school performance;
- **economic obstacles:** people with a low standard of living, low income, dependence on social welfare system; young people in long-term unemployment or poverty; people who are homeless, people in debt or with financial problems;
- **cultural differences:** immigrants or refugees or descendants from immigrant or refugee families; people belonging to a national or ethnic minority; people with linguistic adaptation and cultural inclusion difficulties;
- **health problems:** people with chronic health problems, severe illnesses or psychiatric conditions;
- **social obstacles:** people facing discrimination because of gender, age, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability etc.; people with limited social skills or anti-social or risky behaviours; people in a precarious situation; (ex-)offenders, (ex-)drug or alcohol abusers; young and/or single parents; orphans;
- **geographical obstacles:** people from remote or rural areas; people living in small islands or peripheral regions; people from urban problem zones; people from less serviced areas (limited public transport, poor facilities).

We would like to point out the fact that this is an international project, not a holiday, sightseeing trip or a travel experience.

**Therefore:**

The participants will be required to fill in a participant's form and their sending organisations will send the completed forms to the organizer. The participants of the project have to be approved by the organizer who keeps the right not to accept participants who do not meet project requirements (e.g. involvement of participants with limited opportunities), participant's profile or aims of the project.

The project has big expectations, it was evaluated with a very high score by the agency and we would like to implement it at a really high level. Therefore we find the good selection of participants very important.



## AIMS

- to improve key competences of youth workers, particularly communication, language, social and IT through various workshops and other activities
- to develop managerial and organisational skills of youth workers and their ability to present results of their work and share examples of good practice
- to increase motivation of youth workers to work actively with young people and their ability to come with creative ideas and develop them further
- to increase awareness of youth workers about methods of nonformal and formal education in other countries
- to improve creative competences of youth workers in creating and developing ideas regarding using methods of nonformal education in formal education
- improve IT competences of youth workers in communication with other participants of the project, in creating promotion of the project and in organisation of dissemination activities
- to strengthen international cooperation
- to allow sharing information about various cultures

## MEETING DATES

**October 24<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 2021** (6 project days + 2 travel days)

**Arrival day:** Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>

**Activity days:** Monday, October 25<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Departure day:** Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

**IT IS NECESSARY TO FOLLOW THE ABOVE STATED ARRIVAL  
AND DEPARTURE DATES IN THE PROJECT !!**

**BEFORE BUYING YOUR TICKETS, THEY MUST BE CONFIRMED  
BY THE ORGANISERS!!**

## PROJECT PERIOD

The project period has officially started, we have already signed the contract with the agency. The official end of the project is **March 31st, 2022** which means we will have enough time for doing dissemination activities in our countries and for completing all the project outputs.

## VISIBILITY OF THE PROJECT

All the partners will be also obliged to publish articles, photos and stories about the project on their websites, facebook pages, magazines etc. to ensure visibility of the project. The organizer of the project has also opened a webpage of the project where all necessary information about the project, infopack, programme, information about workshops, activities as well as various outputs will be published. Here is the link to the webpage:

[www.outside-the-box-2020.webnode.cz](http://www.outside-the-box-2020.webnode.cz)

To get an idea about the final state of such a website, please see the webpage of the previous projects organized by Euroteam:

[www.moving-on-2015.webnode.cz](http://www.moving-on-2015.webnode.cz)

[www.young-entrepreneurs.webnode.cz](http://www.young-entrepreneurs.webnode.cz)

[www.beat-unemployment.webnode.cz](http://www.beat-unemployment.webnode.cz)

[www.breaking-stereotypes.webnode.cz](http://www.breaking-stereotypes.webnode.cz)

[www.young-leaders.webnode.cz](http://www.young-leaders.webnode.cz)

All participating teams will also organize meetings within their groups and with other young people in the town and will inform them about the results and outputs of the „Outside the box“ project. **Dissemination of project results is also a very important part of the project.**

## THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU

Please, bring with you:

- any information materials (leaflets, photos, stickers, posters, etc.) about your organization or group to share with other participants. Please, bring also some digital presentations of your organisation (cd, dvd, powerpoint presentation etc.)
- any example of the youth project you organised in your country
- prepare some energizers you use at work with youth
- food and drinks, national flag and anything else for presentation of your country during the „Intercultural days“.

## TRAVEL AND FINANCES

- The project is funded by the Erasmus+ programme.

- Travel costs will be reimbursed by hosting organization up to the maximum limit given by the Erasmus+ rules according to the distance calculator.

Travel costs will be reimbursed **according to the Erasmus+ programme rules up to the following maximum amount:**

CROATIA	(100 - 499 km)	180 € per participant
CYPRUS	(2000 - 2999 km)	360 € per participant
GREECE	(500 - 1999 km)	275 € per participant
HUNGARY	(100 - 499 km)	180 € per participant
PORTUGAL	(2000 - 2999 km)	360 € per participant
SERBIA	(100 - 499 km)	180 € per participant
SINT MAARTEN	(4000 - 7999 km)	820 € per participant
SPAIN	(3000 - 3999 km)	530 € per participant

Accommodation, meals, programme etc. will be covered by the organizers. **The participation fee is 25 euros**, and you have to pay it in cash on the first day of the training during your registration.

**IMPORTANT:** For the reimbursement you have to bring: flight tickets, invoices, bank statements (when purchasing by credit card), boarding passes, bus/train tickets for national transportation in your country (from the town of your organization) and the Czech Republic. Taxi tickets are not eligible expenses so they won't be reimbursed as well as any travel documents not related to the project itself. No first class tickets can be reimbursed, too.

The payment will be done via one **bank transfer** once we have the originals of all the transportation papers including the ones from return, and after the participants have filled the online questionnaire that the European Commission sends to validate the participants' project costs and send their dissemination report to the organizers. The bank fee will be shared; each part will pay the fees of its bank.

Don't lose any travel documents and tickets otherwise we won't be able to reimburse you!

## **HEALTH INSURANCE**

Please do not forget to arrange your travel insurance including the responsibility insurance (in case of causing some damage) according to Erasmus+ rules given in the guidebook. Health insurance is not provided by the organizers, the citizens of the European Union are entitled to the European Health Card. All the participants are strongly advised to bring with them the European Health Card,

not to be forced, in case of an emergency, to pay the costs of health care in the Czech Republic.

## VENUE

The project will take place in **Hrádek**, in a nice place in the Beskydy mountains about 40 kilometres from Havířov. Hrádek is situated in the eastern part of the Czech Republic near the borders to Poland and Slovakia.



Here are the distances from other bigger towns: Ostrava (60 km), Brno (200 km), Praha (380 km) – all have airports, Katowice (120 km), Krakow (180 km) – both in Poland, with airports.

As the venue is situated in a small village in the mountains, we will help you with finding best connections from Prague or Ostrava or other places to Hrádek.

## MONEY

The currency in the Czech Republic is **Czech crown** (100 CZK is about 4 EUR). Please bring Czech crowns to the venue as it is not possible to exchange your currency to Czech crowns at the venue and there is no ATM nearby (we will be in the mountains). You can change your money either in your country before your journey or in Prague or Ostrava when you arrive.

All costs regarding the training (accommodation, food) will be covered as usual in Erasmus+ projects. You will need to cover your personal expenses.

## ABOUT US

The „Outside the box“ project is organized by the non-governmental organization called **EUROTEAM CZECH REPUBLIC, z.s.** The association was established in 2018 but the activities of our organization follow activities of nonformal group of young people Euroteam that dealt with international cooperation in the area of nonformal education since 2007. Our members and volunteers have experience from over 60 youth projects across Europe and with organizations of over 20 educational sightseeing trips abroad. Within the nonformal group Euroteam, which activities our NGO EUROTEAM CZECH REPUBLIC, z.s. follows, we co-organized 2 Youth in Action projects in 2008 and 2010 in Řeka and Horní Bečva and organized 6 Erasmus+ youth projects. Our project "Young EntrepreneurS" was evaluated as an example of good practice.

At present our NGO is also involved in a project financially supported from Visegrad fund and in one KA2 strategic partnership project.

The main goal of the association is to allow young people meet their peers from different European countries, cooperate with them on various projects and activities, use foreign languages in a real life, combat racism and xenophobia, and encourage the feelings of the European citizenship, tolerance, friendship and international co-operation.

Besides youth projects Euroteam organized several trips abroad for its members and friends – over 20 sightseeing trips to England, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Italy, the U.S.A., Canada and Japan. More information about our NGO can be found on the following websites:

[www.euroteam-cz.webnode.cz](http://www.euroteam-cz.webnode.cz)  
[www.facebook.com/euroteamCZ](https://www.facebook.com/euroteamCZ)



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*Please notice that this is a **preliminary infopack**, we will update it and make it more detailed later if necessary and with respect to the pandemic and travel situation in the world. The partners will also receive the partners' agreement with further and more detailed information about responsibilities and duties of the organiser and the partners.*

**EUROTEAM CZECH REPUBLIC, z.s.**

**IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU IN  
OUR COUNTRY!**

