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Powering Youth Entrepreneurial Potential Youth Exchange

Yerevan | Armenia 8-17 December 2018



Summary

Countries: Germany, Armenia, Hungary & Georgia

Location: Yerevan, Armenia

Dates: 8-17 December 2018

Coordinator Organization: Open Eyes Armenia gGmbH

Hosting organization: "Youth Life" Educational NGO

"Powering Youth Entrepreneurial Potential" is a two-stage international youth exchange project which aims to gather 32 young people from 4 countries (Germany, Armenia, Hungary and Georgia) and empower them with entrepreneurial attitudes and mindset.

Unemployment has been identified as a big concern in Europe and beyond. Today's world is marked by widespread focus on economic development, technological advancement and global integration. Yet, we still witness widespread unemployment, especially among young people who are left outside the prosperity loop and who find it more and more difficult to access ever-changing labor markets.

Overall aims & Objectives:

The main aim of this two-stage Youth Exchange is to create a platform and a process where young people experience empowerment themselves and are equipped to empower others in their communities through exchange of ideas, stories, attitudes, techniques and tools that promote entrepreneurial spirit and skills of young people in general and marginalized youth among refugees/asylum seekers and migrants in particular.

Objectives of the first stage: Weekend Web Conference (October 2018)

- Explore the concept of self-employment and achieve a common understanding of youth employability.
- Analyze the current situation of young people today especially marginalized youth among refugees/asylum seekers and migrants and understand their hopes, dreams fears and barriers for their personal development.
- Form teams from participants to do research and observation in their local communities after they return in order to find useful insights and opportunities for entrepreneurship

Objectives of the second stage: Youth Exchange Activity in Armenia (8-17 December 2018)

- Gather insights, learning, inspirations and experience of participants from their local communities and translate them into concrete project ideas.
- Equip participants with knowledge and skills in the field of project management in order to enable them to develop quality youth projects.
- Identify existing resources for the young entrepreneurs and share know how on social enterprises to link youth among refugees/asylum seekers and migrants with business and entrepreneurship.
- Promote Erasmus + Programme and explain how young people especially marginalized youth among refugees/asylum seekers and migrants can be involved in it.
- Develop concrete business ideas and entrepreneurial initiatives.
- Transfer skills and knowledge by developing and publishing online the "Catalog of Youth Entrepreneurship Ideas and Initiatives"

The Youth Exchange will be based on non formal learning methods and principles, intercultural dialogue and communication in including group discussions, interactive presentations, participant's lead workshops, etc. Youthpass tool will be used throughout the project to help young people reflect regularly on their personal learning journeys. The methodology of the project will stimulate active participation and sense of initiative and involvement of the learners. It aims to create a learning space with better self-awareness and awareness of the needs and goals of the groups of young people they

work with to enhance the results of the learning process and give birth to high quality projects led by the participants in the future.

Learn and share!

Participants of this project will be encouraged to facilitate/co-facilitate, share and present topics within the theme of the project. We aim to create a mutual learning environment where everyone can share and learn at the same time. The project is geared towards young people with fewer opportunities and the new comers to this field.

Unforgettable intercultural experience!

The project aims to provide a unforgettable and rich intercultural experience where people from different countries and culture bring their touch and insights to the project creating a synergy of learning and new friendships.

Discover Armenia!

Participants will have opportunities to discover Yerevan and Armenia. Participants will be given self-structured free time mainly to engage in activities of their choice. Optional excursions and trips will be organized making stay both as relaxing and fun as possible!

Arrival and Departure dates

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Arrival: 7 December 2018 in Yerevan (Hostel check in after 15:00)

Departure: 18 December 2018 from Yerevan (Hostel check out by 11:00)

Note: Bear in mind that according to the guidelines of Erasmus+ program the travel back must be realized by participants on direct way within maximum of 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travel (holiday travel, etc) there is no chance of reimbursement. **Always get the approval from organizers for your flight before purchasing it.**

Early arrivals or late departures are at the responsibility of the participants to pay for stay. If you arrive early or leave later than the dates above you have to cover your own accommodation or food.

Participants profiles:

32 Participants

- Citizens of **Germany, Armenia, Hungary & Georgia** (6 participants +2 group leaders per country)
- Age limit: 20-30
- Gender balance: Equal number of male and female participants will be invited.
- Priority given to participants with fewer opportunities.
- Be committed to attend the full duration of the course and implement follow up and dissemination activities after the project.
- Preferable: ability and willingness to contribute to lead a session or facilitate a group activity

Registration of participants is final only upon purchase of flight tickets and/or payment of the registration fee.

Registration fee

All participants have to pay **35 EUR registration fee**

Since **Georgian participants** will not need to purchase travel tickets (transportation will be organized by the host in Armenia) they need to transfer the registration fee in advance to Armenia as a confirmation of participation.

Accommodation and food

The project will be implemented in the frame of the Erasmus + Programme:

Accommodation and food will be covered 100% by the organizer.

[Tentative venue/ Location might change!]

In Armenia, participants will stay in JR's House Hostel <https://www.facebook.com/jrhostel> in the heart of downtown Yerevan where all major attractions are within walking distance.

Towels are available in the rooms. There is WiFi Internet Connection in the reception hall

Participants will share rooms. 4-8

Participants will be provided with three meals per day & a coffee break.

Important notice on food: Please, keep in mind, that the provided food may differ from the food you are used to have in your country, and, even in case of providing food for special groups, e.g. (if you are heavily meat eater or vegetarian) it may not fully meet your expectations. We strongly recommend participants to inform the organizers **IN ADVANCE** about any special needs.

Travel and reimbursement

Travel expenses will be covered 100% according to Erasmus + limits as follow:

Country	Calculated start city	Maximum Reimbursement amount
Germany	Reiskirchen	EUR 360 EUR
Armenia	Yerevan	EUR 0
Georgia	Tbilisi	Fully covered due to short distance
Hungary	Budapest	EUR 360 EUR



Important! Please read carefully!



- **Maximum reimbursement amount** is the maximum amount a participant can be reimbursed. Anything above this amount will have to be covered by the participant.
- **To be reimbursed:** Participants must fill in the reports and provide the following documents latest 2 weeks after the training:
 1. Tickets (Airline, bus, train, etc): Original or electronic
 2. Invoice
 3. Flight boarding passes
- **Travel will be reimbursed via bank transfer within maximum 2 months** after the project and after submission of all travel documentation including return boarding passes (Does not

apply to Georgia). 2 months is the limit. Practically though, if possible we plan to reimburse participants sooner than later.

- **Calculated Start city** is the point where travel distance is calculated in the project. While you may start your travel from anywhere in your country, if your start location is not the city mentioned above then you need to provide organizers with some other information. If this is the case, please consult with organizers
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For Participants from Georgia

We will schedule a bus to pick all Georgian Participants from Tbilisi center and bring to Yerevan. Return will also be organized. Further details will be provided.

Visa:

EU and CIS member state citizens do not need a visa to enter Armenia. In case of need, you can apply for e-visa here <http://www.mfa.am/eVisa/>
Please, check the validity of the passports before the departure!

Watch for your passport! Do not lose it while traveling!

Local Money:

The Armenian Currency is called ARMENIAN DRAM. In the shops US dollars and Euros are not taken. There are many places in Yerevan where you may exchange money (from Euros and US dollars). We recommend using cash instead of credit or debit cards as fees usually have to be paid when withdrawing money in Armenia.

The approximate exchange rate is:

1 USD - 477 AMD ; 1 EUR - 580 AMD;

You can always check the exchange rate at: www.cba.am

Taxi services in Yerevan

Should you need a taxi ride from Airport to hostel in Yerevan, we can help you arrange a safe and friendly taxi ride with 10 EUR. You can also share this ride with up to 3 people. The company also issues an invoice so that this amount is calculated into your reimbursable amount. If you need one, contact organizers for more information.

Armenian Mobile Phones:

There are three mobile operators in Armenia: Beeline, VivaCell-MTS and Orange. In case you need an **Armenian Mobile/Sim card**, please inform the organizers and we'll help you get one!

Things to bring and do

Mandatory!

- Make sure you have an insurance (travel, health, accident, liability), to inform you this costs cannot be reimbursed, its fully on participants
- Bring Healty food and drinks from your country/region for the intercultural evening (We kindly ask all participants to bring some national drinks, snacks and music from their home countries, as a contribution to the intercultural evening, please bring already prepared snacks/food, you will have possibility to cook.
- Bring sweets from your countries as we are going to have intercultural coffee breaks
- Your Country Flag
- Medicine, if you have allergies/or you periodically need medicine, please bring what you may need!
- Within 30 days after the end of the course participants must implement a dissemination activity in their country and send to projects.youth@yahoo.com a small written report with pictures and explanation.

Recommended!

- Music, games, photo camera, cash,Photo camera
- laptop (we will have wifi access in the reception of the hotel)

Organizers:

The YE in Armenia will be implemented by “Youth Life” Educational NGO in cooperation with its partners and is responsible for organization, administration and logistics of the training course in Armenia.

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To apply

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