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Seminar ***“Religious Tolerance in Common Society”***

Project type: Erasmus + KA1 Mobility for young people and youth workers

Location: Rezekne, Latvia

Dates for seminar:

21st – 27th MAY 2019

2 participants from each organization (age 18+)
Youth workers/youth leaders/project managers



About us:

European Association “World-Our Home” is an NGO active at European level working in youth, social, educational and cultural fields since 1999. The main aim of Association is promotion of European active citizenship, solidarity, multiculturalism, human rights and other values as well as non-formal education on local, regional and European level. The organization is busy with European youth exchange projects, seminars, trainings, international cultural projects. The organization actively participates in Erasmus +, Europe for Citizens, EEA Grants programmes. WOH is a hosting, sending and coordinating in EVS programme. The organization gives people the opportunity to learn foreign languages and get acquainted with different cultures in order to get European awareness, to gain more possibilities for social integration into the European community and make successful choice in their career. EA “World-Our Home” joins youth organisations around Europe and it has a strong cooperation with public and education institutions and other European networks.

About the project:

The project main aim is to widen the perspectives of youth workers and youth leaders on religion and inter-religious dialogue in a human rights context through analyzing concepts, realities and ways for developing them through youth work, and in such way to raise youth awareness about such important issues of nowadays as religious diversity of people or nations and tolerance between them in common Europe.

This seminar will initiate the dialogue among youth workers and youth leaders about different religions around European and neighboring countries and how to ensure the religious tolerance among different nationalities. Elaboration of activities against intolerance, racism and discrimination is an important step towards the development of the united and civilized European and world society. The organizations working with youth must be involved into combating intolerance, discrimination, violence, terrorism in cooperation and collaboration together for the peaceful world in the future. In order to achieve the aim of this seminar, the following project objectives will be used:

- to promote the values of diversity and multiculturalism;
- to ensure intercultural and inter-religious dialogue among young people;
- to promote tolerance and patience among different nations and people of different religions;
- to increase youth awareness of European citizenship through religious difference, to support youth for sharing their own cultural and social peculiarities without any fear or discrimination;
- to improve youth positive opinions about national, cultural and religious diversity in Europe and in the world;

- to ensure international relations among young people;
- to create the chance of meeting between representatives of different religious and social backgrounds.

During the project there will be organized workshops, discussions and debates on intercultural and religious issues, presentation of the projects connected with the main topic, the visits to youth centers, churches and different religious confessions. The methodology of the project is based on the fundamental principles of non-formal education. The provided methods will enable participants to fully take part in the learning process. Learning from experience will be a fundamental pillar in the way the project will be facilitated. The following working methods will be used: presentations, debates, workshops, discussions, energizers, individual reflection questionnaires, teamwork, study visits. These working methods will be based on and will facilitate the exchange of knowledge, skills, attitudes, best practices and will provide the training for the development of new competences.

About REZEKNE:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMAM1OBpT9o&t=11s>

Rezekne is a city in the Rēzekne River valley in Latgale region of eastern Latvia. It is called *The Heart of Latgale* (Latvian *Latgales sirds*, Latgalian *Latgolys sirds*). Built on seven hills, Rezekne borders with Russia, Lithuania and Byelorussia. It has become a border city between EU, NATO and the Eastern states. Rezekne is located 242 km from the state capital Riga, 685 km from Moscow, 450 km from St. Petersburg, and 860 km from Warsaw. It has a population of 31,216 making it the 7th largest city in Latvia.


Partner organisations

| Nr. | Name of the organisation | Country | Contacts |
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| 1. | VOLUNTARY SERVICE OF ARMENIA - REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS OF STUDENT BRIGADES NGO | ARMENIA | incoming@huj.am |
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| 3. | Association Focus-European center for development | Bulgaria | info@foccen.org |
| 4. | YOUTH ASSOCIATION DRONI | Georgia | giokika@gmail.com |
| 5. | ASSOCIATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SFERA MACEDONIA BITOLA | Macedonia | sferabt@gmail.com |
| 6. | EURO-NET | Italy | euro-net@memex.it |
| 7. | JORDAN YOUTH INNOVATION FORUM SOCIETY | Jordan | office@jyif.org |
| 8. | Institute of Ukrainian Studies | Ukraine | president@ius.lviv.ua |
| 9. | Spolek ActiTmel.cz | Czech Republic | actitmel.cz@gmail.com |
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| 11. | Kfar Hanoar Kyriat Shmona | Israel | liran17@smile.net.il |
| 12. | GO Ahead | Romania | Ahead.romania@gmail.com |
| 13. | Center for Interethnic Cooperation | Russia | center@interethnic.org |
| 14. | Bodrum Development Association | Turkey | bodrumgelisim@gmail.com |

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| 15. | STUDENT-YOUTH COUNCIL NON-ENTREPREUNARIAL (NON-COMMERCIAL) | Georgia | syc_guria@yahoo.com |
| 16. | Youthnet Hellas | Greece | partnerships@youthnet.gr |

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| DATES and PARTICIPANTS | Seminar: 21th – 27th May 2019 Arrival: 21th May 2019 Working days: 22th-26th May 2019 Departure: 27th May 2019 2 participants (18 +) from each organization. Preferably youth workers, youth leaders, project managers, leaders of the youth organisations. |
| TIME ZONE | Rezekne, Latgale region, Latvia is located in GMT +2 hours. |
| CURRENCY | Latvian money is EURO € In most of the establishments and shops, credit-cards Visa and MasterCard are accepted. |
| PHONE | The international phone code is +371 or 00371 |
| WEATHER CONDITIONS | Average temperature in Latvia: In May 20°C (max.) and 5°C (min.). Warm clothes will also be a mandatory, especially for participants coming from southern countries. |
| ARRIVALS/ DEPARTURES | When booking the tickets we suggest you to come till 17:00 on 21 th May and book your flight back on 27th after 15:00. If your departure will be early in the morning you |

| | <p>can have a problem with the transport as there is only 1 night bus from Rezekne to Riga which arrives to Riga at 6:00 am. That’s why we advise you to book your flights from Riga in the afternoon on 27th.</p> <p>The tickets will be reimbursed after we receive all the necessary documents from your side (original tickets, boarding passes, invoices, etc.).</p> <p>NOTE: Before buying the tickets notify the organizer EA “World - Our Home”</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| APPLICATION FORM | <p>Participants are required to fill in online Application form for the project!</p> <p>https://goo.gl/forms/K3a0bBKxQ3V1T6bM2</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TRANSPORT MAXIMUM REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNTS | <p>Country Maximum Amount covered [in €] per person</p> <table><tr><th>Country</th><th>Max amount covered by the project/per person</th><th>Money for VISA/per person</th></tr><tr><td>Armenia</td><td>360Eur</td><td>150 Eur per person</td></tr><tr><td>Azerbaijan</td><td>360Eur</td><td>100 Eur per person</td></tr><tr><td>Bulgaria</td><td>275Eur</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Georgia (DRONI)</td><td>360Eur</td><td>100 Eur per person</td></tr><tr><td>Macedonia</td><td>275Eur</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Italy</td><td>275Eur</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Jordan</td><td>360Eur</td><td>100 Eur per person</td></tr><tr><td>Ukraine</td><td>275Eur</td><td>100 Eur per person</td></tr><tr><td>Czech Republic</td><td>275Eur</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Greece (Youthfully Yours)</td><td>275 Eur</td><td></td></tr></table> | Country | Max amount covered by the project/per person | Money for VISA/per person | Armenia | 360Eur | 150 Eur per person | Azerbaijan | 360Eur | 100 Eur per person | Bulgaria | 275Eur | | Georgia (DRONI) | 360Eur | 100 Eur per person | Macedonia | 275Eur | | Italy | 275Eur | | Jordan | 360Eur | 100 Eur per person | Ukraine | 275Eur | 100 Eur per person | Czech Republic | 275Eur | | Greece (Youthfully Yours) | 275 Eur | |
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| Jordan | 360Eur | 100 Eur per person | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Romania | 275Eur | |
| | Russia | 275Eur | 100 Eur per person |
| | Turkey | 360Eur | 100 Eur per person |
| | Georgia (Ozurgeti) | 275Eur | 100 Eur per person |
| | Greece (Youthnet Hellas) | 360Eur | |
| <p>NOTE: This money should cover also costs for your local transport to your nearest airport and travel costs from Riga-Rezekne-Riga (around 20 euros).</p> | | | |
| TRAVEL ARREGEEMENTS | <p>If you want to visit Latvia, Riga, you can buy the tickets 2-3 days before the project and stay in Latvia 2-3 days after the project, but we cannot cover your accommodation and food expenses for extra days in Latvia.</p> | | |
| ACCOMMODATION  | <p>Accommodation will be in the hotel "Kolonna". http://www.hotelkolonna.com/viesnicas/rezekne/kolonna-hotel-rezekne/lv/</p> <p>The hotel is situated in the center of Rezekne. Only a few minutes way from the hotel are placed the sights of the city, banks, shopping centers and the most significant objects of cultural history.</p> <p>Hotel provides wireless (WI-FI) internet connection.</p> <p>Rooms will be shared from 2 till 3 persons per room of the same sex. All rooms have toilet and shower. Towels and bed linen will be provided.</p> <p>Don't forget to bring your personal hygienic (shampoo, shower gel, slippers, etc.)!</p> <p>Activities will be organized in the seminar hall of the hotel.</p> <p>100% of the seminar costs and seminar tools are covered. No participation fee!</p> | | |

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| FOOD | <p>Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner will be provided for you by the project.</p> <p>Please tell us if you have any special food needs (vegetarians, no pork, no fish, allergies etc.)</p> |
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HOW TO GET TO REZEKNE

The airport to fly to is **RIGA, Latvia**. It is possible to fly to Vilnius (Lithuania), because we have bus from Vilnius to Rezekne also. (www.ecolines.net bus from Vilnius to Rezekne)

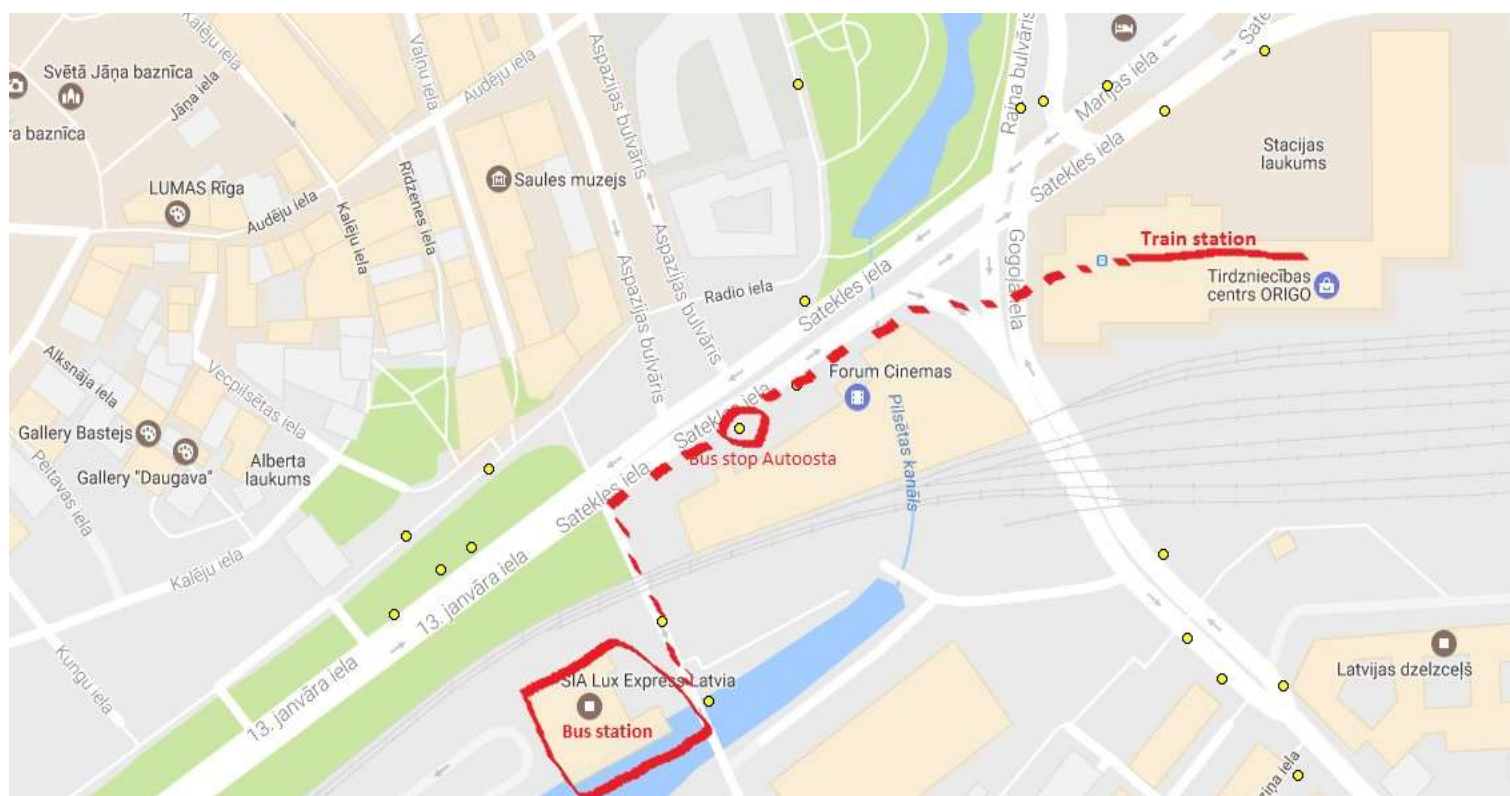
Please try to book your ticket for arrival in **Riga as early as possible**.

When you will arrive to Latvia, get out from the airport, across the parking place you will find the bus stop (there is bus **no.22**) You can buy the tickets in the bus **2,00 Eur**, but preferably next to the airport entrance door, on the left side, there is a little shop "**Narvesen**" or in the bus stop there is a tickets machine were you can find **cheaper tickets 1,15 Eur**. (in the bus **2,00 Eur**) The bus No.22 will take you from the airport to the center of Riga. You need to get out in the bus stop "**Autoosta**". The duration of the trip from airport to the bus stop "Autoosta" is 20-30 minutes.

Check the map below, you can take the **train in the train station** or the **bus in Bus station for going to Rezekne**.

You can check the train/ bus schedule Riga- Rezekne on www.1188.lv (in English) - **Transport – Intercity Busses-Trains**. (Check for trains - **Riga pasažieru– Rezekne 2**; for busses **Riga SAO – Rezekne AO**). There you will find the convenient transport for you.

If you are disorientated or lost, don't hesitated to ask people or call to organizers!



REIMBURSEMENT RULES

- The travel costs are covered up to a maximum amount according each country. Please note that if some of the participants **are not traveling from the home cities of the partner organizations** the reimbursement will be done according to the following rules:

1. If the travel distance is longer than the distance from the home city of the partner organizations the expenses will be reimbursed according to the project approved band distance (which is stated in the list above).

2. If the travel band distance is shorter than the distance to the home city of the partner organization the expenses will be reimbursed according to the actual travel band.

Here you and the participants can calculate the travel distance:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/distance-calculator_en

- Participants must choose the cheapest travel option. We will only reimburse public transport costs. **No taxis will be reimbursed.**

- The reimbursement will be done only for travel expenses incurred according to the following rules:

1. Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance of the project and presentation of the original travel tickets with boarding passes, receipts, invoices. All the original tickets, boarding passes and invoices from your home to the Rēzekne bus or railway station, including e-tickets, busses, trains, shuttles to the airport, etc. We're allowed to refund only the original tickets (altogether including the return) once we'll receive physically by ordinary mail after the project. Your travel expenses will be reimbursed only upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid: original invoice or/and a copy of credit card slip. We will ask you for the originals of ones you have already used; do a photocopy of the tickets, which you need for your return trip, and the rest you need to send us by post after the project.

2. **Electronic tickets** will only be reimbursed on receipt proof of payment (invoice, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, payment confirmation from Internet) and after presentation of the **boarding pass** for the outward journey.

3. Boarding passes must be printed in PDF paper version. We will not accept mobile electronic boarding passes.

4. Return tickets must be purchased before the start of the journey.

Money transfer to your bank accounts (or your organizations bank account) will be after project, and after we receive all the necessary documents we asked for, from you. We don't do reimbursements neither during training course nor in cash!

Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EURO, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month or day when the ticket/s were purchased, as stated in the official European Commission web-site. For countries with other currency – **we need to know the date of the purchase** of the tickets, to make calculation of currency exchange according to the rules of Erasmus + programme.

The reimbursement will be made by bank transfer only after receiving the original return tickets!!!!!!

Please, bring with you all the bank details (IBAN; SWIFT code, Name of the Bank, Account number etc).

Please do not book the tickets through travelling agencies. They are going to be much more expensive!!!

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| HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE | <p>There is NO insurance provided by the organizers. Please, purchase a private insurance or, if you are EU citizen, get it free of charge from your national social security that covers medical costs around EU member states.</p> <p>Remember that obtaining a health and a full travel insurance is your own responsibility and at your own expenses. The information you provided on any special needs does not remove your own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.</p> <p>Also, it is very important that you notify us of any health risk or possibly necessary medicines, special food arrangements!! and so on.</p> |
| WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Please prepare presentations about your organization, your projects, work with youth. Each country will have 5-10 minutes. 2) You can use different methods and techniques, but we prefer PowerPoint/ Prezi presentation to better understand what your organization is doing!!! <div data-bbox="323 851 683 1205" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>INTERNATIONAL EVENING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each organization is asked to bring some food or drink and other typical national stuff for the international evening. |
| ORGANIZERS CONTACTS | <p>Natalija Covvo, Director 0037129433012</p> <p>Dace Deksnė, Project Coordinator 0037126658731</p> <p>E-mail: pasauleathome@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>JOIN our project Facebook group</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/groups/788765708123880/</p> <div data-bbox="810 1722 944 1859" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Seminar "Religious Tolerance in Common Society" Rezekne, Latvia, 21.-27. May 2019</p> |

PLEASE REMEMBER that it is essential that participants participate **in all days of the training!** Otherwise we can't reimburse any money for the tickets.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office in case of any questions or comments.

See you soon in Rēzekne!!!

