



Cross-Cultural Solidarity

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K1: Learning Mobility of Individuals - Youth Exchange



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The project



The issues of the world are no longer isolated to the place of action. It is present in our homes through the internet, television and so on. It is present in our national politics and it is present in our countries international relations. The past years especially the question of refugees and migration has taken a large place locally, nationally and internationally.

So what position do we as youth take in this big, fast moving and unequal world?

Youth has through time been change makers. A position we should remember and practice through creating and using platforms for the youth to meet, for the youth to ask questions and for the youth to make a change.

The project will do this by asking the question: What is solidarity today and how can we practice it in our lives?

To answer this question we will try to understand the following:

- How has the current refugee situation in the world and in Europe developed?
- What influences has the current refugee situation had and how has it been handled in Europe?
- How can youth be active citizens and why should we?
- How can we create an international online platform for civic engagement?

We will do this in Turkey, the country that is currently hosting the largest number of refugees in the World.

For ten days we will focus on understanding the current refugee situation, Europe's role in this, but most importantly also our own.

We will discuss and practice what it means to take action towards solidarity both in our local societies and internationally.

The aim



- Learn more about the refugee situation.
- Learn about how EU has handled the current refugee situation and why.
- Enhance critical thinking and discussions techniques to understand how to create better and equal opportunities for all citizens regardless of nationality, economic situation, gender, religion, culture, sexuality, etc.
- Strengthen the role of young people as active actors in the civil society, also when it comes to global issues.
- Strengthen the sense of initiative, confidence, and responsibility, when it comes to social issues.
- Reflect upon activism as a potential democratic practice and tool for being a change maker as a young person.
- Reflect upon how a democratic and solidary Europe should look like and in particular how to be a part of that process.
- Create an online platform for active citizenship activities which will give both skills in planning, reflection, critical thinking and technology.

Who are we?



The organizing team - Unge I Solidaritet - is an informal group consisting of 4 young people from Denmark.

We find it important that youth are allowed and enabled to create inclusive spaces that can transform and affect themselves as well as the everyday life of their surroundings.

The youth, and the work about them, should be organized and created by the youth itself. This project is, because of this, a chance to and an opportunity for young people to work together as equals.

Our overall goal is to encourage and organize young people from around the world in solidarity. Our focus is to provide specific knowledge about minorities, discrimination, and global issues together with organizing and facilitating events and projects that share our common goal. We will extensively focus on critical thinking, civic engagement, intercultural understanding and not the least teamwork, to contribute to an ever more solidary environment.

Through our engagement, we work towards creating a non-discriminative and open space where all people are welcome regardless of identity and background.

Participating countries and organisations:



Turkey

TOY Gençlik Derneği



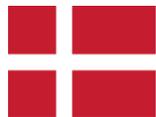
Greece

Action for Education



Italy

Associazione Interculturale Universo



Danmark

Unge i Solidaritet

Venue & Accommodations

Venue of the Youth Exchange will be Madame Tadia Hotel in Eskişehir, Turkey.

Accommodation and meals are fully covered during the Youth Exchange programme. There will be served three meals a day, plus snacks.

Vegetarian/vegan/allergies options are available. Please give notice when you send the application if you're a vegetarian/vegan/pescetarian/allergies

You will be assigned a hotel room with 2/3 other people upon arrival. If you feel more comfortable sharing a room with only 1 other person please give notice on this in your application.

The venue has an elevator available.



Travel costs



Country	Max. transportation reimbursement pr. person
Turkey	80 €
Greece	275 €
Italy	180 €
Denmark	360 €

Reimbursement of travel costs

Reimbursement will be made after the Youth Exchange upon full attendance of the Youth Exchange and only after receiving the participants' original travel tickets, specifically:

1. Boarding and invoice for flight tickets
2. Bus / Train reservation
3. Proof of payment (bank transfer)
4. All original tickets of bus and/or train
5. All original payment receipts (regarding visa)
6. Copy of ID/passport.

People who are coming too late or leaving the Youth Exchange earlier will not have their travel cost refunded (exceptions are made in force major situations).

Please note if you bought your ticket, in your local currency, which might be different to EUR, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission website for the month of ticket purchase:

<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>

Erasmus+ & Youthpass



What is Erasmus+?

- Erasmus+ is a cross-European organisation initiated to create more cohesive and inclusive societies through informal learning.
- Erasmus+ aims to support the European goals for growth, employment, equity, and social integration by funding projects where people from different cultures can meet and learn from one another.

What is an Youthpass?

- Youthpass is the translation and certificate of your work done and competencies gained through your participation in Erasmus+ programmes.
- This is not *just* a certificate, but a tool designed to strengthen learning through reflecting on how competences and learning styles affect how we learn best.

You can apply, if:



- You are between 18 and 30 years old and represent one of the partner countries.
- You have an interest in the subjects surrounding the project, such as solidarity, social change, and civic engagement.
- You have at least a medium level of English, as the whole Youth Exchange will be in English.
- It is not necessary that you have prior experience with Erasmus+ projects.
- It is an advantage if you have either personal or professional experience with refugees and/or the surrounding systems.

The Cross-Cultural Solidarity team encourages everyone who finds this project interesting to apply, no matter your gender, religion, sexuality, mobility, ethnicity or economy!

How can you apply?



To apply you need to send an email the partner organization representing your country. The individual partner organizations may have requirements of membership, meetings, fees or other in order to represent you on the course.

Apart from this you must answer the questions written on the last page of this infopack.

You can either answer the questions for the application by writing or making a video with your answers to all questions. You will find the contact information of your organization on the next page.

More information about video: If you choose to make a video instead then make sure to send it in a format that a standard windows or macintosh computer can open easily such as mp4, Mov. or AVI.

The deadline for applications is 8th of December 2019.

Contact information

If you have any questions about the project, Erasmus+ and youthpass or the application process please forward them to this mail with the subject line “questions regarding infopack”: ungeisolidaritet@gmail.com

The applications must be forwarded to the e-mail address belonging to the partner organisation representing your country:



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Questions for application for the project

Full Name (as in your passport):

Date of Birth (as in your passport):

Place of Birth (as in your passport):

Email:

Current Country of Residence:

Which gender do you identify with?
(we ask to create a gender balance in the project)

Questions for application for the project



Why do you want to apply for Cross-Cultural solidarity 2019?

How does your interest for solidarity, social change, and civic engagement affect in your everyday life?

Do you have voluntary, professional or personal experience with any of the subjects mentioned above?

What are your motivation learning more about refugees and the current refugee situation in Europe?

Explain your interest in engaging with other youths and learning about other cultures.

Have you participated in other Erasmus+ project?

(If yes, which type of Erasmus+ project have you participated in and how many?)

What is your favourite fruit?