

Asociația Pro Roma

Photography, community story!

Erasmus+ youth exchange in
Valca Adâncă, Iași, Romania
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Erasmus+

Applicant organization: PRO ROMA Association
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Join us on a unique learning journey, during which you will learn more about how you can attract attention, express your opinions, make observations, intervene on public decisions, represent your community, using photovoice , get to know the culture of the participating countries and you will have the opportunity to develop your skills with the representatives of many NGOs in Europe.

A few words about the mobility



Photography, community story!, is a youth exchange that brings together 42 participants (35 young people and 7 group leaders) from 7 countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Poland, Lithuania, Croatia, the Republic of North Macedonia and Romania. During eight working days, daily activities based on non-formal education will be organized, such as: debates, simulation games, play activities, field roles, team building, intercultural nights, cultural activities and reflections.



When & Where: 21 - 30 June 2021 (including travel days); Omenia Social Center, Valea Adancă (Iasi), Romania



Whom: Roma and non-Roma, young people aged between 16 and 25, disadvantaged, live in rural areas



THE ORGANIZERS



The PRO ROMA Association promotes quality education models that develop life skills among Roma people a sustainable development strategy, a society with a strong spirit of initiative, a special civic consciousness, and a true spirit of responsibility social.

The PRO ROMA Association has as main areas of interest the reduction of the educational gap between the Roma population and the non-Roma population, the improvement of the socio-economic situation of these communities, the promotion of the culture, the promotion of young Roma talents as a way of changing the image of the Roma.

For their realization, the association proposes the activities of: promoting young talents among ethnic Roma; training; community mediation; counseling, mediation and professional guidance; cultural activities.

The PRO ROMA Association team is made up of different people, brought together by the following shared values: initiative, communication, philanthropic spirit, partnership development, equal opportunities, responsibility, integrated programs.

The PRO ROMA Association is a non-governmental organization in response to the urgent need for social inclusion of the Roma community.

SUMMARY



We spend most of our free time in the local community. For the young people to really feel that they belong to the community, they need a common activity to solve common problems. Helping disadvantaged people to be active members of a community means contributing to the development of that community. By being involved in the life of the young community, they can be motivated to generate the changes they want in society. Today, the world is looking for a sense of community, something that connects them. For the majority, civic involvement means presence of spirit, to be heard in the world and throughout the time to help those in need, to dedicate themselves to the society and its goals. The community assures its members a social status, safety and acceptance.

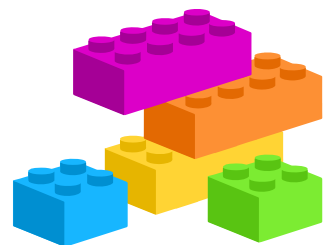
The project, Photography, community story!, aims to train 42 young people, with civic skills and competencies in terms of public participation and influencing decisions for the benefit of their own communities.

Development of skills for 42 young people in the use of photographic techniques during the youth exchange.



Teaching the 42 young people to express and share community needs through image during the youth exchange and dissemination phase.

Increasing the visibility of Erasmus+ opportunities during all the project stages.



WHY



The Youth Strategy 2019-2027, this aims for young people to become active citizens, inspired by EU values and a European identity, will be endowed with skills necessary in their personal development, will take part in local policy decisions with impact on the community where live, contributing to the eradication of poverty and forms of discrimination, promoting social inclusion among young people and developing a positive image of the rural environment.

Through the project, Photography, community story!, the young participants will know how to express and share their own needs and the needs of the community, in the form of photographic messages, they will learn to mobilize for common goals that can influence the community.

Through the project, Photography, community story!, the young participants, through the activities they will carry out, through the images, voice, messages transmitted, will contribute to the improvement and change of mentality towards these communities and will determine the authorities to intervene and poverty. and the uncertainty disappears.

Through the project, Photography, community story!, the young participants will learn to express, approach, influence the problems and needs of disadvantaged communities, problems that persist and delay change, such as: isolation, access to education, access to health , access to public services and especially infrastructure: access roads, utilities, the most important being drinking water, etc.

Within the project, Photography, community story!, the young participants are trained to express themselves, to make observations, to attract attention, to express their opinions, to represent their communities, using methods to influence public decisions such as the art of photography (photovoice).

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Bulgaria - 275 EUR
Czech Republic - 275 EUR
Poland - 275 EUR
Lithuania - 275 EUR
Croatia - 275 EUR
The Republic of North Macedonia - 275 EUR
Romania - 20 EUR

Please have in mind that from the total amount of grant/participant we will cover the transfers from Bucuresti/Iasi. This means that 50€ per participant will be kept for this purpose. Please discuss with the organizers and sending organization before buying the tickets.

TRANSPORTATION

Arrival: Iasi Airoport, the 21st of June

Departure: Iasi Airoport, the 30th of June

Another option is the airport in Bucharest, after which the whole group of participants will be taken by a private bus, which will travel to the place where the participants will carry out their activity. It is an option that we have practiced before, successfully, but we must take into account the synchronization of the participants' arrival in Bucharest.

Accommodation, food and materials during activity days are fully covered by Erasmus+ Programme.





REIMBURSEMENT

Reimbursement of travel costs will be done by bank transfer to your NGO as soon as you provide all necessary travel documents (invoice, ticket, boarding pass, etc) and provided full involvement in project activities is confirmed.

Travel expenses will be covered after collecting travel documents on condition that the participants use the cheapest ways of transportation and submitted original invoices for plane tickets, boarding passes, train and bus tickets. Private cars, Taxi and first class tickets will not be reimbursed.

Please keep the boarding passes from your airport check in as well. Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice.

For the reimbursement of the money, you have to bring us all original documents:

- *invoices,*
- *e-tickets,*
- *proof of payment (if you pay in cash you have to bring us the receipt, but if you pay online you have to bring us the bank statement)*
- *original boarding passes*

We strongly encourage you to buy flights that have the possibility to do online check-in and in this way you will be able to give us the return boarding passes before coming to Romania, without having to send its to us by post mail once back home. Of course, if for your airline is not possible to do it, you still need to send us the boarding passes by post mail after the project.

It is very important to have all your travel and financial documents with you (the same for every member of the team), otherwise the reimbursement is NOT possible!

Please, check the VALIDITY of the passports before the departure – Passport must be valid at least for 6 (six) months.

Of course, if you want you can stay 1-2 days before/after the project in order to visit us, Iasi city, but you have to pay by yourself for those extra days.

PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

Accommodation and meals will be provided at the OMENIA Social Center, belonging to the OMENIA Foundation, located in Valea Adanca, in the metropolitan area of Iasi, in rooms for 2 people, with private bathroom (heating and permanent hot water with central heating), internet access wireless and conference room, TV in each room.

Participants will benefit from full board and two coffee breaks, on-site or exchange activities. The nutritional / dietary needs of the exchange participants will be taken into account according to the application form.

The host organization will handle the services.





Activities Performed by young people in the camp

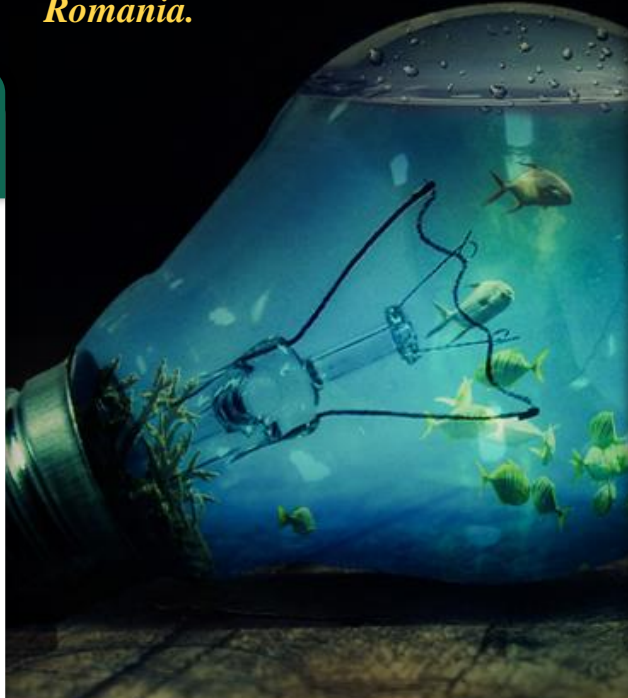
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The activities during the exchange will be carried out using specific non-formal, interactive and participatory learning methodologies (individual reflective, group reflective, individual work and working groups, simulation games, visits, interactive presentations, team work, cultural evenings).

If any participant have any special diet that affects your health or have a different alimentary option, must communicate in the personal application before coming to Romania.

TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- Passport/ID
- Valid European Health Insurance cards
- Pocket money
- Parent / guardian consent for minor participants
- Letter to assume the participation in the mobility of each participant (transport, sanitary)



CULTURAL NIGHT

Don't forget to bring some traditional music for the intercultural evenings!

We will have one cultural night per country where you can expose your customs, traditional dances and culture. Please !!! All the teams must prepare some presentation of your country in a creative way (try to avoid Power Point and movies from tourist agencies). We hope, that your culture means you something more than national food and drinks. Also bring the flag or your country. It would be nice if you bring also some small souvenirs with you (costs are not covered).

THINGS TO PACK

- > Toiletries
- > Slippers for the use at the hostel
- > Comfortable clothes
- > Medicines (if you take any)
- > Good sportswear and shoes for a mountain ride and something against the cold and rain, just in case.

Looking forward to seeing what you've got

TO BRING?

FOOD AND SNACKS FOR THE INTERCULTURAL COFFEE BREAKS

We would really love to see what your countries and regions have on offer and what goodies we could find there. To allow everyone to 'taste' a bit of your homeland, we would like to invite you then to bring over some snacks that we could consume during the coffee breaks. Please note that due to the meals being arranged outside the hostel, running an intercultural evening with the food may not be possible...hence the idea with the coffee breaks ;)

NGO PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

Although the main focus of the YM is not networking, it still is very important to get to know your potential future partners.

Therefore, participation in the mobility will be an opportunity to get to know the representatives of many NGOs and institutions present at the mobility. We'd like to recommend then bringing some promotional materials, brochures of your organisations and anything else that you feel may be suitable. Although the main focus of the meeting is on MOBILITY, feel free to prepare info also on any other areas of interest to your organisation.

PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES AND PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

Asociacija TAVO EUROPA

Stowarzyszenie Sztukater

Poland

Lithuania

Croatia

*Udruga mladih Spirit of
Freedom Hrvatska*

*Evropske Centrum Mladeze
Breclav
European Youth Centre
Breclav*

**Czech
Republic**

**The
Republic
of North
Macedonia**

World Change

*Sdruzhenie Walk
Together*

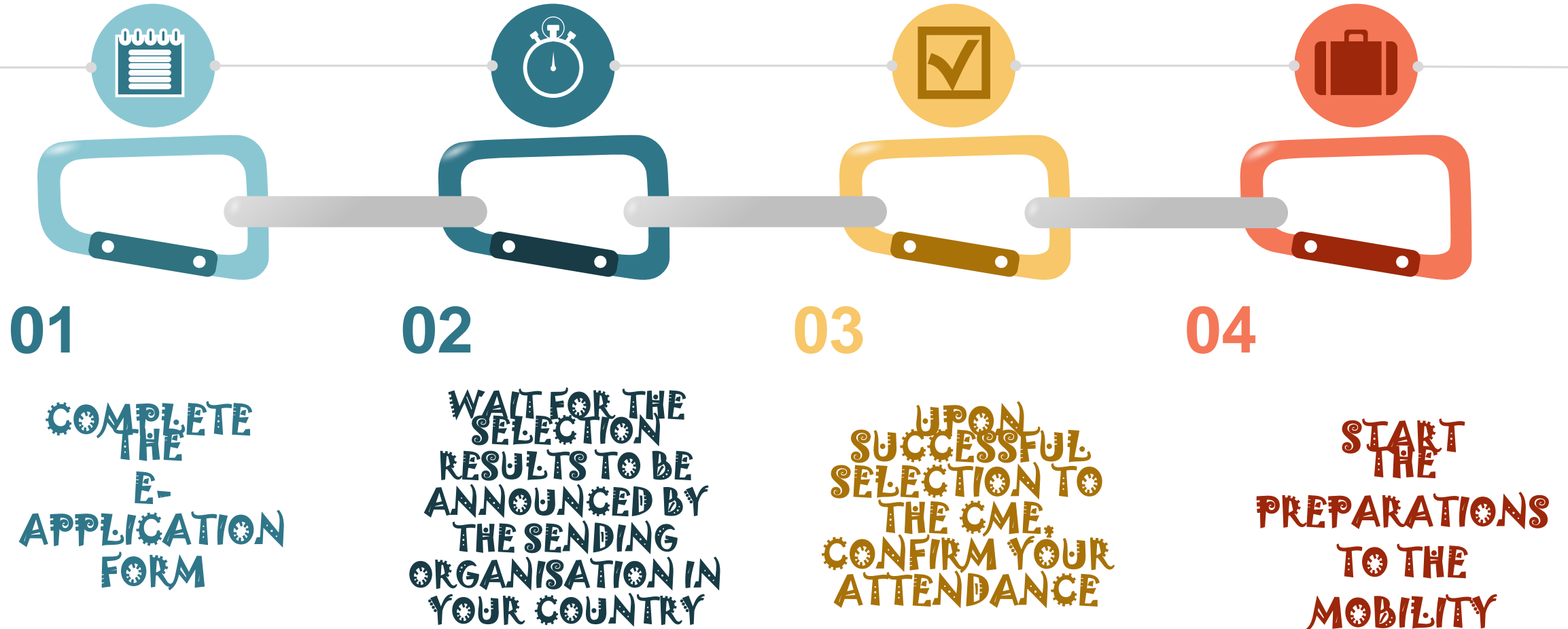
Bulgaria

Romania

Asociatia PRO ROMA



HOW TO APPLY?



COVID-19 PREVENTION

COVID-19

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

Wash your hands

- after coughing or sneezing
- when caring for the sick
- before, during and after you prepare food
- before eating
- after toilet use
- when hands are visibly dirty
- after handling animals or animal waste



Protect others from getting sick

When coughing and sneezing **cover mouth and nose** with flexed elbow or tissue



Throw tissue into closed bin immediately after use

Clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water after coughing or sneezing and when caring for the sick



CONTACT

Any questions related to the project and the mobility, travel to Romania well as any other matters should be addressed to the **project coordinator**

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To ensure that your e-mails arrive without delays, please always start your messages with

ERASMUS+ Youth Mobility

Contact and official Facebook Group of the project

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/826310231251112>



We'll appreciate any ideas and suggestions of yours that could be incorporated at the time of preparations to the mobility or during the activity itself. This is going to be a training course which we wish to implement **NOT FOR YOU** but **TOGETHER WITH YOU!**

Let's make it an exciting learning journey!

We're waiting for you in Romania!