

Youth exchange

Erasmus+ Youth Mobility Cluj-Napoca, Romania, August 10-18 (travel days included)

Info Pack

for applicants

Application form: https://ballforall.eu/application-form/
Project website: https://ballforall.eu

THE PROJECT



The general and main aim of this project is to respond to the needs of young people with visual impairments, to be included in the society with their peers, to be equally involved in education, culture, sports, social living, etc. Through this project makes the sport game called Goal Ball (that is a game only played by visually impaired people) to be inclusive; actually, visually impaired people will teach their young peers how to play this game and in the end of the project mobility there will be organized an inclusive event, a tournament

that will establish from year to year as a tradition in our countries. For the future we intend to accept the challenge to expand this inclusive tournament with teams from European countries and beyond.

To achieve its goals the project provides a youth exchange in Cluj-Napoca, for 7 days of activities (plus 2 travel days), starting on August 10, 2021.

Apart from the main activity of the project, which consists in making the game goal ball to become inclusive, as a central activity through which the young people with visual impairments will be involved together with non-visually impaired youngsters, the project will include other activities such as psychological workshops that will contribute to themes such as raising the awareness among typical youngsters (non-visually impaired), overcoming discrimination and labeling, discussing about the rights and conditions of visually impaired people in other countries participating in the project, exchanging experiences, future cooperation, etc.

During the implementation of the project activities, most of the work will be accomplished in small groups of participants. These groups will be multinational and peer combined.

PARTICIPANTS



The target group for this project are young people age 15-30, half of them visually impaired and the other half non-disabled. There will be a total of 24 youngsters, 8 from each country (North Macedonia, Turkey and Romania). The typical, non-visual impaired participants, will not only take an active part in the project activities, but will also have a role as a facilitators and helpers for visual impaired youngsters.

Summarizing, for the youth exchange that will take place in Cluj-Napoca (7 activity days + 2 travel days), each partner will send a group of 11 participants (4 visually impaired and 4 non-visually impaired youngsters, 2 youth leaders and 1 accompanying person), citizens or legal residents of North Macedonia, Romania or Turkey.

The visually and non-visually impaired youngsters:

- Age 15-30;
- Ready to interact with their disabled/non-disabled peers in an active and supportive way; The youth leaders:
- Age 18+;











- Connected to their sending organization and with experience in working with disabled and non-disabled youngsters;
- Have English language skills;

The selection method will include an info pack and a unique application form elaborated by Asociatia Babilon Travel which will be disseminated to all the partner organizations. The candidates will fill it out and the sending partners will evaluate and make the final selection, based on the following criteria:

- Status of the participant: disabled/non-disabled youngster, youth leader or accompanying person;
- Motivation to get involved in the work with the visually impaired youth;
- Potential and availability to multiply and disseminate the project's results, by:
 - Writing stories/posts/articles about their experiences in the project and then post these on their websites, social media platforms and in the project Facebook group and page;
 - Participating to the preparatory meetings (on-line or face-to-face) and the dissemination events organized by the sending organizations on local level;
 - o Preparing, inside their country team, the intercultural night;
- Committed to attend for the full duration of the course;
- Agree to respect all Romanian regulations regarding the pandemic during all the activities of the training course;

Since there will be 12 participants facing visual impairment (or even more, depending on the applications sent and the selection process), each partner will also select an accompanying person, citizen or legal resident of the country of the sending organization, that will support the disabled participants during the journey and during the activities. These accompanying persons should be:

- Age 18+;
- Experienced in guiding disabled persons;
- Ready to support the visually impaired youngsters 24/7 during the journey to Romania and back, and during all the activities;
- Able to use English as working language.

At the end of the youth exchange, each youngster will receive a **Youthpass** certificate. Accommodation and food for all participants are covered by the project budget.

THE VENUE



The youth exchange will be kept in Cluj-Napoca, a city of lights, a city of the future, always different, always unpredictable, proudly flaunting its cultural and artistic diversity, Cluj-Napoca does not cease to amaze. Hidden in the heart of Transylvania, the city is the kind of place you cannot help falling in love with. The huge progress made in the last decades, as well as its ability to keep its traditions

and local charm alive, stand as proof that Cluj-Napoca deserves its honorable spot along other European locations, such as Prague, Vienna and Berlin.

With a rich, complex history and legends, which make it the dream destination for mystery lovers, the Transylvanian city shows an interesting evolution over the centuries, which contributes to the diversity and multiculturalism that characterizes it today.

Attested for the first time almost 2000 years ago, the city became an important Roman colony. The settlement, known then by the name of Napoca, survives the Dark Ages of the migrations and reappears











in annals in 1173, to be devastated, just a century later, by a Tatar army. Not long after that, it becomes known as Klausenburg, one of the seven Saxon settlements from Transylvania which are surrounded by walls and which gave the province its original name: Siebenbürgen.

In 1918, as Transylvania becomes part of Romania, Cluj is a prosperous, modern settlement that continues its development throughout the interwar period. The city receives the name it bears today, Cluj-Napoca, in 1974.

The Transylvanian city is currently in a constant state of improvement, adopting European values and practices and proving that it deserves all the appreciation it has gained. With more than 300.000 inhabitants and over 100.000 students, Cluj-Napoca has the biggest University in Romania.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT:



According to the rules within the **Erasmus+ Programme**, financed by the European Union, we will reimburse the travel costs on basis of the cheapest, greenest and most effective possibilities, low cost flights, 2nd class railway, bus or minivan, etc., accompanied by the receipt of complete and original tickets, invoices, bills, receipts, boarding cards etc.

ALL THE TRAVEL TICKETS HAVE TO BE BOUGHT AFTER RECEIVING CONFIRMATION FROM THE COORDINATOR !!!

Participants are expected to arrive to Cluj-Napoca, Romania on 10th of August 2021. The departure will be on 18th of August 2021, after breakfast.

We will reimburse travel costs, by bank transfer, within 45 days after receiving all the original travel documents, after dissemination, including here local workshops, after the youth exchange, and filling out the Mobility Tool questionnaire by the youth leaders. Based on the present situation and the uncertain evolution of the pandemic, the best means of "green" transportation seems to be that by bus: Izmir – Skopje – stay overnight – Skopje – Cluj-Napoca and back. In this case Asociatia Babilon Travel, as project coordinator, will make travel arrangements accordingly. In case of airplane transportation, each participant needs to buy its own ticket and this will be reimbursed, up to Euro 275, after the youth exchange, within 45 day, supposing all the original travel documents are sent to the coordinator.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Mreza za Dozivotno Ucenje- North Macedonia;
- Karabaglar Kaymakamligi Izmir Turkey.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the organizers: office@babilontravel.net.

THANK YOU







