

YOUTH ZONE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



YOUTH ZONE

TRAINING
24.10. - 30.10.2023
Nis, Serbia



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DEAR PARTNERS AND PARTICIPANTS,



WE ARE SENDING YOU THE INFO PACK THAT WILL PROVIDE BASIC AND USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT NIS, SERBIA, TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS – HOW TO GET TO THE DESTINATION OF THE FESTIVAL, ACCOMMODATION AND BOARD AND GENERAL INFO ABOUT THE PLACE WHERE YOU WILL STAY. IF YOU NEED ADDITIONAL INFO, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE YOU SOON,
TEAM OF KOM 018**

ABOUT THE PROJECT



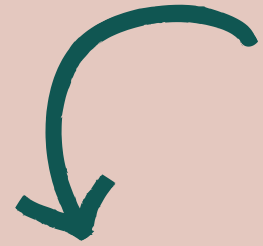
“YOUTH ZONE” IS THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTED BY HATE FIGHTERS NETWORK THROUGH 3-YEAR FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS TO SUPPORT CIVIL SOCIETY COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH, ERASMUS + IN THE PERIOD 01.01.2023 – 31.12.2025.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THE 2023 ARE CLUSTERED IN 3 MAIN CATEGORIES:

- ACTIVITIES ON RAISING THE AWARENESS ON EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2019 - 2027, EUROPEAN YOUTH GOALS AND YOUTH MAINSTREAMING ON POLICY LEVEL INCLUDING: DEVELOPMENT EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2019 – 2027 IN A FORM OF YOUTH FRIENDLY DOCUMENT; EVENTS WITH YOUNG PEOPLE ON EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2019 – 2027; EVENTS WITH STAKEHOLDERS ON EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2019 – 2027; SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON EU YOUTH STRATEGY 2019 – 2027; MARKING OF 2023 EUROPEAN YEAR OF SKILLS**
- ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ENGAGEMENT, CONNECTION AND EMPOWERMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE INCLUDING EVENTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE ON EU VALUES, EU AND COMBATING EUROSCEPTICISM THROUGH MOBILE GAME “EU YOUTH ZONE”; DEVELOPMENT OF NEW METHODOLOGIES IN YOUTH WORK; SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGN ON COMBAT AGAINST FAKE NEWS AND PROMOTION OF MEDIAL LITERACY.**
- ACTIVITIES RELATED TO YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN EU ACTIONS INCLUDING EVENTS FOR PROMOTION OF EU ACTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE; REGULAR SERVICE OF HFN SECRETARIAT FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION ON MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE; ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUTH ZONE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM; CONFERENCE ON EU ACTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.**

ACTIVITIES WILL BE ORGANIZED THROUGH HATE FIGHTERS NETWORK IN SERBIA, ITALY, GREECE, SPAIN, PORTUGAL, CROATIA, CZECH REPUBLIC, BELGIUM, FRANCE, BULGARIA, HUNGARY AND TURKEY IN THE PERIOD OF 12 MONTHS – 01/01/2023 TO 31/12/2023. “YOUTH ZONE” PROJECT IS CO-FUNDED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION.


ABOUT TRAINING COURSE



Training will be organized within Youth Zone mentorship program. The new program is designed for the informal groups of young people and youth organizations that are newcomers or without experience in the Erasmus + program. HFN Secretariat will implement this Pilot Capacity building activity for interested youth in order to train and educate them about basis of establishing / empowering and leading youth organization, development of mission and vision of the organization, community building, different ways of fundraising (project financing and co-financing, partnerships, sponsorships, crowd-funding, etc.), basis in online communication and visibility of the organization and some other basic aspects needed for the new youth-lead organizations.

The training will be organized in Nis, Serbia from 24.10. - 30.10.2023 (24.10. being arrival day, and 30.10.2023 departure day)


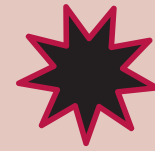
PARTICIPANTS



Every partner should send 2 participants to the training course. Possible participants should be motivated and available to dedicate their time and effort to work on the project after the training course, have team work and public speaking skills, speak English, interested in working in international community but also at the local level and with decision makers, open to new cultures and willing to learn in an intercultural environment, and similar; the most important, the participants should be interested in the development / improvement of the skills and competences on how to develop project idea, how and where to apply, how to promote project, how to establish organization / improve the functioning of the organization and similar. **The partners are especially encouraged to reach out and include people from local grassroots youth organizations, student organizations or informal youth groups.**

Participants should be registered in the [link](#). Deadline for the registration: 05.10.202

SERBIA, NIŠ



Serbia, officially the Republic of Serbia is a country located at the crossroads of Central and Southeastern Europe, covering the southern lowlands of the Carpathian basin and the central part of the Balkans.

The place of the event will be Nis (pronounced as Nish). Nis is the largest city in southern Serbia and the third- largest city in the country (after Belgrade and Novi Sad).

Niš has around 300.000 inhabitants. The city covers an area of about 597 square kilometers, including the urban area, the Niška Banja spa and 68 suburbs. Niš is the administrative center of the Nišava District. It is one of the oldest cities in the Balkans, and has from ancient times been considered a gateway between the East and the West. Niš is also notable as the birthplace of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman Emperor and the founder of Constantinople, as well as two other Roman emperors, Constantius III and Justin I. It is home to one of Serbia's oldest Christian churches dating to the 4th century in the suburb of Mediana. There are about 30,000 university students at the University of Niš, which comprises 13 faculties.

HOW TO GET TO NIŠ



IF YOU ARE COMING BY PLANE...

THERE IS AN AIRPORT IN NIS AND IS USED BY COMPANIES SUCH AS WIZZAIR, AIR SERBIA AND RYANAIR FROM DIFFERENT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. CHECK OUT AIR SERBIA, WIZZAIR AND RYANAIR SITES TO SEE IF THE FLIGHTS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH THE EVENT DATES (IN CASE THEY DON'T MATCH, LET US KNOW ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE IN DATES AND WE WILL CHECK IF WE CAN ARRANGE YOUR STAY). AIRPORT IN NIS ALSO HAS FLIGHTS FROM BELGRADE AND BACK SO CHECK CAREFULLY, IT COULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONNECT YOUR FLIGHT TO BELGRADE WITH FLIGHT FROM BELGRADE TO NIS. THERE ARE OPTIONS, JUST EXPLORE.

IF YOU TRAVEL TO BELGRADE, ONCE YOU LAND, YOU NEED TO GO FROM NIKOLA TESLA AIRPORT TO THE MAIN BUS STATION. IF YOU WANT TO TRAVEL BY BUS, YOU SHOULD LOOK FOR DIRECT BUS TO NIS (IT TAKES AROUND 3H TO GET TO NIS). DO NOT TAKE THE TRAIN, IT WILL TAKE FOREVER TO GET HERE :). FINALLY, IF YOU WANT TO AVOID BUSES, THERE IS THE OPTION THAT WE ORGANIZE A CAR FOR YOU THAT WILL WAIT FOR YOU AT THE AIRPORT, BUT THIS OPTION IS A BIT EXPENSIVE, AROUND 250,00 EUR TO TAKE YOU FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL (250 KM RIDE). THIS PRICE IS FOR THE WHOLE CAR (IT TRANSPORTS 3-4 PERSONS). IF YOU YET DECIDE TO USE IT, YOU WILL HAVE TO TELL US IN ADVANCE SO THAT WE CAN ORGANIZE TRANSPORTATION FOR YOU.

HOW TO GET TO NIS



If you are coming by plane...

As Nis is located at the strategically good place, nearby airports that are also available are:

Sofia, Bulgaria airport - Sofia is 150 km far from Nis and the airport there is quite often used KOM 018 for travel purposes. There are 2 buses per day from Sofia to Nis and back. It is also possible to organize the transport by car / van - around 250.00 EUR (this cover transport of 3-4 persons)

Skopje, North Macedonia airport - Skopje is 200 km far from Nis and the airport there is quite often used KOM 018 for travel purposes. There are a couple of buses per day from Skopje to Nis and back. It is also possible to organize the transport by car / van - around 250.00 EUR (this cover transport of 3-4 persons).

Once you are in Nis, you will give us a call or text us, and we will send you a taxi (EKO TAXI)

HOW TO GET TO NIŠ



IF YOU ARE COMING BY BUS...

YOU WILL GET STRAIGHT TO NIS MAIN BUS STATION. ONCE YOU ARE IN NIS, YOU WILL GIVE US A CALL OR TEXT US, AND WE WILL SEND YOU A TAXI (EKO TAXI)

IF YOU ARE COMING BY CAR...

ONCE YOU ARE IN NIS, DRIVE TO HOTEL. IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM TO FIND IT, YOU WILL GIVE US A CALL OR TEXT US, AND WE WILL HELP.

ACCOMMODATION AND PLACE OF WORK

THE ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD, AS WELL AS PLACE OF WORK FOR THE PART OF THE ACTIVITIES WILL IN HOTEL MARICA, NIS, NJEGOSEVA STREET 81A. THE HOTEL IS LOCATED ON A HILL WHICH OFFERS A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE CITY, BUT IT IS ALSO NEAR THE CENTER OF THE CITY. THE HOTEL OFFERS GREAT ACCOMMODATION, SWIMMING POOL, WIRELESS INTERNET ETC.

MORE ABOUT HOTEL ON: [HTTP://WWW.HOTEL-MARICA.COM/](http://www.hotel-marica.com/)

ACCOMMODATION AND PLACE OF WORK

The participants will be accommodated mostly in double rooms. The rooms are equipped with \wi-fi, TV, hair dryers and all other usual for the hotel accommodation. Participants will be provided with 3 meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Note: Breakfast, lunch and dinner are served as a buffet and the meals include variety of food that supports dietary needs (salads, soups, vegetarian meals, different types of meat and similar). Coffee break includes one hot drink (tea, domestic coffee, filter coffee) and one cold drink (juice, coca-cola, water and similar).

Place of work will be in the Marica hotel too.



OTHER USEFUL TIPS

The currency used in Serbia is dinar. It is a floating currency and at the moment 1 EUR is 117.50 dinars. You can change EURO at the airport, or the bus station. When you are in town (Belgrade or Nis) there are many exchange offices, called MENJAČNICA (МЕЊАЧНИЦА).

Paying by card is possible almost everywhere.

We advise that you take travel insurance.

October is usually usually has an average temperature between 15-20 degrees, while during the night it is from 5 to 10 degrees. P.S we plan to take you out for dinner too, so bring the clothes accordingly.

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