



FIGHTING FAKE NEWS

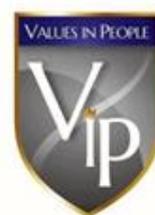


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Welcome!

Reading these lines means that you want to be a participant of the International Youth Exchange “Fighting Fake News” organised within the framework of the European Programme “Erasmus + youth”, supported by the European Commission. This Youth Exchange will take place in Bran (Yes, the Dracula’s place from Transilvania, Romania) from 10th of September until the 18th of September 2019 (travel days included).

Description of the Project

“Fighting Fake News” is an international youth exchange, hosted by the Romanian youth Association “VIP – VALUES IN PEOPLE” which involves 35 youngsters from five youth organizations of European Union countries: Greece, Italy, Lithuania, Romania and Hungary.

The project idea comes from the consideration that European youngsters societies are becoming more open and diverse day by day, especially with new trends and media environment of the European Union. Despite of these changes, some part of the youngsters remain behind, and still they do not have the capacity to observe differences between fake and real news.



Objectives:

- to develop youngsters skills to better identify fake news;
- to spread awareness among local communities about how to deal with social media and news platforms;
- to improve the abilities of young participants in order to enhance know how and practical experience about the fake news issues;
- to create digital magazine guidelines and video material about the impact of fake news;
- to Promote the sense of civic responsibility, social inclusion and tolerance towards minorities;
- to improve the abilities of young participants in order to enhance communication skills and self-esteem;

- to enhance intercultural participation and competences of youth about cultural heritage.

Methods: The working methods we have chosen are learner center, which stimulate participation and creativity, learning by doing through informal and non-formal education, such as:

- icebreakers and energizers: this method will help with the cohesion of the group.
- debates: participants will confirm their capacity to understand and make a difference between real and fake news.
- presentation: This method emphasizes communicative and analytical skills as well as ability to structure complex information clearly.
- simulation: participants are placed in a situation close to real-life scenarios to have their competences assessed. Can this be turned in a fake news?
- observation: this method refers to extracting evidence from candidates while they perform tasks brainstorming: This method combines a relaxed, informal approach to problem solving with lateral thinking;
- workshops: This method is based on „learning by doing“;
- reflection groups, Youthpass session and evaluation to reflect on own learning and get a feedback of the project.

Participants Six participants from each country, aged 18-26 + 1 group leader (no age limit) – total is 7 participants per country.

NOTE: You have to be resident and citizen in one of our partner countries, and travel from, and to this country! Your participation will be confirmed after the selection process, please be patient waiting for the official results. Disadvantaged youth will have priority during the selection process.

The project will also involve young people with fewer opportunities, particularly coming from rural areas, unemployed, facing economic problems, being discriminated and so on, because it's very important to reach this category with information about opportunities and rights given by European programs and also helps the process of enforcement of social cohesion.



The working language of this youth exchange is English ! Your English doesn't need to be perfect neither is ours! Better medium English than no communication at all!

Cultural Nights



During the international night you will have the pleasure to promote traditional food, drinks ,music, flags, etc. This is something that should not be expensive, but something typical and which would allow you to give us an idea about your culture.

Youthpass

All the participants will get a Youthpass. More about this certificate <http://www.youthpass.eu/en/youthpass/>



Partners:

- KOINONIKI ANAPTYKSI NEON / K.A.NE – Greece
- SEYF - SOUTH EUROPE YOUTH FORUM – Italy
- Asociacija "Skeptiškas jaunimas" – Lithuania
- EMINA Pályaorientációs Alapítvány- Hungary



As a leading independent organization, VIP - VALUES IN PEOPLE brings high value to youngsters' through dedicated shared knowledge and mobility opportunities.

Our goal is to increase the utility of public and private sectors, for the benefit of civil society, contributing to a considerable improvement of applied policies, human development, and civic

involvement.

VIP - VALUES IN PEOPLE is developing initiatives through non-formal education and training, aimed to encourage youth exchanges, practice through cross-cultural and cross-institutional learning for youth, vocational students, trainers, youth workers, disadvantaged youth, vulnerable cases, minority groups and migrants.

Our main focus is to integrate European values, self-esteem, tolerance and active citizenship through cooperation and policy reform among youth in the CEECs countries, with high respect on human rights, innovation, sense of initiative and clean environment.

You can check our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/valuesinpeople/>



Reaching the venue:

BRAN, ROMANIA



You will have to plan your flight itinerary to Bucharest Airport (OTP) being most convenient airport to reach the venue. Once arrived in Bucharest, train and bus will be used to reach the final venue. For the lucky selected participants, we will revert with valuable information on how to reach La Valtoare, Bran location.

The arrival and departure

The arrival day to Bran is 10th of September 2019, in the evening! If for some reasons you cannot find flight tickets with morning or early after-noon arrival time in Bucharest, please email us and we will find a solution for you!

You will depart back to Bucharest on 18th of September in the morning, so make sure you have flights that leave not too early on 18th of September, is preferred to be during late after-noon or evening.

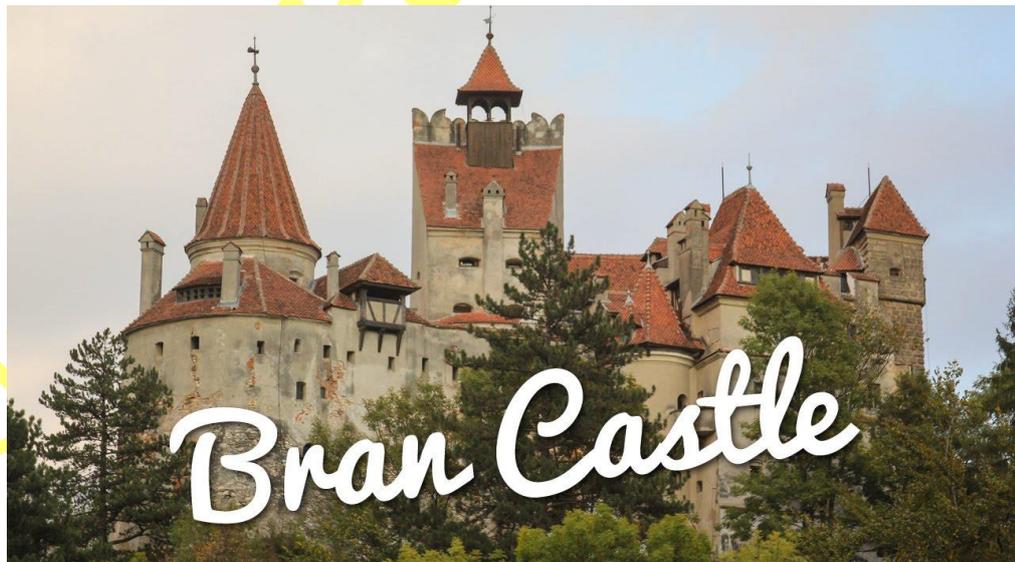
Important!

Make sure you keep all boarding passes in original for reimbursement!

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As additional advice, don't change too much money inside the airport because of the bad rates compared to the exchange offices downtown (we recommend change 5-10 euro maximum).

If you choose to take a taxi, it will be your own expense because taxi fares are not refunded in our project, having available public transport.



The Place / Venue:

Bran, Romania.

Accommodation: Pensiunea **La Valtoare**

<https://lavaltoare.ro/?lang=en>

Google maps:

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/La+V%C3%A2toare/@45.5122294,25.3588389,16z/data=!4m8!3m7!1s0x40b347fae3da4ed3:0x81bff5cd23c4a119!5m2!4m1!1i2!8m2!3d45.510677!4d25.3621434>



Bran is the well known Dracula's Castle place from Transilvania, Romania, and is a beautiful mountain region, with fresh air and beautiful landscapes. At the venue, we will stay usually 2-4 persons in one room, maybe some rooms will host a maximum of 5 persons. It may be possible to have two persons in one bed because some rooms are designed as matrimonial rooms, but the beds are big enough and each of you will have their own sheets. You can bring with you personal items, flipflops and towels.

The location has many other facilities, as you may check on the official website.

➤ We chose a typical mountain guesthouse that is close to nature, between „fake and reality”, but also benefits fully from the comfort of modern life.

➤ There is signal for mobile and wi-fi internet connection throughout the establishment.

➤ **Traditional Products:** We will have our meals at

the restaurant of our accommodation, serving traditional made products from the country side too.

For any change of your travel schedule, or if you are planning to arrive before or to leave later Romania, please inform us the itinerary in advance and wait for our approval!

According to the rules stated by the Romanian National Agency we kindly remind that is **allowed to travel max. 2 day before or/and after** the activity dates, keeping your right to be reimbursed. Exceptions have to be agreed with the Hosting/Coordinating Organization.

Your stay and travel during extra days cannot be covered by the project and has to be covered by participants. If you wish to arrive earlier or leave later than arrival and departure dates, you should arrange your own stay in Romania.

This is required, considering that Romanian National Agency is strict with financial rules (e.g. traveling from a city different from the NGOs one, traveling in dates different from the arrival-departure days, and so on). So, please tell us your travel path and we give you the confirmation if possible or not. :-)

Financial:

100 percent of accommodation is covered / 3 meal per day are offered (breakfast, meal, dinner) and coffee breaks.

If you have any dietary needs, please let us know in advance (e.g. vegetarian, lactose intolerance, allergies in general) and specify in the application form.

Travel costs to and from the venue (Bran, Romania) are covered according to the Erasmus+ distance calculator. The organizers will reimburse travel costs for the amount showed in the original boarding passes, tickets and invoices, up to the limits indicated in the ERASMUS+ program guide.

You should buy your tickets and bring them with you in Romania, the invoice and the boarding Pass. So remember to keep them close, without the originals, no travel reimbursement will be possible!

After the activities, we will need original tickets sent by post, together with the reimbursement request: we will reimburse your organizations via bank transfer.

Reimbursement:

When we will receive this documents you'll receive the reimbursement (once the follow up stage is complete and the online survey is done).

Country	Travel cost – per participant
Greece	275 euro
Italy	275 euro
Lithuania	275 euro
Hungary	275 euro
Romania	180 euro

Insurance:

Please provide insurance for yourself: insurance is not covered by the project's costs. We recommend you to apply for the European Health Insurance Card, free of any charge. This is your own responsibility, in case of any accident (we try not to happen 😊) you will not be covered otherwise. Furthermore, extra insurances are cheap and can be done at a local travel agency, or even online.

Official currency in Romania is RON

1 0.211691 EUR (may
RON slightly change)

It is possible to change the money in BANK but is better to withdraw with your card bank.



We will ask you to prepare some assignments/small research before coming to the exchange. More about it you will find out with about 15-20 days before the activities.

Preparation of the assignments for the youth exchange should take a couple of

hours, not longer than that and requires no extra resources or knowledge from what you already have! Each participating country will present an workshop during the venue.



At the end of the youth exchange, you will be asked to organize at least one activity in your local communities based on the knowledge learned during the project, that can be to organize workshops amongst the members of your organization, an online campaign, some small paper work, a seminar or anything connected with the topics of the project that allows you to put in practice what you learnt. It may be agreed and elaborated during the project, according to your organization possibilities and capacity.

By this, we will have the opportunity to see tangible results out of the project in a form of a activity from each of the partners. After the implementation of the activity, we will ask you to fill in a questionnaire with clear questions about methods, tools and knowledge we presented in the exchange, with an aim to reflect on the impact of the project on your work back home.

Important!

After the activities in Bran, each participant will receive a short and easy-to-fill Online Survey from the Erasmus Plus platform, which our National Agency warmly request us in order to provide us with the project grant.



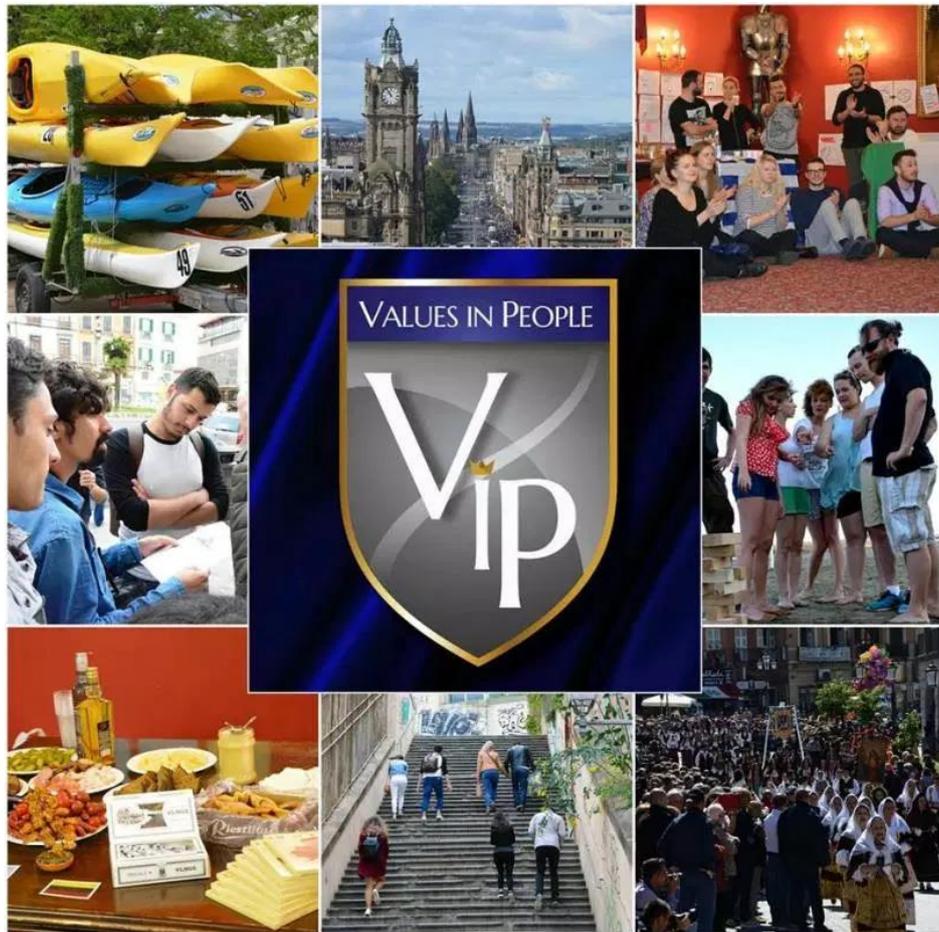
Only after follow-up activities and after filling the online EU survey, participants will get the reimbursement for the travel.

By participating in the project, you agree to use images and dissemination materials with you.

What do you need to bring with you:

- * Raincoat and swim suit, in case :)
- * Suitable shoes and clothes for the outdoor activities.
- * If possible bring your laptop with you. We can use it during some activities. You can bring your favorite music too.
- * Passport or ID card.
- * Medicines that you usually take.
- Travel tickets and invoices
- Health Insurance Valid in Romania - European Insurance Card: for more information please go to or <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559> or contact your national health institution.
- As previously described, we are planning to develop intercultural nights: we are going to provide time after the dinner, each evening in which we will have the opportunity to taste food & drink from all over Europe. So, please bring with you some food and drink from your countries. Obviously, good drinks are always welcome! Do not forget a **flag** of your country.

Do not worry: the project is based on non-formal educational methodologies through the sharing of knowledge, experience and best practices. Nothing is going to be boring. It is an opportunity to share your story, your national situation and to find new friends in order to positively change the world! :-) Bring your smile and positive attitude: we are going to have a lot of **fun**!



If you have any questions regarding the project,
please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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More about VIP - VALUES IN PEOPLE:

www.valuesinpeople.wordpress.com