

Critical thinking in digital world  
Youth Exchange 22/04-28/04/2023  
Murzasichle, Poland

## **The project:**

The exchange "Critical thinking in digital world" will take place at the Murzasichle, from 22/04 to 28/04/2023 and will be attended by 36 people representing Poland, Lithuania, Greece, Romania, Slovakia and Czech Republic. Our project is a response to the problems faced by contemporary young people using digital media regarding the blurring of the boundaries between fact and opinion, truth and falsehood, information and disinformation.

In particular, we want to develop the following skills:

- learning among young people the habit of fact-checking, that is the ability to find the desired information, capture manipulations, as well as combine various information from different sources and make a joint interpretation.
- Critical thinking, that is the ability to consider phenomena and experiences from many points of view and persistently strive for the truth.
- Civil courage understood as striving to defend one's beliefs even in difficult situations, when one risks reluctance of the environment or raising topics that others do not want to say aloud.
- The culture of discussion, in particular the principles of conducting the discussion.

The project will use a whole range of different working methods of non-formal education. We want to make the best use of the potential of our participants and their experiences to work together to achieve the best possible results. Additionally, we believe that the best learning outcomes can be achieved thanks to the individual involvement of participants in this process.

The purpose of the exchange is also to strengthen creativity, self-esteem, confidence in one's linguistic ones as well as other predispositions needed to function in the contemporary multicultural reality.

The project will contribute to meeting the different needs of partners by equipping them with innovative work tools. Finally, we strive to establish and deepen cooperation between partner organizations, thus supporting the creation of new educational opportunities, international initiatives and building personal support networks among people involved in education, training, and work for social change. We plan that during the activities, participants will establish contact with the local community through joint activities, offering them the opportunity to come into contact with various European languages, traditions, world views, as well as personal development opportunities offered by the Erasmus + program. We hope that the critical thinking tools and methods for critical source analysis and fact-checking presented during the exchange and in our brochure will be used more frequently in youth and social work at all levels and will contribute to improving the overall quality of non-formal and informal education in Europe.

The participants are mainly young people aged 20 to 30, who are active in the virtual space on a daily basis (who have an account on Facebook, Tweeter, blogs, run fanpages and are interested in the subject of the exchange). The project is aimed at 36 young people and 5 leaders. Recruited participants are volunteers in partner organizations working for social change and willing to develop their media education and critical thinking skills. The exchange is designed for people with fewer opportunities facing social, educational and economic difficulties.

Activities planned under the project include games and workshops in the open air and in the hall workshops, debates, group exercises, plenary and individual reflections on theoretical input, mutual sharing of good practices, methods and tools, and designing future joint activities. All activities will be focused on the personal development of the participants, increasing the level of key competences and skills, in particular in terms of their suitability for the labor market and their contribution to the cohesion of society.

### **Transport:**

The arrival day to Murzasichle must be 22 04 2023 (closest airport it is Krakow – Balice, Katowice Pyrzowice around 100 km).

The departure back will be on 28 04 2022 in the morning,

If you need any help with tickets or transfers please let us know we can arrange it so before you will buy ticket please contact us to be sure that this is best option.

We will reimburse your travel expenses in the last days of the project, in cash (euro). Please bring with you all original receipts, invoices, e-tickets, proof of payment and 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 as well, without having to send it`s to us by post when you return home! Of course, if for your airline is not possible, you still need to send us the boarding passes by post after the project.

It is very important to have all your travel and financial documents with you for each person, otherwise the reimbursement is not possible.

**We can arrange all the travel for you as buses, planes etc. for that please ask your team leader.**

## **The group:**

We need 6 participants (5+1 leaders) from each of the country. Age limits for the participants are 18-30 years old and 18-35 for leaders.

## **Rules:**

You are expected to participate fully in all activities, unless you are ill. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops won't be allowed. We would really appreciate energetic and active participation.

Smoking is prohibited inside of the buildings, so all smokers will have to leave the building in case they want to smoke a cigarette.

## **The location:**

The venue of our project is Murzasichle, a village in Polish Mountain area, 100km away from Krakow.

Basic information about accommodation place - U Toski <http://utoski.pl/>

- 2/3/4/5 people in one room
- Rooms have their own bathrooms
- The restaurant will serve all meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner) and in some days we will have lunch packs;
- The area is very beautiful and surrounded by nature

## **What to bring:**

- All your travel documents and financial statements/proofs of payment;

- Typical food and drinks from your countries! We will have traditional evenings during the project and basically every evening will belong to a different country. Unfortunately we don't have budget to reimburse you the expenses made for the things that you are bringing. Try to be creative and funny! You can bring typical costumes, ornaments, leaflets, posters, flyers, food, sweets, alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks... and so on!

Also, you can show videos, photos, sing music and dance traditional dances from your countries! We are counting on you to make these evenings as interesting as possible and promise to help you in any way that we can!!!

- Clothes: going to have some swimming session, so prepare your swimsuit!

- Towels and whatever you need for taking shower, washing, etc;

Our currency is the Polish Zloty (PLN): 1 Euro = 4.7 PLN

If you have any questions for us please contact Jacek Kubicki ([jacekkubicki@op.pl](mailto:jacekkubicki@op.pl)), Project Manager.

We are looking forward to see you in Poland!