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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Youth exchange “Ask, Check, Question – Think Twice!”

Dates: 22 – 27. 10. 2017

Location: Pliskovica, Karst region, Slovenia



Number of Participants: 5 participants and 1 group leader per country (Hungary, Poland, Latvia and Slovenia)

Language: English

APV: Advanced planning visit will be organised for **group leaders** in Pliskovica from **23rd until 24th of September.**

Where?

Pliskovica is a small village located in the heart of Karst region in the southwest of Slovenia, just 15 minutes from Trieste on the Italian coastline.



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Background of the Project:

This youth exchange is based on promoting solidarity and intercultural dialogue, developing critical thinking and media literacy among youth, and fighting antisocial behavior in young people. These are all things that we as young people miss in our societies, which is why we have decided to be proactive about it.

We chose this particular topic because we believe that critical thinking is the groundwork from which innovation and change can flourish. It is a necessary safety switch for preventing the rise of fundamentalism, radical dogmatism and even peer/community pressure, as it provides people with greater autonomy in dictating their own identities, cultures and histories.

Objectives of the Project:

- Reflective examination of the media landscapes in participating countries
- Developing/strengthening competences of critical thinking
- Strengthening solidarity and empathy among the youth
- Introducing young people to the Erasmus+ program

By participating in this youth exchange, young people will gain self confidence and strengthen their self respect. The combination of critical reflective reading and independent thinking will allow them to develop competences for recognising and analyzing different contexts, it will make them better informed and will enable them to make more responsible decisions.



Profile of Participants:

Young people from 18 to 25 years old, group leader can be up to 30 years old. We are very open to participants with fewer opportunities. Background on the topic of youth exchange is not needed!

Participants must speak English.



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Methodology:

During the youth exchange we will use non-formal learning methods to show the participants the need for critical thinking and media literacy; to grasp the real meaning of these concepts together with the participants; to find out where and how we can check the quality of information served to us by the media; to use the interactions among one another and with the local community to discover the benefits and the challenges of the multicultural nature of Europe; and to become aware of and question our own attitudes towards difference.

Financial Conditions:

Travel costs will be covered based on the unit costs of the program. Please note that participants will be reimbursed the real costs of their transport fees up to a certain limit as per the information below. 100% lodging and food are covered.

Please do not buy travel tickets until your participation has been approved by Zavod Volontariat. All the travel costs will be reimbursed after the youth exchange and when all the papers arrive to Zavod Volontariat address together with a correctly filled in reimbursement form. Please note that the process of reimbursement will be carried out directly with the applicant organizations and not with the individual participants.

Deadline for applications: Partner organisations should find participants and send their information to Zavod Volontariat by **4th of September 2017**.