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INCLUSION ACTION**

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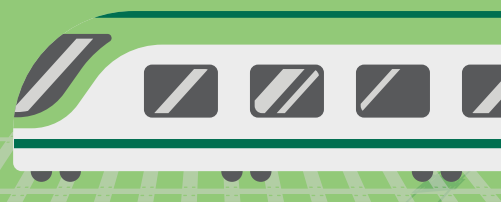
YOUTH ON BOARD

Invites you to read more about the “And I Am A Leader Too!” project that took our members across Europe for 7 days, mainly



THROUGH ERASMUS+

and the Discover Europe Inclusion Action
as part of its European Programs



FOR YOUTH

searching to develop their soft skills,
interpersonal abilities and self-confidence
through non-formal education.



WE REPRESENT

a *youth-driven* non-profit organization, striving to promote youth development and empowerment through philanthropy. *Run by youths, for youths*, we plan and execute events to show the impact one can make in the community while encouraging the act of giving back.



Travel
around Europe
and learn!

WE OFFER

Youth Exchanges under the Erasmus+ program to meet young people from different countries, live together, and work on shared projects for 5 to 21 days. Participate in workshops, exercises, debates, role-plays, outdoor activities, and more!

Erasmus+ *Training Courses* designed for youth workers and those in youth organizations. Enhance your skills through structured learning experiences, improve the quality of your work, and network with peers across Europe!

AND MANY MORE UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES LIKE THIS ONE!



AND I AM A LEADER TOO!

Our goal is to *empower young people* with fewer opportunities by providing them with *leadership and soft skills*, promoting European examples of work and inclusion, enhancing access to European programs, and fostering networking at both national and international levels.



A2: Realize

Our vision is to *offer youth with fewer opportunities* from economic and geographical sectors *the chance to develop soft skills* while exploring Europe in an environmentally friendly way. Our mission is to *share European values*, enhance professional abilities, and increase participation in non-formal education programs for this demographic. We aim to develop critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, open-mindedness, emotional intelligence, and communication skills, while *promoting green travel* and growing participation in European programs.



**Read
about:**



Project's Travel

Route: 

 Skopje, MKD

 Zagreb, Croatia

 Trieste, Italy

 Rijeka, Croatia

Short Stops:

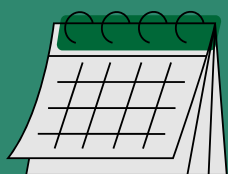
Belgrade, Serbia



Ljubljana, Slovenia

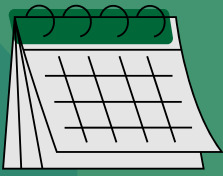


Pivka, Slovenia



DEPARTURE DAY

Participants met in *Skopje*, starting their journey. Along the way they engaged in *ice-breaking activities* to get acquainted and each recorded a video outlining their expectations, past travel experiences, and desired skills to develop.



Zagreb Experience

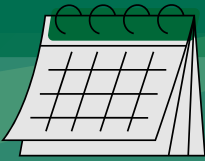
“Explore and Think Critically” - was the first activity that launched this unique experience. Aiming to develop their *researching and critical thinking abilities*, the group was tasked with creating the best walking routes in each of the upcoming cities in an efficient way. Ending their first day like this showed the group their importance in realizing the project, thus *growing their leadership confidence* as a key first step.



The second activity was *“Divide and Conquer!”* - connected to Creative Problem Solving. Taking the day early, the group competed against each other to complete tasks around the city. They managed to explore Zagreb's *cultural and historical sites* in the process, such as Zagreb Cathedral, Zagreb City Museum, Maksimir Park, St. Mark's Church, Dolac Market and others. Furthermore, they communicated with locals to solve the tricky tasks and were able to develop their *critical thinking, listening and communication abilities*.



The day concluded with video testimonials from the Zagreb experience, a laid-back *reflection session* and a step forward in the interconnectedness of the group before their next departure.



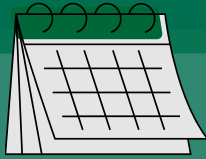
Trieste

In *Trieste*, the group continued their journey tackling more tasks, meeting new people, seeing new places and growing as individuals. Along the way they stopped in *Ljubljana, Slovenia*, spending 5ish hours sight-seeing and meeting new people.

Climbing aboard their *first train*, the group started with the “*Exploring Diversity*” - Open-mindedness activity. Meeting fellow young travelers from places such as Brazil, Austria, China and Spain they were able to *interview* them, asking questions about train travel, how it can connect people, raising awareness about European programs and sharing contacts. Meanwhile exploring Trieste and the mixed Italian - Croatian culture parallel to *growing their public speaking, interviewing, planning and realization abilities*. The youngsters were able to visit Piazza Unità d'Italia, Miramare Castle, Cattedrale di San Giusto, Canal Grande, Revoltella Museum, Grotta Gigante, Castello di San Giusto and experience the local cuisine.



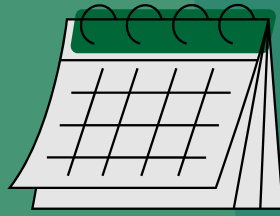
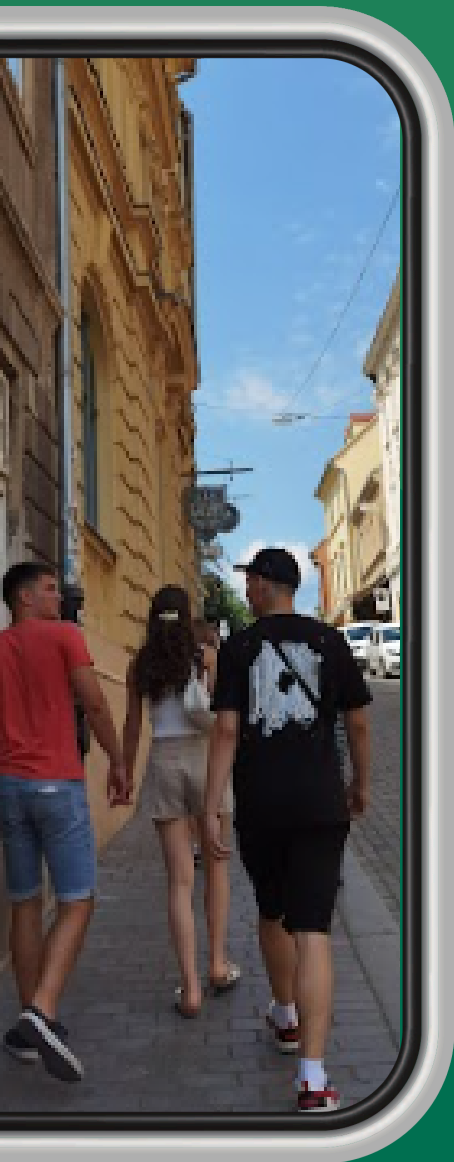
Rijeka



This marked the *last stop* for our youngsters. On their way there they took their 2 hour stop in *Pivka, Slovenia* to visit a *War Museum* from the time in Yugoslavia, reflecting on cultural history and tragedies.

In Rijeka, participants visited *landmarks* such as Trsat Castle, Korzo, Cathedral of St. Vitus, the Maritime and History Museum of the Croatian Littoral, City Tower, and St. Jerome's Church. They then took part in the "*Meet & Network*" activity, where they found young people in public, communicated with them, and discovered cultural similarities. These interactions were recorded in videos, highlighting their *communication and networking skills*, and also discussed *participation in European programs*.

They concluded their journey by exploring Rijeka, engaging in the "*Design Your Journey*" activity. They showcased ten *European values* on a poster, highlighting their *design skills and teamwork*. The day ended with a group video reflecting on their experience and skills gained.



departure day

On the *final day*, participants traveled back with a bus and engaged in various *evaluation activities*. Each participant recorded a video sharing their overall experience, skills learned, new connections made, and recommendations for the Erasmus+ program and train travel. The project concluded with a *comprehensive reflection* on the objectives achieved and the personal growth experienced by all participants along the way.

A2: Realize successfully achieved its goals by enhancing participants' leadership and soft skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, teamwork, and idea realization. It promoted inclusivity, diversity, and environmental responsibility through exploring European cultures and emphasizing green travel. Additionally, the project encouraged networking among young individuals, enhancing skill development, cultural awareness, and active engagement in European initiatives.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Zagreb enhanced their critical thinking and listening skills through interactive tasks with locals, deepened their cultural understanding and inclusivity through city exploration, and strengthened teamwork and networking through collaborative problem-solving activities. Public communication challenges further honed their leadership and communication skills.

Trieste broadened participants' cultural perspectives through historical site visits and museums, while creative problem-solving tasks enhanced their innovative thinking and adaptability. Activities promoted open-mindedness, and networking with locals strengthened their communication skills, crucial for effective leadership.

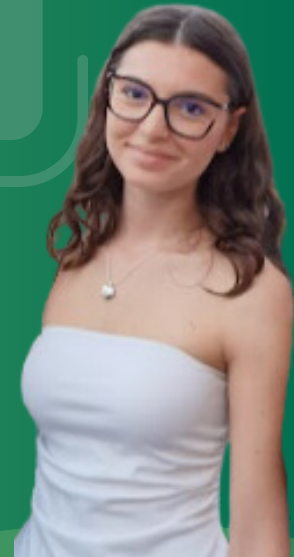
In **Rijeka** participants excelled in networking and communication through the "Meet & Network" activity, connecting with locals and finding cultural similarities. They deepened their appreciation of European heritage through historical site visits, fostered teamwork and creativity by creating a poster on European values, and highlighted environmental responsibility through discussions on train travel.

WRITTEN TESTIMONIALS



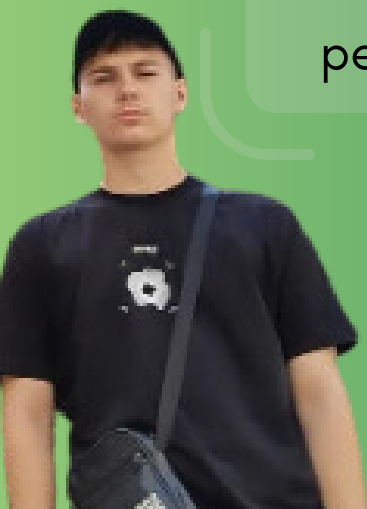
I had an amazing time taking part in this project. I have been to 7+ projects, but this experience was special and unforgettable.

It was my pleasure to participate in this action. I visited a lot of cities, saw different cultures and honed my soft skills while being a leader!



Having this project as my first ever Erasmus experience was special. I learned how to realize my ideas, i developed my skills and feel like a better leader now.

This was an unforgettable experience for me. I learned so many new skills, met new people and saw new beautiful places.



Travelling with a train across so many places was an exciting and new experience. I met some great people and found new opportunities.

“ Participating in this project again as a leader, has been a great pleasure. Leadership, the steps to realize an idea, openness, experience and friendship were the main takeaways for this group. Travelling Europe and learning new skills has never been more accessible!



ADDITIONAL CONTENT

*Read more, watch testimonial videos, video results from the activities, photos from the experience and much more project related content at **@creativestation.yob***



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