



HOME ECONOMICS  
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# *About the project - identified needs*

- How working with hands is needed and how useful and important it can be, changing the educational system to adapt to the needs of the youngsters who are in contact with youth workers, social workers, teachers and educators.
- The need to continue the non formal education and to emphasise the importance of different learning models: learning by doing, learning by playing, learning by discovery and learning by experience especially during the participation in projects in a multicultural, open minded and friendly environment.
- To provide support and guidance to youth workers; to develop programs and activities for their work; to support them in advocacy for youngsters' rights so the youth workers later can ensure young people receive the support they need; to assist them in building relationships with youngsters so they can create safe and inclusive environments where young people feel valued and respected; to facilitate access to services for them, as they help people access various services, such as mental health support, educational opportunities, and employment resources.
- To support youth workers in becoming leaders in their communities while being inclusive – where the inclusion is seen as a progress in the view of radicalization as a negative consequence of a globalised world.
- To tackle climate change by finding out which actions we can take, starting from the small actions.
- To discover the possibilities of the Erasmus+ programme to build projects and to work towards social inclusion.



# *About the project defined objectives*

- To highlight benefits of learning by doing, learning by playing, learning by discovery and learning by experience, and how to continuously do it, and to make the youth workers understand a long-term perspective of benefits of applying them. At the same time, to stimulate creativity.
- To promote transferable social and educational competencies and skills through working with hands and creativity.
- To coordinate and work constructively with others, overcoming cultural and language barriers, to achieve common goals and how can youth workers use working with hands as tools for increasing active participation, inclusion, and education of young people (especially with fewer opportunities). Our project supports the professional development of those working in training and youth work with a view of improving the quality of training and youth work across Europe. It also enhances the role of youth workers and the international dimension of youth activities through the promotion of mobility and cooperation between international organisations.
- To promote the non-formal education and informal learning mobility, as well as the accessibility of the Erasmus + Programme in general, especially for youth workers and in this way to strengthen the cooperation between our organisations and to plan new activities together by exchanging best practice.



## *What are you going to experience?*

- We will introduce the participants to the topic of home economics through non-formal methods.
- Topics like building bird houses, visiting orchard and garden, sewing, testing sporting spirit, tools we use in a household will enrich the participants' skills.
- The participants are going to improve green skills, tackle environment and climate change and develop key competences.



## *Participants profile*

- ‘Homecomonics’ will gather 21 youth workers, social workers, teachers and educators from 7 countries (Croatia, Greece, Hungary, North Macedonia, Portugal, Serbia and Spain).
- Highly involved in organisations or associations motivated to work on professional and personal competences to strengthen and empower themselves and to be able to support the staff and the youth of these organisations or associations, specifically in the Erasmus+ Programme.
- 1 participant with fewer opportunities (geographical, cultural, economic, social obstacles) per partnering country.



# *The hosting organisation*

- Institute of Youth Power IYP is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organisation established in 2018 in the city of Rijeka, Croatia.
- Founded by four active youth workers coming from different areas and backgrounds with a common interest for youth and the Erasmus+ programme nowadays it consists of 40+ volunteers, active members, youth exchange participants and youth workers.
- The main fields which it covers are entrepreneurship, sustainability, leadership, youth unemployment, environment protection, sustainable and eco friendly practices, digital skills and sport through formal and non formal education methods and tools.
- The mission is to provide opportunities to develop a set of competences including soft and entrepreneurship skills, social competences, self development, self awareness and team work to youth workers and members.
- The main aims are promotion of personal development of young people through educational programs of the European Union, developing non formal education, intercultural dialogue and civil society. Furthermore, we draw the attention to lifelong learning and importance of networking.
- Web: <https://iyp-croatia.com/>
- Facebook: <https://web.facebook.com/iypcroatia/>



# Project organisations overview

Organisation name and headquartes	Max. refund
<i>Institute of Youth Power, Rijeka, Croatia</i>	56 euros
<i>Free and Real, Istiaias Edipsou, Greece</i>	309 euros
<i>Európa Ifjúsága Egyesület, Magyaralmás, Hungary</i>	285 euros
<i>ZDRUZENJE NA GRAGANI KREATOR, Kumanovo, North Macedonia</i>	309 euros
<i>EXPERIMENTACULO ASSOCIACAO CULTURAL, Setúbal, Portugal</i>	395 euros
<i>Deciji centar, Zaječar, Serbia</i>	417 euros
<i>CD el Bosque de Hielo, Robledo de Torio, León, Spain</i>	309 euros



# *The venue town*

- Karlovac is a small cosy city, located on a route between the Croatia's capital of Zagreb (very close), and a bit further from the biggest Croatian port, City of Rijeka. It is known as the town of four rivers ( Kupa , Korana, Mrežnica and Dobra) and with those four rivers surrounding the town, it's location provides a perfect place for learning about environment and practicing outdoor activities.
- Looked from above, it has a shape of a star, with very few other cities in the world having the same geometry as it had a very important strategic role in the history.
- Find more and check out what to visit:  
<https://visitkarlovac.hr/?lang=en>



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## *Arriving to Karlovac*

- Arrival day is 16th June and departure 25th June (17th to 24th = 8 working days)
- To reach Karlovac first you need to get to Zagreb by plane, bus or train. Afterwards you take a bus or train to reach Karlovac.
- From the Zagreb Franjo Tuđman International Airport to Zagreb bus station, you can arrive by Airport Shuttle bus. From there you take another bus to Karlovac or if you prefer traveling by train, you get to the Zagreb Main train station and take a train to Karlovac CENTAR (direction Duga Resa, Ogulin or Moravice).
- Both trains and buses go relatively often every few hours and a ride takes approximately 1 hour.
- Please let us know how you decide to travel and we will look up certain time schedules and similar to help.



# *The accommodation*

- The accommodation will be organised in the student's dormitory (<https://www.hostel-bedem.eu/>), in double and triple dormitories.
- Use the link to explore switch the site on English), and don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions regarding the available utilities or similar.
- All participants should arrive in the accommodation for dinner time on the arrival day (16th of July 2026).



# *What to bring with you?*

- Local currency in Croatia is euro. There are exchange offices and ATMs.
- Even though cards are widely accepted, we recommend to have some cash since there are place where only cash is accepted.
- Don't forget passport /ID card, European Health Insurance Card, ALL travelling tickets, necessary medication, light summer clothes and shoes suitable for being outdoors and suitable for activities away from the accommodation.
- The temperatures are likely to be high, with possible short periods of rain.



# *The reimbursement*

- There is a defined maximum for travel expenses per participant.
- For every spent amount, a piece of evidence is needed, and it should state the amount you want to be repaid, meaning that lost ticket equals missed amount or reimbursement
- In order to be reimbursed, it is necessary to complete the dissemination activities as a team with the help of the sending and hosting organisation, whereas the details of the dissemination activities will be agreed upon onsite in Karlovac.
- Reimbursement will be transferred to the entire team AT ONCE (to your sending organisation or one person per national team), meaning that all team member tickets need to be collected and checked together, as well as the amount spent. We are here to help and organize.
- Reimbursement will be done once the dissemination activities are completed. The average time for reimbursement was from two week to two months.





## *And last but not least!*

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- This project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme.
- For all questions, and please do ask if you have any, contact your sending organisation, and/or the hosting organisation to [elvira@iyp-croatia.com](mailto:elvira@iyp-croatia.com).



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