



EXTREMELY TOGETHER AGAINST EXTREMISM

APV: 13-16 July, 2021

Armenia

YE: 22-30 August, 2021

Armenia



DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT



"Extremely Together Against Extremism" is a youth exchange between young people from 8 different countries of the European Union and Neighboring Partner countries which will be realized by a group of young active people in Armenia.

Youth Exchange is a joint venture of young people with different backgrounds who live in different European countries and face similar challenges - radicalization and extremism. Young people who are behind this project believe that Intercultural Dialogue, Learning and Communication are the best tools to promote youth de-radicalization, tolerance and cultural acceptance.

The Advance Planned Visit will take place in Armenia from 13-16 July 2021.

The Youth Exchange will take place in Armenia from 22-30 August 2021 and will engage young people from 4 Erasmus+ Programme countries (Italy, Cyprus, Greece and the Republic of North Macedonia) and 4 Neighboring partner countries of the EU (Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine and Bosnia and Herzegovina).

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT



- A. Discuss the concept of intercultural learning and how young people can avoid creating more stereotypes;
- B. Learn about cultural diversity in different parts of Europe and exchange ideas on intercultural society;
- C. Develop a shared understanding of the concept of intercultural learning and multiculturalism;
- D. Debate on how Intercultural Learning can be used as a tool to fight radicalization;
- E. Develop a good working knowledge of Erasmus+ programme and how young people can use it to promote tolerance and anti-discrimination;
- F. Develop new projects together promoting intercultural dialogue among different cultures and communities in Europe.

TRAVEL INFORMATION



While planning your trip to Armenia, you are recommended to reach Yerevan through 2 airports:

- Yerevan International Airport (Armenia)
- Gyumri Airport (Armenia)

The participants landing in Yerevan or Gyumri will be picked up by the organizers.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION



The APV will take place from **13th to 16th of July, 2021** in Armenia. The **13th of July** is **Arrival Day**. Make sure you arrive at the hotel between 12:00 to 18:00. We will have a welcome dinner all together at 19:00. The official program starts on the **14th of July**. **16th of July** is a **Departure Day**. Check-out should be performed after breakfast.

The Youth Exchange will take place from **22nd to 30th of August, 2021** in Armenia. The **22nd of August** is **Arrival Day**. Make sure you arrive at the hotel between 12:00 to 18:00. **30th of August** is a **Departure Day**. Check-out should be performed after breakfast.

NOTE! You can arrive a couple of days earlier or stay a couple of days longer to see around or to travel a bit. However, this should be done at your own expense. The Hosting organization can help you to find accommodation for extra days, but you should bear those extra costs.

THE PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

APV:

- 1 Group Leader (no age limit) and 1 Participant aged between 18 to 25;
- Basic knowledge of English;
- A resident of one of the participating countries;
- Available for the whole duration of Advanced Planned Visit.

Youth Exchange:

- 1 Group Leader (no age limit) and 4 Participants aged between 18 to 25;
- Basic knowledge of English;
- A resident of one of the participating countries;
- Available for the whole duration of the Youth Exchange.



TICKETS AND REGISTRATION

You should make a small research and purchase the cheapest tickets. The deadline to purchase the tickets for the APV in Armenia is of **June 20** and for the Youth Exchange in Armenia is **July 22**.

NOTE! The ticket should be consulted with us before you buy it. You should consult the tickets with the **Project Manager**, Mrs. Diana Babakhanyan - dianababakhanyan@apy.am. She will help you to find the best option. Only after the confirmation, the ticket can be purchased. Once the participants buy the tickets, they will be asked to fill in an online Registration Form by the **30th of June**. This will help the organizing team to develop a program that meets the expectations of the participants!



VISA INFORMATION

Participants from North Macedonia 🇲🇰 will need a visa to enter Armenia and the hosting organization will support this process. For the EU and other partner countries, Armenia has a visa-free regime.

All the visa costs will be covered by organizers upon presentation of original receipts.



PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND TRAVEL COSTS - APV

Country	Organization	No of participants	Max travel cost
Armenia	Armenian Progressive Youth	2	0 EUR
Italy	Iniziativa Democratica	2	360 EUR
Cyprus	NEOLEA GIA ANTALAGI KAI KATANOISI	2	275 EUR
Greece	UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS	2	275 EUR
The Republic of North Macedonia	CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE ASSOCIATION	2	275 EUR
Georgia	INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR PEACE AND INTEGRATION	2	180 EUR
Ukraine	Foundation of Regional Initiatives	2	275 EUR
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Agency for Development and Cooperation Cerebra	2	360 EUR

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS AND TRAVEL COSTS - YE

Country	Organization	No of participants	Max travel cost
Armenia	Armenian Progressive Youth	5	0 EUR
Italy	Iniziativa Democratica	5	360 EUR
Cyprus	NEOLEA GIA ANTALAGI KAI KATANOISI	5	275 EUR
Greece	UNITED SOCIETIES OF BALKANS	5	275 EUR
The Republic of North Macedonia	CENTER FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE ASSOCIATION	5	275 EUR
Georgia	INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR PEACE AND INTEGRATION	5	180 EUR
Ukraine	Foundation of Regional Initiatives	5	275 EUR
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Agency for Development and Cooperation Cerebra	5	360 EUR

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS



100% of the total travel expenses will be reimbursed.

Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month given by the European Commission.

NOTE! Please check travel budget limits above. If travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project, the organizers will only be able to reimburse participants the maximum travel costs indicated in the travel budget. You are therefore strongly advised to consult the tickets with us and book your flights well in advance.

IMPORTANT! According to the sustainability policy of the organizers, only the tickets that are bought 1 month before the activity starts can be reimbursed.

Reimbursement: All the participants will receive the travel reimbursement through a bank transfer.

IMPORTANT! In order to receive the travel reimbursement, every participant should attach the following documents to the reimbursement form:

- Tickets (there must be price and name of the person stated on it).
- Boarding passes (in case of loss – please get a confirmation from the airlines, that the flight was taken)
- Invoices – yes, even if you have a ticket, our accounting still needs an

INVOICE.

- Online Check-in should be made before your leave the venue of the project to make sure you give Boarding Passes from the way back as well.

INSURANCE



Please keep in mind that you are self-responsible for sufficient insurance (illness/personal liability/cancellation/theft etc.).

The hosting organization takes no responsibility for the individual insurance. Make sure you have travel insurance valid in Armenia from 13th to 16th of July and 23th to 30th of August.

ACCOMODATION



During the APV and the Youth Exchange, the participants will be accommodated in double rooms in a hotel.

The name and the address of the hotel will be communicated to the selected participants. Two participants will share a room with a private bathroom.

The hotel will provide all the necessary supplies for participants' comfortable stay – towels, certain amenities, as well as free Wi-Fi.

During all the activities, food will be prepared by experienced cooks, provided at the venue. Three meals and two coffee breaks per day will be provided. The participants will inform the organizers about their dietary needs (vegetarian, vegan, halal food, allergies) in the application form, so the staff can arrange the menu according to their needs.

Moreover, the participants will have an opportunity to get to know the local cuisine of Armenia and the traditions of all the participating countries.

INTERCULTURAL EVENING



During a special evening we will share characteristics from our culture. We ask you to bring foods and non-alcoholic drinks to share! You can also think of some other things to share with the group from your culture: stories, dances / songs etc. Just no power point presentation or country promotion videos, as it would be the best if you can share something in your own words! By the way, to present something from your culture does not mean it has to be something from your country: it can also be from a region, a city etc.

YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATES



All participants will receive a YouthPass certificate at the end of activity. Upon their request participants will get also Annex to Youth Pass with 8 Key Competences.

LANGUAGE

The language of the course is English. The participants need to have a basic knowledge of English.



DEADLINES



Advance Planned Visit

June 15 – The participants are chosen by the sending organizations.

June 20 – The tickets are bought by the participants.

June 30 – The Registration Forms are submitted by the participants.

July 10 – The arrival list and the airport pick-up information is sent to the participants.

Youth Exchange

July 15 – The participants are chosen by the sending organizations.

July 22 – The tickets are bought by the participants.

August 10 – The arrival list and the airport pick-up information is sent to the participants.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Weather in Armenia

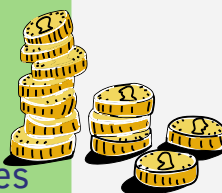
Summer is a perfect time for visiting Armenia. It is important to note that it starts long before the calendar date and lasts till the end of September. The weather is mostly clear, hot and sunny with few rainy days. It is in summer when you will be able to maximally enjoy the amazing nature of Armenia, visit its unique sights and just have a good time.

More: <https://bbc.in/3w4HQB4>



Currency in Armenia

Armenian national currency is the Dram (AMD). There are ATM machines and banks all around the city. Payments with VISA/Master Card credit cards are possible in most supermarkets, cafes, shops and restaurants.



COVID-19 MEASURES



Please check the following travel restrictions before your trip:

- Upon entering the territory of the Republic of Armenia via air and land borders travelers will be asked to provide a COVID-19 PCR test certificate with negative results taken within the previous 72 hours.
- The certificate should be in Armenian, Russian or English, include the name, surname, date of birth, and passport number of the examined person, printed on the official letterhead of the medical institution conducting the test, identifying all contacts of the organization, test result signed and sealed by the head of the medical institution.

Safety measures during the APV and the Youth Exchange:

- We will make sure that the common areas at the hotel have hand sanitizer and water dispensers;
- We will open the windows every 15 minutes to let the fresh air in the room;
- We will have the thermometers, face masks and sanitizers at the hotel; We will replace the activities that include hugging and physical contact.



USEFUL CONTACTS

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THE ORGANIZERS



Armenian Progressive Youth (APY) was founded in Yerevan, Armenia in 2009 by a group of young people. Today it grew up into a big organization which counts many

Armenian Progressive Youth local and international volunteers, hundreds of members and followers, thousands of direct and indirect beneficiaries from Armenia and all over Europe.

Armenian Progressive Youth NGO (APY) has been working with young people since for 10 years. Our mission is to promote active citizenship and active political and economic participation of young people in civic life, to economically empower marginalized youth and promote youth entrepreneurship, to increase the activism of young people and contribute to the development of civil society in Armenia. APY aims to bring positive changes into Armenia through active engagement of young people in the society. APY has implemented around 300 local, national and transnational projects involving 25000 young people from Armenia. The main experience of the organization lies within the areas of education for active citizenship, youth economic empowerment, active participation and civic education. We are championing especially for the inclusion of NEET, marginalized youth and rural young people.



"Iniziativa Democratica" is a non-governmental organisation, founded on March 2011 and registered on October 2012 in Italy. Iniziativa Democratica is fully recognised by Italian State and by Marche Region. We are active at local, national and European level in the youth field. The purpose of the NGO is to spread European citizenship. In particular it points out European values such as protection of Rule of Law, Human Rights and Legality (our name means "Democratic Initiative") among youngsters. Members of the NGO are young professionals, with high education, who are active in volunteering activities in the field of Human Rights. Iniziativa Democratica started with programmes for high school students about Constitution and Democracy, funded by Ancona City Council (local public body).