

READY TO

EUvaluation

Youth Exchange

Trofaiach (Schloss Stibichhofen), Austria

May 6th and 14th 2022



Project Description

The history of our project

EU is a symbol for prosperity and a role model for many other trade and economic alliances established later. But things did not look that bright for the already 28, or nowadays 27 members of the EU. Firstly, the crisis in 2009-2010 and its consequences, then the Euroscepticism movements arising in the EU and still threatening the EU values, and lastly the pandemics and Brexit, the consequences of which we still might not see or be underestimating. And although information has never been so available in the entire history of the humanity, many seem to be deprived of facts and lacking critical thinking, needed for becoming an aware and active citizen. We want to raise awareness of the importance of the European Union, what does it mean and why we need it.

EU does not have a mass media to constantly inform its citizens of what is being done or proper instruments to fight back the Anti-EU propaganda. Most of the information coming from Brussels is interpreted by National media, and in many cases presented as pressure on the country, anti-national politics, and oppression from the EU.



Project Objectives



The objectives of this project are:

- **Raising awareness about the EU** articulating the idea of the EU, who created it, why is it there and what it grew to be. We will focus on the 4 freedoms, and many changes in national and international law the member states agreed upon in Brussels, that improved our lives and made our communities richer and diverse.
- To improve our **critical thinking to analyze information carefully** and objectively and make a reasonable judgement. The accent here will be on the five skills for critical thinking: 1. Observation 2. Analysis 3. Inference 4. Communication 5. Critical thinking
- To encourage **Active citizenship Reflection** on what makes a person an active citizen, and skills to improve the involvement in the society. The concept of the European citizenship will be discussed also, the importance of debating and voting.



A stylized map of Europe is centered on a yellow background. The map is light blue with a grid of yellow stars, similar to the European Union flag. The text is overlaid on this map.

IS OUR MOMENT FOR YOUTH
EUROPEANS TO WONDER DIFFERENT
QUESTIONS LIKE:

which way should the EU go? Is the Green Deal the right way? are we standing together aside our diversity?



who is involved?

Hosting association



InterAktion - Verein für ein interkulturelles Zusammenleben (Austria)



Partner Associations

NEOLEA GIA ANTALAGI KAI KATANOISI
(Cyprus)

ASSOCIACIO GLOBERS (Spain)

ENNEA cultura territorio società (Italy)

Udruga za osnaživanje i sigurnost mladih (Croatia)





Methods and participant profile



Main objective and methods

The project was developed to: raise awareness about the EU and its function, purpose and importance; develop critical thinking; encourage active citizenship and set goals for the future. The program of all activities is based on the principles of Non formal learning as it promotes active participation, group spirit and self-paced learning process.

Participants profile

All the partners have 1 leader, 1 facilitator (both 18+ without upper age limits) and 5 participants between 18 and 26 or 30 years old. It is recommendable to involve participants from geographically remote regions, socially excluded and economically disadvantaged. All of them will have to be able to freely travel within the EU.



MEETING TROFAIACH

We will meet in Trofaiach which is a small village idyllically situated in the middle of the country at the southern end of the Eisenerzer Alps. You will meet friendly people, local farmers and enjoy beautiful nature, stunning views and breathtaking mountains.



VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

Activities and accommodation will be hosted in the hostel Stibichhofen in Trofaiach. The rooms are shared rooms of 10 beds, and rooms will be divided by genders. The building has toilets and showers on each floor. A kitchen, activity room and dining room are the best places around to share time with your equals, but when there is a sunny day the best is to be outside in its beautiful garden.

The address of our venue is Rebenburggasse 2, 8793 Trofaiach.



ARRIVING TO TROFAIACH



Trofaiach
8793 Trofaiach

Directions Save Nearby Send to your phone Share

Quick facts

Trofaiach is a municipality in the Leoben district of the state of Styria in Austria, the site of a post World War II British sector displaced persons camp. [Wikipedia](#)

Photos



The closest **airports** are **Graz and Vienna**. **Bratislava is also a possibility**.

From all the three cities you can take either Flixbus To St. Michael or train to Leoben and then a bus to Trofaiach. From St. Michael you will need to take a train to Leoben and then bus to Trofaiach.

From Graz there is also a bus from the train station directly to Trofaiach (Postbus line X81 at 13.45 and 16.35 costs about 13 EUR).

Some participants at our previous projects also took a plane to Budapest and from there with Flixbus. Even to Munich.

For trains check [oebb.at](#) and Flixbus [flixbus.at](#)
If you buy a train ticket from Vienna in advance, you might get it for about 9 EUR, the normal price is about 33. About 9 EUR is also the price for Flixbus Vienna-St. Michael.

The line with Flixbus from Vienna operates once per day, trains operate more often, but should be timely booked. We advise you to book your bus/train to Leoben both ways in advance and not to wait with the booking of return travels, as the prices might go high.

You can ask us anytime for assistance if you have any further questions.

Travel Budget

BUDGET PER COUNTRY

The travel budget is as given, up to:

Cyprus – 360 Euro per person

Spain - 275 Euro per person

Croatia – 180 Euro per person (or 210* for green means of travel)

Italy - 275 Euro per person (or 320* for green means of travel)

Please consult with the organizers before purchasing any tickets and be aware that the reimbursement will be done for the actual costs, after the project via a Bank transfer once we receive all the tickets also from the way back home.

Traveling within Austria can be very expensive when you buy tickets on the same day. Early purchase can save you up to 50 Euro on a return ticket from the airport to Trofaiach and back.





Travel Budget

WHAT ABOUT MY TICKETS AND REIMBURSEMENT

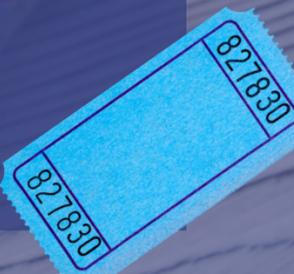
We can only reimburse up to the costs defined above, rest is your own contribution. What you need for the reimbursement:

1. Invoice of your plane ticket with your complete data
2. Boarding passes
3. Travel reimbursement excel form (which we will provide on your arrival)
4. Relevant tickets (train, bus, etc.)

For Electronic Tickets:

1. Boarding pass
2. Invoice (NOTE that NO electronic tickets will be reimbursed if the invoice will not be provided!)
3. Travel reimbursement excel form (will be provided on the arrival)
4. Travel itinerary

After the YE team leaders will receive an email from replies-will-bediscarded@ec.europa.eu with the subject "Erasmus+ individual participant report request." After you submit this evaluation, we will be able to use your answers for the final project report. Because we need all team leaders to submit their reports, we can not reimburse you before your submission.



CORONAVIRUS AND INSURANCE

For corona restrictions we will keep you updated timely, as the rules change in a matter of weeks, and it is not possible to say what the situation and requirements will be like. Be sure you check your needs (PCR, vaccination certificate, recovery certificate, etc) before travelling. You can check the entry regulations

<https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/entry-regulations>

Tests however might be a must before traveling to Austria, and therefore we encourage all the participants to buy the insurance for their travel tickets in case of corona. RyanAir and other companies provide this for additional 10 – 15 Euro and this is an eligible cost.

We are unable to reimburse tickets to participants who are prevented to travel because of infection, so please consult with us before buying tickets and insurance.

if the weather lets us, we will stay outside during some activities.



Timetable

DAY 1

Getting to know
each other

DAY 2

Team
building

DAY 3

EUROPE
On

DAY 4

Dialogue
Event

DAY 5

Critical
thinking

DAY 6

Walk the talk

DAY 7

Active
citizenship



WHAT DO I NEED TO TAKE WITH ME...

The temperatures in May can go low, so please do take warm clothing with you, just in case...

We advise you to be in possession of a European Health Insurance Card or travel insurance if your country is not member of the EU. Don't forget to take your own medicine - in case you need some and pain killers.



A coffee in Austria is quite expensive and even in a small town like Trofaiach you will pay EUR 2.90 for coffee latte for example. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee breaks at the venue are provided by InterAktion, however, bear in mind that prices for drinks can be higher than in your home country.

Bring your own towels, a shower gel, tooth paste and tooth brush.

You won't need a laptop, jewellery, expensive cameras, a lot of make-up, an evening dress, a suit, a tie ... but maybe a swim suit, an extra pair of socks, comfortable shoes (we can go hiking) and a warm sweater... oh, and don't forget your pyjamas!



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*We are
waiting for
you*

See you soon!