

YOUTH EXCHANGE “LIFE SKILLS 3”

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HOSTING ORGANIZATION



Curba de Cultură focuses on teenagers and youth development.

Our mission is to use non-formal education as a complementary method to the formal educational system for young people.

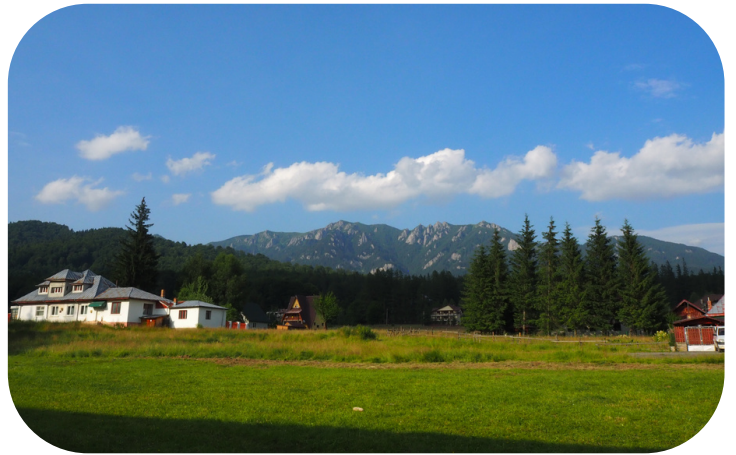
We want to create the premises for a better development of the young people and their more suited integration within their respective communities. We want to make young people aware that they actively belong to their local and national culture. The youth centre is the base of operations for most projects taking place in the rural community of Izvoarele village, Prahova County. The beautiful surroundings and the mountain landscape provide an excellent environment for building trust, tolerance and understanding and creates great personal development opportunities.



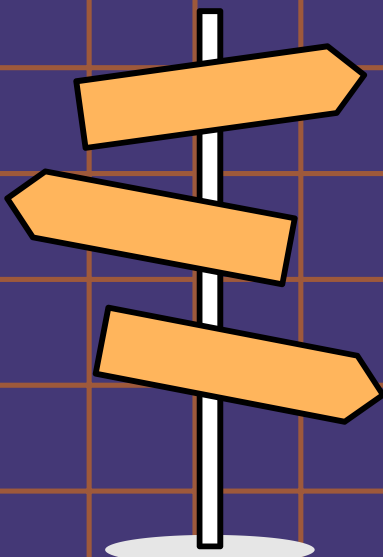
LOCAL INFORMATION

We're situated in Eastern Europe, bordering the Black Sea, between Bulgaria and Ukraine. Our other neighbors are Hungary, Serbia and The Republic of Moldova.

Often compared to a "Latin island in a Slav sea", Romania features a unique familiar feeling in Eastern Europe: its language of a Latin origin, the Latin alphabet (quite rare in this part of Europe) and moreover the Latin temper and friendliness of its people - all make of Romania a place where most visitors feel very comfortable.



Nonetheless, your hosts (our staff) would describe Romania as a Latin-speaking, oriental-influenced southeast European country that brags with its romano-dacian history but really has a lot more in common with the Balkans. Romania follows a long tradition picked up in the Fanar quarters of Constantinople (Istanbul), the small bribe for practically anything.



Max Weber would probably turn in his shell while seeing the standards of bureaucracy Romanians have heightened. It is a place of contrasts - such as countrymen riding horse drawn carriages, browsing smartphones with high speed broadband internet.

Even so, the hospitality and warmth of the people will always make you feel welcomed, comfortable and appreciated. Romania is a country crossed by the Carpathian mountains and other beautiful landscapes, which make the richness of it.

THE PROJECT

CONTEXT

The idea of the Youth Exchange came from the lack of practical skills that youngsters develop in the formal education system and the need for you to learn the basic life necessities and to practice how to deal with them.

As long as you live with your parents, most of you don't have to deal too much with finances or with the basic household needs, such as changing a lightbulb or cooking an egg.

We offer this opportunity to you, youngster, that will move onto living alone in the future years when going to university or to have a job, and are also at the age when you are able to give a helping hand to your tutors for the household.

AIM



Offer an opportunity for youngsters to learn basic life skills in order to be more prepared in dealing with living by themselves.

OBJECTIVES

- Increasing the number of opportunities for young people with different backgrounds, interests and experiences.
- Developing the skills of young people with daily life situations of taking care of a household.
- Improve the abilities of youngsters to administer the financial and administrative aspects of living by themselves.



VENUE - "YOUTH VILLAGE"



You will be sharing the accommodation with the other participants of the project, and rooms with participants of the same sex.

The rooms have 2 or 3 bunk beds, meaning 4-6 people in the same room. There are two bathrooms, 4 toilets and 4 showers available. There's common space available inside and outside.



FOOD

The food will be typical Romanian (meaty) prepared by local cooks, therefore a typical Romanian cuisine experience.

There will be 3 meals per day - breakfast (in the guest house), lunch and dinner. Depending on the program for the day, some of the meals might also be outside the guest house.



If you have any special DIETary requirements or ALLERGIES, make sure that you inform us and your group leader BEFORE the exchange.

Romanian food is very rich with meat and milk products, so it's important that you are specific while describing any dietary restrictions.



PARTICIPANTS

PER COUNTRY

5 PARTICIPANTS from 15 - 17 years old
+ 1 GROUP LEADER over 18 years old

- * Active involvement in the activities *
- * Social attitude *
- * Comfortable in English *
- * General curiosity about cultures *
- * Interest in developing new practical skills *



RULES OF COMMON LIVING:

will be established together on the first day.

However, we expect the following general rules to be respected during the exchange:

- Respecting each other: participants, facilitators, hosts, locals
- Respecting private and public property on all sites where activities will be happening
- Respecting the nature and the wildlife: we are on their property

Also, as the group will be underaged, the rules are applying for everyone without exceptions: meaning, no alcohol, no sex, no drugs.



TRAVEL & REIMBURSEMENT

We strongly encourage you to use carpooling or another green means of transport.

The closest city that connects with international trains and busses is Ploiești and the closest train station to the Youth Exchange venue is Teișani.

If you choose to fly to Romania, you should book your flights to Henri Coandă International Airport (OTP) or Băneasa Aurel Vlaicu (BBU) next to Bucharest.

If you need support, your local organisation will provide help. In this case send them an email with your questions.

Your transfer from the airport to the venue of the youth exchange can be arranged by the hosting organisation, at a fee of 135 EUR per group for both transfers.



The maximum budget available for individual participant is as follows:

		Green travel
100–499 km	211 EUR	285 EUR
500 – 1999 km	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000– 2999	395 EUR	535 EUR

WHAT TO BRING?

FALL WEATHER IN ROMANIA IS PRETTY UNPREDICTABLE, ESPECIALLY IN THE MOUNTAINS. TO MAKE SURE YOU WILL BE READY FOR EVERYTHING:

- comfortable warm clothes (better to check the weather before coming)
- hiking shoes: we might enjoy the beautiful landscapes and mountains around
- raincoat
- slippers for indoors
- your warmest SMILE :) and full battery of good energy

IMPORTANT TO PACK ALSO:

- personnel toiletries
- medicines, if you are taking any
- European health insurance card / travel insurance
- tradition items or food from your country you would like to share (talk with your group leader)

IF YOU PREFER HAVING YOUR OWN MATERIALS DURING THE YOUTH EXCHANGE, THEN YOU CAN ALSO BRING:

- cameras, laptops,...
- any other equipments/materials you find suitable for your participation in the project

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