

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE
VOJNOVÁ SEKERA 2 "THE HATCHET II"
19.09-28.09.2015
HIGH TATRAS – KOŠICE, SLOVAKIA
INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

YOUTH EXCHANGE:

Description:

The Hatchet II. is continuation of the project called The Hatchet (about Slovak-Hungarian relationship), and it is dedicated to young people who care about peaceful and tolerant future of Europe and its neighbor countries. Over 50 young people will meet during 8 days in Slovakia in order to share peace and tolerance but also to discuss on recent happenings in Europe. The program will include photographic documentation of war and ordinary people feelings from the project participants' points of view throughout the history: modern ages, middle ages and prehistorical ages. These activities will contribute to building Europe full of solidarity and tolerance as well as developing artistic feelings, all performed in beautiful Slovak nature, castle and town. Moreover, two serious but fresh phrases will have their separate space for discussion: Euromaidan and self-called Islamic state. The aim of these activities is to spread the opinion of young people coming from various European countries and neighborhood: Armenia, Georgia, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Turkey and Ukraine. We believe the future is in our hands. If we bury the hatchet and build our future together, it can be fortunate.

Project activities will include:

- ✓ workshops and discussions,
- ✓ presentations (Erasmus+, Youthpass, EVS),
- ✓ scenery preparation,
- ✓ taking photographs during trips to town, castle and nature,
- ✓ activities, which help to support intercultural education of the participants: national evenings and group presentations.

TIME:

Arrival: 19/20 September 2015

Departure: 27/28 September 2015

THE VENUE:

These information will be added after confirmation by the venue owner.

TRANSPORT TO SLOVAKIA:

Slovakia is a small country with three small airports in Bratislava (the capital), Košice (our home town) and Poprad (in High Tatras). If you are coming here by plane, the best option for you is to travel to Budapest, Vienna or Krakow (Budapest is closer). Here we can come for you and take you directly to the project venue by bus/microbus. From Budapest or Krakow the journey will take around 3-4 hours, from Vienna the journey will take around 7 hours. Eventually, you can travel to Prague, however, you will need to take a train and travel for more than 10 hours.

If you are traveling by train, your destination will be Košice and we will be waiting for you in here. If you are traveling by a microbus or a car, you will obtain exact GPS coordinates after we receive confirmation from the venue owner.

Košice is the capital of Eastern Slovakia and the seat of Tak, n.o. (the organizer). The town centre is historical, including St Elisabeth Cathedral or St Michael Chapel. The participants will come here for the promotion activities. High Tatras are a tourist resort. Except Slovaks, it is very popular destination among German and Russian tourists. There are lots of beautiful mountains and peaks to see. The participants will come here for a nature trip.

TRAVEL COSTS:

According to the new Erasmus+ program you can (and should) travel by car. It's just much cheaper and we can reimburse only small amount of money - every country has different amount, so for details contact your NGO.

No matter what are you traveling with, please keep tickets or bills for the gas from the day of the travel! We will reimburse the travel costs only due to those documents!

WEATHER:

September means the beginning of fall (autumn), however, Indian summer also is very typical. Be prepared for sun, rain and temperatures of 15-25 °C. If possible, please take hiking boots with you (or at least some solid ones) and swimsuit.

PREPARATION:

We expect you to prepare 2 energizer sessions and your national evening. If you come with Ukrainian or Turkish team, we expect you to prepare a short presentation about Euromaidan (Ukraine) and Islam (Turkey) which will be followed by a drawing-on-flipchart session by other participants.

Moreover, if you have any interesting experience with Erasmus+, EVS or Youthpass, you are welcome to join an introductory presentation session.

language animations and 2 energizers, as each group will have to lead morning activities on the day of its national evening.

During the national evening, please, be ready to present your country and bring some materials, including your national drinks and snacks. Just a few. Or more than a few...

CONTACT:

If you need any help, have questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact us!

Also please inform us about **ANY CHANGES** in your travel as soon as possible:

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