

diversity in visual arts

11-22/06/2017
Thessaloniki, Greece

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The organisers

United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Thessaloniki, Greece working in the field of youth mobility, participation and facilitating youth awareness about social issues.

It was founded in 2008 by the inception of a group of active young people who wanted to address the social issues which affect the youngsters in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. The vision of the organisation is the promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement and participation, voluntarism and human rights.

Activities

Key areas of the organization's activities concern the defence of human rights, the organization of youth related projects such as youth exchanges and training courses, which can bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, and the organization of local interventions, seminars and multimedia productions. It envisions a global and inclusive society, where citizens are equally empowered to contribute in the shaping of a world with less prejudice, discrimination and other forms of injustice.

The project has been funded by Erasmus+ Youth programme of the European Commission through the Youth and Lifelong Learning Foundation.



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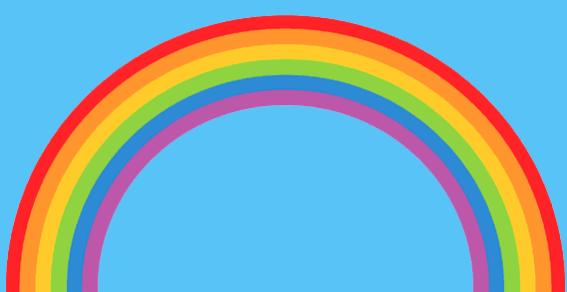
Description of the project

Youth exchange Diversity in Visual Arts (DIVA) will bring to Thessaloniki 55 young people aged 18-25 years for 11 days(11-22/06/2017) from 10 countries(Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Romania, FYROM, Italy) to discuss, reflect and raise awareness about LGBTI+ community and its rights.

Participants, through a series of activities based on non-formal and intercultural learning, will come into contact with that community and the prevailing stereotypes and problems.

Moreover during the exchange, participants will have the opportunity to attend special workshops in various art forms (such as puppet show, comics, creative writing) and new technologies (such as photography, web-radio and video). Participants, will be divided into groups according to their interests. The aim of these workshops is to develop their imagination and creativity and to learn how through arts they can promote human rights and sensitize the society about those issues.

This exchange will take place during the 6th Thessaloniki Pride where participants will take part.



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Objectives of the exchange

The objectives of the project are:

- The promotion of human rights and in particular of the LGBTI+ rights through arts and new technologies.
- The promotion of the arts and new technologies as effective tools to raise awareness and fight discrimination.
- The familiarizing of the participants regarding LGBTI + community, problems etc. as well as breaking down of stereotypes, intolerance and prejudices that exist for LGBTI+ people.
- Participants to acquire basic skills on the use of new media, the arts but also to understand the values of non-formal and intercultural learning.
- The cooperation among the partner organizations in order to create new projects that promote human rights.
- The promotion of European ideals and principles and the sense of European citizenship.

When & Where?

11-22/06/2017

Arrival day: 11/06

Departure day: 22/06

Place: Thessaloniki, Greece



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Participating organisations



- 1) United Societies of Balkans (U.S.B.) - Greece
- 2) CROCUS - Bulgaria
- 3) Udruga ZUM - Croatia
- 4) Accept LGBT Cyprus - Cyprus
- 5) Fundació Catalunya Voluntària - Spain
- 6) TidsNätverket i Bergsjön - Sweden
- 7) KATILICI GENCLIK DERNEGI - Turkey
- 8) ASK Yourself - Romania
- 9) CET PLATFORMA SKOPJE - FYROM
- 10) Associazione Eurobox - Italy

Participants

The group of the youth exchange consists of 55 young people(18-25 y.o.) and youth leaders(over 18 y.o.), residents in the countries of the sending organisations.

Each partner organisation will send group of 5 people consisting of 4 young persons and 1 group leader.



Profile of the participants

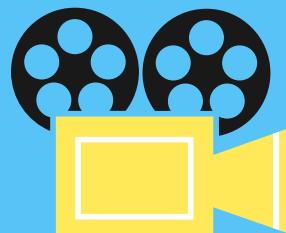
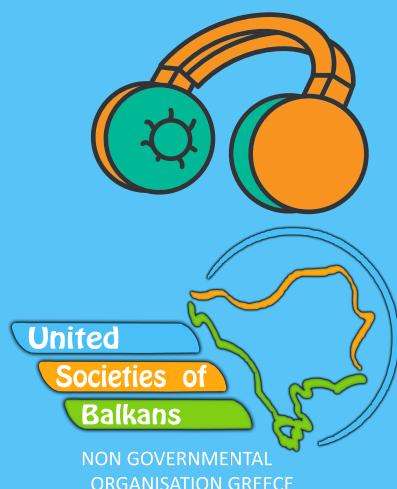
Participants of this exchange don't need to have any prior knowledge on the LGBTI+ issues or arts, new technologies, etc. This will provide an opportunity for discussion and reflection on those issues. Therefore, our goal is the vast majority of the participants not to belong to the target group, so that the results of the educational process to be more prominent in people who previously were unaware of these issues. However, everybody is welcome to apply without any requirements.

Selection of the participants will be made by partner organisations and participants should meet the age requirements we have set.

Activities

Activities of this youth exchange will be based on non-formal education as well as workshops on different methods such as video, photo, radio, comics, creative writing or puppet show. Those workshops will be determined by the end of April by the organisers. Then selected participants should apply to one of those and they will follow them during some of the days of the exchange.

Participants will also take part in the 6th Thessaloniki Pride which will be held in the first week of the exchange. More details about it will be sent to the selected participants.



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Travel Arrangements

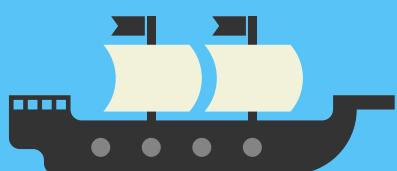
Participants are expected to make the cheapest travel arrangements available to Thessaloniki, Greece and then to use the free shuttle bus of the hotel.

Participants are responsible for making their own health insurance arrangements if they want.

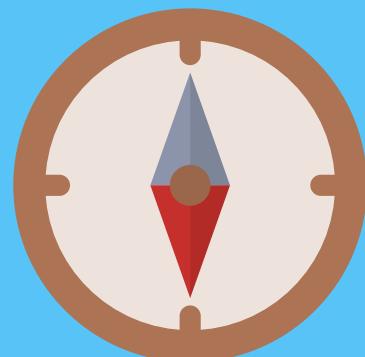
Travel costs will be reimbursed until the budget limit, set by the Erasmus+ programme, based on real costs of the tickets (i.e. if your tickets cost 100 euro and they are within range, you will get 100 euro as reimbursement. If they exceed the travel grant per country, then participant should pay the difference).

Reimbursement will be given only after all participants send their original boarding passes, receipts, invoices and tickets to the organisers by post and via e-mail (original & scanned versions) to finance@usbngo.gr.

Travel cost limits Travel Grant per Participant



Greece to Greece 0€
Bulgaria to Greece 80€
Croatia to Greece 170€
Cyprus to Greece 170€
Spain to Greece 170€
Sweden to Greece 270€
Turkey to Greece 170€
Romania to Greece 80€
FYROM to Greece 80€
Italy to Greece 170€



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Thessaloniki

One can reach Thessaloniki by plane, bus or train.

From the Thessaloniki airport there is city bus 78 or 78N (night line) which stops in the center from where you can take the shuttle bus of the hotel.

Thessaloniki is the second biggest city in Greece and a very important city for the whole Balkan peninsula. It's a youth city and renowned for the food, nightlife and culture (It was the European Capital of Culture in 1997 and European Youth Capital in 2014).

Thessaloniki is not only regarded as the cultural and entertainment capital of northern Greece but also the cultural capital of the country. During each year, Thessaloniki hosts significant cultural and commercial festivities, such as the Thessaloniki International Fair, the International Thessaloniki Film Festival and the International Book Fair.

More information about Thessaloniki can be found at:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thessaloniki>

<https://www.lonelyplanet.com/greece/northern-greece/thesaloniki>

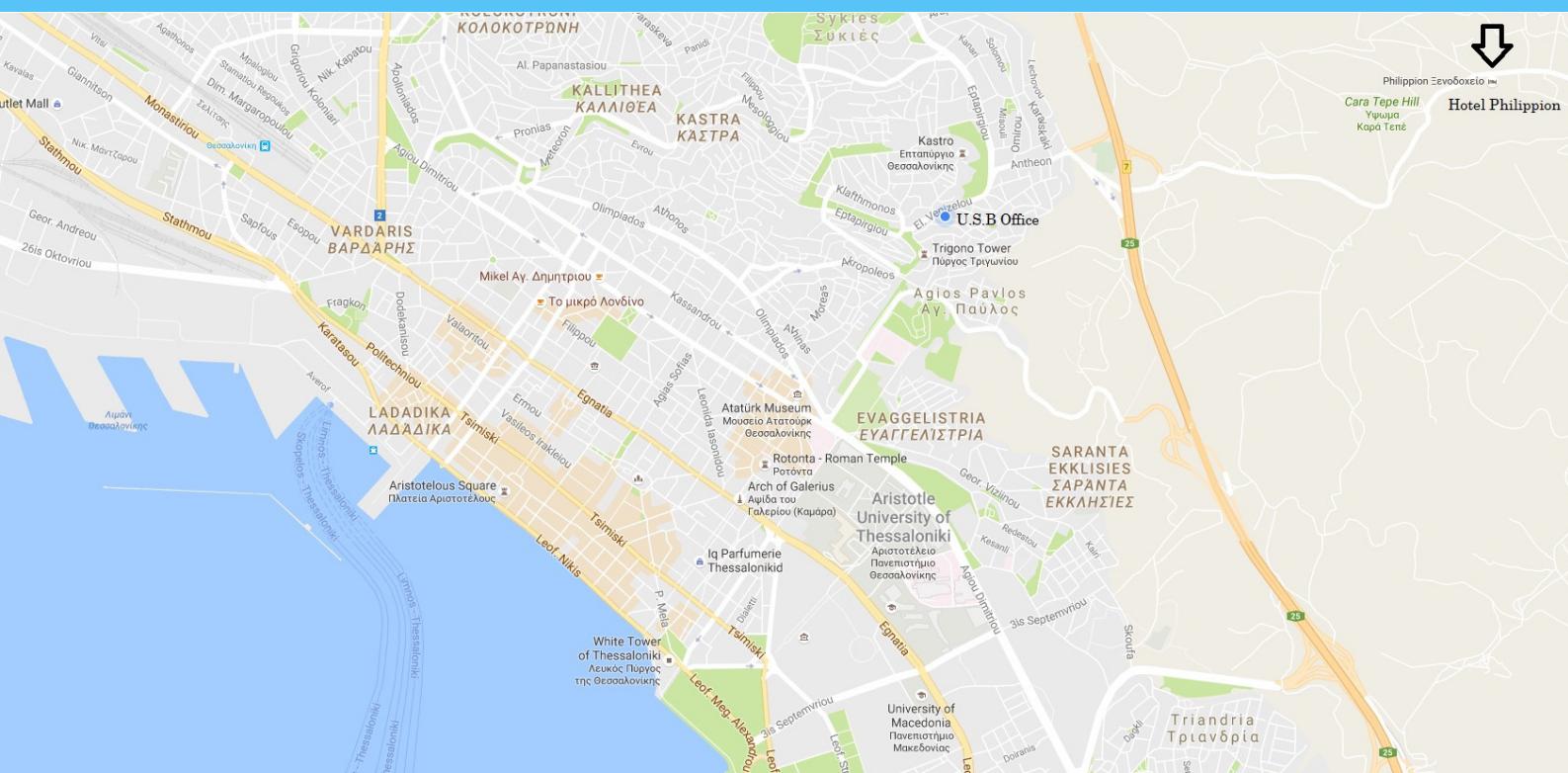
<http://use-it-thesaloniki.gr/>



Accommodation

The venue, both for the accommodation and for the activities, is the four-star Hotel Philippion (<http://www.philippion.gr/>).

The hotel is located in the heart of the Seich-Sou forest and has spectacular views of Thessaloniki and Thermaikos gulf. Full board accomondation will be provided by the organisers.



Participation fee

There is a participation fee of 30 €. Each participant should pay upon arrival the fee to the organisers. This fee will cover some extra expenses that cannot be covered by the programme. In case it is not paid in cash, it will be deducted from the travel expenses

More info as well as the activities programme will be given to the selected participants in May.

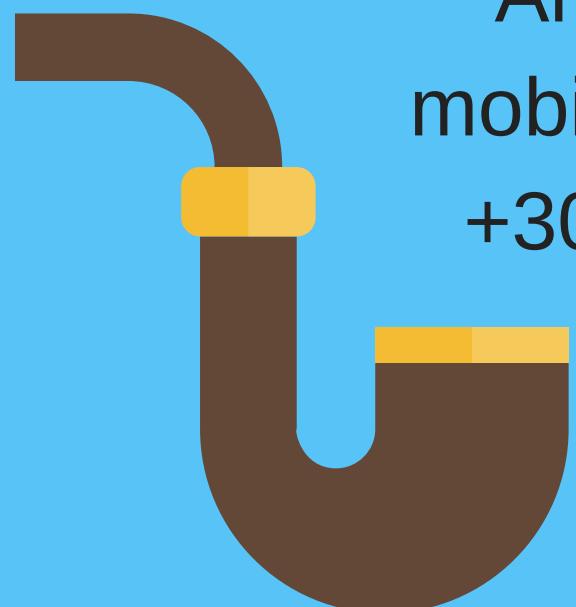
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