

“Values of Peace, Values of Europe”

First Activity

We are glad to welcome you to Seminar “Values of Peace, Values of Europe” an “Erasmus +” Programme project, that is going to take place in Prizren, Kosovo from **07-12 March 2019**



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Welcome!

Hello, a warm hug from Kosovo! We are happy to have you as a participant! In the following pages we are giving you the information you need in order to deliver a successful and useful Seminar together.

Please read this info-pack carefully and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask. We are here to clarify all the details of the project, to help and support you!

About the Project:

The project “Values of Peace, Values of Europe” will consist of six activities involving 10 partner organizations from both EU and non-EU countries (Albania, Croatia, Italy, FYROM, Montenegro, Poland, Serbia, Turkey, Bulgaria and Kosovo). Activities of the project will be implemented both in local communities of our partners, while three main activities will be hosted in Kosovo (seminar and conference) and Croatia (training course).

The project, as it is developed and will be implemented by youth civic organisations, will be based mainly (although not only) on non-formal education methods and will provide space for peer-learning, learning by doing, exchange of ideas and good practices, and to brainstorm and test new methods of youth work. The last element of the project will be an e-publication

Objectives of the project:

Objectives of planned actions are to:

- 1) Exchange experience and views on contemporary youth work
- 2) Reflect and measure (by local actions and structured poll run in local communities of consortium members) values key for young people today, their general knowledge and reflection on European Union
- 3) Train a group of youth workers in methods of promoting European and peace values
- 4) Create a set of new methods of youth work
- 5) Prepare a e-publication, promoting the project and its results (especially methods and resources)
- 6) Create a network of organizations implementing non-formal activities related to European and peace education
- 7) To leverage capacities of consortium members to cooperate internationally and to strengthen their position in local communities by taking part in a multi-stage international project
- 8) To build operational capacities of CET Kosovo by coordinating a large scale international project with considerable regional and international impact and participation of local and regional policymakers, as well as representatives of international bodies.

Working methods:

- Learning by doing method
- Ice-breakers and teambuilding games to get to know each other.
- Workshops will leave room for guided but controversial discussions.
- Simulation games will allow to identify current challenges of non-formal education and show possible measures that strengthen them. These sessions will provide the participants with concrete ideas that can be implemented in their local communities, thus ensuring an important multiplier effect.
- Reflection groups will take place every evening and will serve as a platform where the participants can give feedback on the activities of the day and also share general impressions they had. Those sessions will be facilitated by experienced facilitators to ensure their quality and value.

Participants' Profile:



Participants: 30 participants (10 countries)

Who: Motivated coordinators, key members, youth workers and active volunteers from the partner organizations.

Age: 18 - 35

Gender: Our partners are kindly invited to send equal number of participants from both genders.

Language: English - every participant should be able to understand and express himself in English!

Information about the city:

Prizren - If you only have time to visit one city in Kosovo, then you should visit Prizren. This Kosovar town is strongly influenced by the [Ottoman Empire](#) and has beautiful traditional buildings. The fun starts after parking your car. Do not park it too close to the historical center of Prizren. Try to park it in the area of the [NATO](#) monument and walk from there via the main shopping street to the old part of [Prizren](#). This shopping street contains numerous jewelry and wedding dresses shops. Very interesting to see especially because you learn immediately about the traditional wedding clothing of Kosovo.

When entering the historical part of the center of Prizren, you have to cross a stream via a very old stone bridge. When you look around you, you will see the fortress (Kalaja), houses on the hill, minarets and even an old Orthodox Church. The city has many interesting buildings to see. Like the Turkish Hammam, which they are renovating. But also the street with a beautiful Serbian church, an impressive huge mosque and a Roman Catholic cathedral is special. Try to visit all of the religious buildings.

You can climb the fortress by following the signs **Kalaja**. The mountain looks high, but the walk is not more than ten minutes. The first minutes are the steepest. From the top, you'll have a stunning view over Prizren and you can count dozens of minarets. When you walk to the other side of the fortress, you have an amazing view over beautiful mountain road that leads to Macedonia. After visiting the city, you can drive by car through the mountains on the road to Macedonia. But do this only with daylight. Otherwise, it is not that interesting.



Prizren in [Kosova](#), is a city of mosques, few monasteries and an open air museum.

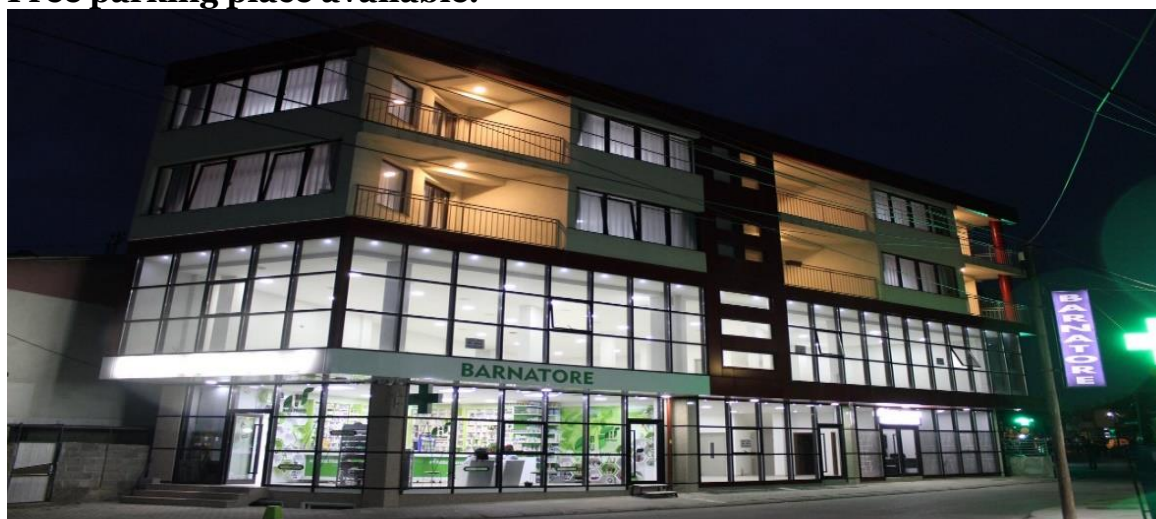
Accommodation and food:

Participants will be accommodated at [Hotel Denis](#), with private toilets, shower. It will be **2/3** people per room in mixed nationalities it will be accommodated in different room with participants from another countries. So everyone will have roommate from another country, in order to straighten intercultural dimension of the project, and good team spirit.

At the end everyone will learn more for the countries where their roommates coming from. It's a good practice. **Note** that will be no mixed gender rooms.

Hotel is approximately **15 min from city** center (by walking) and **2 min from bus station**, where will be a meeting room, nice park for outdoor activities, free wifi, TV.

Free parking place available.



How to get there:

The main language you will hear in the street is Albanian. English is widely spoken. Most of people from Kosovo, especially young people, speak at least a little English so you can more than likely get by. Navigating around the city is easy - the city centre is small and walkable.

The best way to get to Prizren is by bus from Pristina (€4). Buses also arrive from [Peja](#) (€3), [Skopje](#) (€9) and [Belgrade](#) (7 hours, 1 day bus & 2 night busses, run by Kosovo Albanian companies, cost about €25 return ticket, stops depending on the route in [Nis](#) or Krusevac. Most bus companies that run from [Istanbul](#) to Pristina continue onward and terminate in Prizren.

From Albania,:

- From [Tirana](#) on the newly-constructed highway via Kukes. This masterpiece of civil engineering takes you over and through the mountains with dramatic views - about 3 hours.

More info about Prizren check this [link](#)

What to bring with you:

- Passport or ID
- Comfortable clothes for the activities.
- Towels and personal care products: shampoo, tooth paste etc.
- Camera, laptop etc.
- Pills and medicines.
- Kosovo is not member of EU so your European Health Care Card would not be valid here, if you have one. Also we kindly invite you to make health insurance, especially the participants who aren't EU citizens. The health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the hosting organization.
- Positive attitude :D

Travel cost:

Every participant has to send us a copy of his tickets and boarding passes via e-mail and the originals via postal mail. Once when we receive all of the tickets, we are going to reimburse your money.

Country	Partner	Number of participants	Means of transport	Travel cost limit
<i>Kosovo</i>	<i>CETPrizren</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>0.00</i>
<i>Tirana, Albania</i>	<i>QENDRAT YOUTH FOR SOCIAL CHANGES, Albania</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Djakovo, Croatia</i>	<i>CIVILNA, EDUKATIVNA I TRANSPARENTNA PLATFORMA, Croatia</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Caserta, Italy</i>	<i>CET PLATFORMA, Italy</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Plane</i>	<i>275.00</i>
<i>Skopje, FYROM</i>	<i>Youth Council Next Generation, FYROM</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>ANDRIJEVICA, Montenegro</i>	<i>CET PLATFORMA, Montenegro</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>20.00</i>
<i>Olawa, Poland</i>	<i>CENTRAL EUROPEAN TRAINERS PLATFORM, Poland</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Plane</i>	<i>275.00</i>
<i>Belgrade, Serbia</i>	<i>CET PLATFORMA, Serbia</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>180.00</i>
<i>Istanbul, Turkey</i>	<i>GENCLIK MEVSIMI DERNEGI, Turkey</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Plane</i>	<i>275.00</i>
<i>Stara Zagora, Bulgaria</i>	<i>SNC Akademiya na Uspeha, Bulgaria</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Bus</i>	<i>180.00</i>

Finances and financial rules:

The food and accommodation will be provided and paid by the host organization CETPrizren, with financial support of the Erasmus+ Programme, the European Commission.

Regarding tickets for traveling, 100% of travel costs will be reimbursed on the basis of the **CHEAPEST** possibilities, e.g. **second class railway tickets, bus, flights etc.** by bank transfer after the course as soon as we get the original tickets to our mail address by post.

We need you to buy round trip tickets, and send us a copy by email before arriving here, so our accountant knows, and adjust the budget.

We advise you to buy your tickets as soon as possible, so that it fits in our limited budget for 100% reimbursement.

Thus, we ask you to **save all documents (Original tickets, boarding passes, invoices or bills with the ticket price)** which are related to your travel, since the documentation background is obligatory for reimbursement. We kindly ask you to buy all the tickets for the travel for **both directions – return tickets** (plane tickets, train tickets, bus tickets and etc.), because we will be able to reimburse only REAL EXPENSES (made expenses). **IMPORTANT: We cannot refund any travel costs done by taxi.**

Please note if you buy your tickets in a currency other than EUROS, we will convert to EUROS according to the exchange rates from the official European Commission website: <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>

Participants must travel from the country of the sending organization, and back. Following the guidelines of the Erasmus + programme the travel back must be realized by the participants on direct way within maximum of **2 days. (You can arrive in Kosovo up to 2 days in advance and leave up to 2 days later. The stay for any additional days is not covered from the projects' budget, and it can be characterized as tourist travel and we will not be able to reimburse your tickets)**

Please contact us, if there are any exceptions for approval.

The accommodation is covered at **Hotel Denis** only for the days of the activity: **07-12 March 2019**. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is **no chance** of reimbursement of travel costs. **Missing tickets will not be reimbursed as well.**

IMPORTANT: Traveling sometimes requires additional day for catching a flight and staying for an additional night at the city where airport is situated. We are aware of such situations, but organizers can't cover this cost, it is participants own cost too.

For that reason, we recommend you to use hostels

(<http://www.hostelworld.com/>) or friends <https://www.couchsurfing.org/>)

Preparations:

Intercultural evening – Participants are expected to create interesting, interactive and creative intercultural evening with goal to fight prejudices and stereotypes about their country/community/culture.

- Be aware that there are no kitchen facilities available (don't bring food that requires cooking).
- Bring food, drink, promotional materials and whatever else you want to present.

NGO Market - The project will include a session when you will have a possibility to present your organizations, share good practices as work on ideas for future. Thus we would like to ask you to prepare interactive presentation of your organization. Feel free to bring promotional materials of your organization, videos etc...

In Kosovo we use as a currency EUR, Payment in EUR is possible everywhere. Exchange office can be found everywhere, but please do not change large amounts of money in exchange offices at the airport and train/bus station, because exchange rate can be low.

To apply for the Seminar please fill this form [here](#)



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Don't forget to join the [Facebook group](#) of the project!

See you soon!