



INFOPACK 1

Active Citizenship in the 21st Century

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KA105 - Youth Exchange - Programme Countries



Activity Dates: **20/05/2021** - **28/05/2021**

Country: **Cyprus**

City/Town: **Protaras**



Project Description:

In order for a country to function normally we need a system in place that takes into consideration the needs of all its people and of course the successful functioning of the system, thus not making choices which would destroy or damage the system. In essence we are describing democracy, or the democratic system which governs and rules a country. Looking at history, it is very rare that an entire nation supports one party or one idea, so there is always division or at least different opinions. When talking to young people from any country we will hear at least some form of dissatisfaction with their country, their government and even the people of their country. This project will look at exactly this from the perspective of the individual, this being active citizenship.

Our project will not focus only on the democratic act of voting, but will look at active citizenship starting from home. How do we deal with the issues, the choices and the actions we take in our daily lives and take these to understand how we act as citizens of our countries and of the EU? We have seen that many factors influence the choices of young people, we have seen how parents influence the educational choices of youth based on their personal beliefs rather than the needs of the labour markets or the desires of their children. Is this how young people are influenced to vote or how they deal with issues in their communities which are wrong or need reform?

This project is designed to allow young people to empower their life choices so that they can be more active citizens, from the simple choices of lifestyle, to education and ultimately to policy reform and the shaping of their countries and of the EU. We will explore the true meaning of active citizenship, looking at our past, the mistakes and even good practices of the past, those which have moulded our today, and then explore our options of how we mould tomorrow.

We have seen that policy reform and politics are more of a spectator activity for young people where they believe they have no influence nor say in what happens in their countries, we have so often heard young people say “no matter who we vote for, nothing will change”. We hope to change this. Our goal is not to form a political movement, but to get young people off the couch and empower them to make the changes they want to see in their world, starting from their homes, their communities, their countries and in the EU, and in the near future even in the world.

Our project will give young people the tools and resources to understand their rights as EU citizens, to understand the reasoning behind the choices of their governments, to challenge these choices and to be actively involved in the reform that are needed in their communities and in the EU. We will help young people understand the process of policy reform, the methods and approaches needed by policy makers to make these choices, understanding that meeting the needs of a society also means that some expenses need to be covered and to allow the youth to take these expenses into consideration, thus not only demanding reform, but contributing to this reform through understanding that the system, be it a local government, or even the EU, needs all of us to contribute in order for it to serve us all.

The project involves many program countries allowing us to learn and understand that we have common concerns and problems, but will also allow us to understand that sometimes these problems are caused by our lack of involvement and our passive approach to problems in our society often cause the problems. We will learn that together, and by being active in our societies, we can make changes,



Participant Profile:

4 Participants aged from 18 – 30, plus 1 leader no age limit. (5) in total

If a participant is underaged the leader must be a competent person that will be responsible. Rules for projects with under aged participants will apply. Please contact us for these procedures.

Gender Balance, respect differences and discretion should be kept.

Participants with fewer opportunities and rural areas should have priority.

Participants are obliged to register online by themselves using the link.

[ONLINE REGISTRATION](#)

VISA Requirements for non-EU passports/ID holders:

If you need visa to enter the hosting country please request an invitation letter during registration (above) and send all necessary information in order for the hosting organization to issue invitation letters for you so you can send to your closest Embassy for issue of your visa.

VISA Costs are covered 100% up to a limit.

Travel Budget, Number of total Participants, Countries:

Cyprus	Protaras	5	10 - 99 km	20.00
Romania	Protaras	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Czech Republic	Protaras	5	2000 - 2999 km	320.00
Italy	Protaras	5	2000 - 2999 km	320.00
Germany	Protaras	5	2000 - 2999 km	320.00
Greece	Protaras	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00
Turkey	Protaras	5	500 - 1999 km	235.00

(The above budgets are the maximum reimbursable amounts per participant. The amount paid by the hosting organisation for local transportation costs - airport transfers- have already been deducted.)

Budget, Flights & Transportation:

The Coordinating Organisation will purchase the flight tickets.

[General Partner Agreement](#) that your sending organisation has agreed upon before this project was submitted.

Please keep all travel documentation (tickets, boardingpasses etc) in original format.

The Partner Organisations or Participants are requested to pay 30% of the total flight cost, this will be reimbursed back to the participants/sending organisations as soon as the travel documents are processed and the original travel documents are submitted in original and digital format to the Coordinating Organisation.

The Coordinating Organisation will cover the 2nd PCR test that will be done upon your arrival.

Local Transportation in the Hosting Country:

<https://www.otinternational.org/index.php/en/mobilities/projects/reimbursement-guides/110-reimbursement-guide-cy>

Airport destination is Larnaca or Paphos. No other airports. Only public transportation and the local minibus option that will be arranged by the hosting organisation according to specific airport arrival times of the participants are eligible travel costs for the travel budget above. Please read the provided Reimbursement Guide above.

Infopack:

This is info pack 1, info pack 2 will be sent very soon with details about schedule, participant tasks, Facebook group, weather, accommodation/venue and many other vital information about the project.

Contact us:

For additional information and questions please do not hesitate to contact us using our

[HELP DESK](#)

Our Team will be happy to assist you!

Thank You!



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