



Erasmus+

“POWER OF ART”

*13 – 20 August 2021
Ayvalık, Turkey*



**Erasmus+ KA1
Youth Exchange**

Project Information

The main activity of our project will be youth exchange organized in Ayvalik, from 13 - 20 August 2021. (including the travel day). 30 young people and group leaders from 5 different countries will participate on this mobility and during the 8 days they will share their knowledge, skills and opinions and learn from each other. Countries participating on the exchange are: Germany, Croatia, Italy, Poland and Turkey. Every team will be represented by 5 participants and 1 group leaders.

Applicant Organization:

Aegean Ecotourism Association - **Turkey**

Partner Countries:

Naturkultur EV - **Germany**

Ocean Znanja U Republici Hrvatskoj - **Croatia**

Stowarzyszenie Pozytywnych Zmian - **Poland**

High On Life - **Italy**

Goals of our project are:

1. To show how art can be used for youth activism and discussing important topics with the focus on environment protection,
2. To give tools to youth from 5 different countries, empowering them to make the change in their local community,
3. To share with 30 young people and group leaders how recycling and upcycling can help us produce less garbage and use our resources in a better way and to help them share this results with their peers and other youth from their local communities.

Participants Profile & Language

Participants profile: All participants should be 18-30 years old and group leaders should be 18+. They should be youth who are motivated to learn new things and who are interested in a new innovative way of learning, non-formal education and sharing their experience and knowledge.

Language will be English but the participants can participate without knowing the English, the only must about language is leaders should be able to speak English and if there is a participant without no language ability, leader should be able to provide translation for that participant!

Visa Requirements

Turkey is not in the EU so please bring along your passports! Some of you may need visa. You can get visa in airport. Please check the board before the passport control if you need visa or not. **It costs 20 USD (18 EUR) if you buy from e-Visa and if you buy in the border, it costs 25 EUR. Please check your passports that your arrival date is 6 months before your passport expiry date!** Visa cost will be reimbursed %100 when it is presented.

For visa, you do not need apply for a visa and you can obtain in the border or from the website of the Turkish Foreign Ministry.

Link for the Visa Service : <https://www.evisa.gov.tr/en/>

Information About City

Ayvalık is a seaside town on the northwestern Aegean coast of Turkey. It is a district of Balıkesir Province. The town center of Ayvalık is surrounded by the archipelago of Ayvalık Islands, which face the nearby Greek island of Lesbos.

Ayvalık is a district in Turkey's Balıkesir Province on the Aegean Sea coast. It is situated on a narrow coastal plain surrounded by low hills to the east which are covered with pine and olive trees. Ayvalık is also surrounded by the archipelago of the Ayvalık Islands (the largest of which is Cunda Island) on the sea and by a narrow peninsula in the south named the Hakkıbey Peninsula. Ayvalık is the southernmost district of Balıkesir. Gömeç, Burhaniye and Edremit are other districts of the Balıkesir Province which are situated on the Aegean shores and they are lined up respectively to the north. The region is under the influence of a typical Mediterranean climate with mild and rainy winters and hot, dry summers.



Today, the population of Ayvalık is close to 70,000, which significantly increases during the summer due to tourism.

Ayvalık and its environs are famous for the highly appreciated quality of olive oil production, which provides an important source of income for the local population.

Ayvalık and the numerous islets encircling the bay area are popular holiday resorts. The largest and most important of these islets is Cunda Island (Alibey Island) which is connected to Lale Island, and thence to the mainland, by a bridge and causeway built in the late 1960s. This is the oldest bridge in Turkey that connects lands separated by a strait. Both Ayvalık and Cunda Island are famous for their seafood restaurants which are located immediately at the seashore.

Ayvalık also has two of the longest sandy beaches of Turkey which extend as far as the Dikili district of İzmir nearly 30 km (19 mi) to the south.

These are the Sarımsaklı and Altınova beaches. In recent years, Ayvalık has also become an important point of attraction for scuba divers with its underwater fauna.

Travel Costs

Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes. Please print before all documents, which are related to travel expenses. This means that once home after the training, participants will be asked to send the originals of all return documents and boarding passes.

Please do not lose your boarding passes; you will need them for reimbursement of travel cost.

!!! Note: Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month when the grant agreement for this project will be signed by the NA, as stated in the official European Commission web-site at <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>

!!!! Note: Finally, please make copies (or even better, scan or take photographs) of all tickets and invoices and email these to egeekoturizm@gmail.com before attending the exchange.

You should arrive to Ayvalik before midnight of 13th of August and leave on 20th of August.

| <u>COUNTRY</u> | <u>PARTICIPANTS (including leader)</u> | <u>TRAVEL COST (per person)</u> |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| CROATIA | 6 | 275 EURO |
| POLAND | 6 | 275 EURO |
| ITALY | 6 | 275 EURO |
| GERMANY | 6 | 360 EURO |

Health Insurance

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in Turkey are quite high.

Travelling & Arrival To Ayvalık

According to your arrival time (estimated or foreseen), we will take you from regardless the bus station to the venue. In case of any problem (you missed the bus or the flight is delayed), please call us or send a message and let us know that we can help you to reach ☺

You have three possibilities to reach Ayvalık :

1. Flying to Balıkesir Koca Seyit Airport (EDO) and taking a bus to Ayvalık

You can directly fly to regional airport which called Balıkesir Koca Seyit Airport and then take a bus from airport which departs directly after the arrival of the flight. The bus does not have exact time schedule and it is scheduled by the arrival of the flight.

2. Flying to Izmir and getting bus from Izmir to Ayvalık

You can directly fly to "Adnan Menderes Airport various flight companies flies there even though you might be able to find out direct flights from your countries as it is really close to the holiday sites. After you arrive to the airport, you need to take a bus to go to Izmir Bus Station, then you can take a bus to Ayvalık

3. Flying to Istanbul and getting bus from İstanbul to Ayvalık

You can fly directly to Istanbul one of those airports (Sabiha Gökçen or Atatürk) and then you can catch a inter-city bus to Ayvalık.

If you arriving to Sabiha Gökçen Airport, you need to go to Kadıköy via Havataş (www.havatas.com) and then take a bus ticket from there with one of the companies.

If you arriving to Atatürk Airport, you can go directly to the coach station with Underground Metro and then take the bus from there.

After you decided which way, are you going to us let us know with the price and your route !

Venue and Accommodation

We are going to implement the youth exchange in hotel in centre of Ayvalik. The rooms will be for two, three and four people and the rooms will be gender seperated.

P.S: We will have more information about accommodation for you soon!

Contact Information

For the urgent cases, in the border, during your arrival if you could not find our team or you miss the flight or some assistance you need!

Please feel free to call:

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