



**INFORMATION GUIDE for INTERNATIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE
"MUSIC IS LIFE"**

**Date: 23-30 August 2021
Venue: Osmaniye/Turkey**

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In this information guide you can find all necessary information about the youth exchange!**

Dear Participant,

We are all very much looking forward to meeting you and working together on the youth exchange. We count very much on your contribution and experiences to make the youth exchange a success.

This document should help you to prepare and find important information regarding the youth exchange, its programme, thematic contents and your role in it.

Best wishes from the preparatory team, and see you soon in Osmaniye.

Aim and Objectives

The main aim is to provide intercultural learning, cooperation and solidarity among young people through music and to strengthen the artistic aspect of young people by making them interested in a musical instrument.

To reach the general aim of the YE, the objectives are:

- Developing communication skills among young people in foreign languages other than their mother tongue.
- Relationship between young people and cultural, mutual understanding, awareness and promoting musical cultures.
- Strengthening the entrepreneurial side of young people by improving their ability to express themselves by enabling them to socialize through music.
- Making it easier for young people to share their feelings and thoughts with their friends or society through music.
- Developing a critical thinking, creative and expressive perspective through joint musical work among young people
- To gain a sense of self-confidence by enabling young people to realize their innate talents with music

Age of Participants

Male and female participants between the ages of 18-30

Preparation

The experience, ideas of participants, as well as their organizations and institutions is an important element for the learning process and the success of the youth exchange. We would like to ask you to bring with your ideas and all relevant information regarding your experiences dealing with Music.

PUT IN YOUR LUGGAGE DON'T FORGET

- ✓ PASSPORT;
- ✓ KEEP ALL TRAVEL TICKETS, INVOICES, BILLS AND BOARDING PASSES;
- ✓ LAP TOP (if you have and think that you need, a Wi-Fi LAN is available in the venue);
- ✓ PROMO MATERIALS TO PROMOTE THE ORGANIZATION, YOUR PROJECTS;
- ✓ "STANDARD TRAINING EQUIPMENT": an ALARM CLOCK, ANY DICTIONARIES (you might require), COMFORTABLE CLOTHES, etc.
- ✓ SOME AUTHENTIC MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS OR OTHER ELEMENTS THAT IS SPECIFIC FOR YOUR COUNTRY OR COMMUNITY. THERE WILL BE INTERNATIONAL EVENINGS;
- ✓ Bring your country's flag

- ✓ Bring your music instrument
- ✓ Personal care items such as towels, toothbrushes

Travel

Any ticket before pursuing has to be approved by the coordinator organization Sosyal Etki Derneği. You can use two airlines for travel. (PEGASUS and THY). Apart from these airlines, you can come to Istanbul with a different airline. You can choose one of the flights from Istanbul to Adana (PEGASUS or THY). Bringing musical instruments with PEGASUS Airlines is free of charge within the scope of the campaign. Please check the information from the link.

<https://www.flypgs.com/en/campaigns/free-carriage-of-musical-instruments>

The travel costs will be reimbursed for the cheapest and direct way of transport and only under the condition that the participant will take part in the whole project. The travel costs will be reimbursed up to the certain amount according to Erasmus+ rules.

	<i>Country</i>	<i>Number of participants per country</i>	<i>Amount in EUR</i>
1	Czech Republic	4+1	360
2	Latvia	4+1	360
3	Sweden	4+1	360
4	Hungary	4+1	275
5	Romania	4+1	275
6	Turkey	4+1	0

All participants should aim to arrive at the Özel Osmaniye Kız Yurdu (Instagram: ozelosmaniyekizyurdu) in Osmaniye during the whole day on (Monday) 23 August 2021 and depart on (Monday) 30 August 2021. To secure full reimbursement of travel costs, you should arrange your journey according to the agreed criteria with the organization in charge for the youth exchange. You are expected to attend for the full duration of the youth exchange. Only participants who fully attend the youth exchange will be reimbursed. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Do not forget to ask for invoice from the travel agency where will be clearly stated the amount of the ticket, if possible in euro. In case the amount is written in local currency, we will use the European commission calculator currency. Return tickets must all be provided – if you do not have the return part of you travel tickets, that part of your journey will not be reimbursed. TAXI is not reimbursed.

All participants will arrive at Adana "Şakirpaşa Airport" in Istanbul via transfer. As the Social Impact Association, we will take the participants from Adana to Osmaniye (80 km). Before the

trip, we will determine a common time according to the arrival times of the participants at the airport.

Further Rules regarding the booking of the tickets and reimbursement:

- Only the cheapest tickets will be reimbursed. We will not cover tickets with the deviation from the direct route, extra unnecessary stops and layovers. We don't cover se reservation fees, leisure plus tickets, flexible tariff tickets, extra travel insurances, priority boarding fees. When is needed only 1 piece of checked-in baggage preferably the ones that is included with priority check in 15 kg.
- Only tickets purchased online will be reimbursed. We can't cover travel agencies' fees. Travel agencies invoices for the flight tickets won't be accepted for reimbursement;
- We can't reimburse taxi, only public transport will be covered;
- Travel with a car will be calculated on real consumption of petrol on 100 km including payrolls, vignette if any.
- You can arrive and depart in total 3-4 days longer than the official event's date if you want to spend more time in the host country on your own, provided that the tickets on these days are not more expensive than on the official travel days.
- Online Check-in (per email in PDF) and electronic invoice are highly recommended.
- Travel fees will be sent to the participants via the bank within 2 months.
- There is no project participant fee.

***KEEP ALL THE TICKETS, INVOICES, and BOARDING PASSES...
MISSING TICKETS, INVOICES WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED. ***

COVID-19

All our guests on our flights to Turkey are required to submit a negative PCR test performed within the last 72 hours prior to arrival or a rapid antigen test result performed within 48 hours prior to arrival. Passengers who present a document issued by the relevant country's official authorities stating that they have been vaccinated at least 14 days before arrival and/or that they have had the disease within the last 6 months, starting from the 28th day of the first PCR positive test result, will be exempted from PCR/rapid antigen testing and quarantine applications. All our guests are required to fill in the Turkey Entry Form at the address "register.health.gov.tr" within the last 72 hours before the flight.

We will not pay the fee for the PCR test, which will be done 72 hours before returning from Turkey to your country, for those who do not have vaccination despite the possibility of vaccination in partner countries. We will pay the PCR test fee on return for the participants who do not have access to the vaccine in their country.

Accommodation

The youth exchange will be held at the Özel Osmaniye Kız Yurdu (Instagram: ozelosmaniyekizyurdu), Osmaniye where everyone will also be lodged.

Address : Özel Osmaniye Kız Yurdu,
Fakıuşağı, Prof, Kazım Tülücü Blv. No:19, 80010 Osmaniye
Turkey

They will be accommodated in shared rooms (2-3 people per room) and divided by gender. Participants will bring their own personal care items such as towels, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

Working language

The working language of the youth exchange is English.

The weather in Osmaniye (Have a look)

<https://www.worldweatheronline.com/osmaniye-weather/hatay/tr.aspx>

Currency in Turkey

The domestic currency is the Turkish Lira (TL), 1 Euro = 10 Turkish Lira

How to communicate in Turkey

The official language in Turkish. Few useful words in Macedonian for first days:

Merhaba– (Hi)

Günaydın – (Good Morning)

İyi günler - (Good days)

İyi akşamlar – (Good evening)

Teşekkür ederim– (Thank you)

Evet/Hayıs – (Yes/No)

Pardon – (Sorry)

Güle güle - (Goodbye)

Osmaniye/Turkey

Osmaniye, famous for its peanuts, located in the Mediterranean region and east of Çukurova, was a province until 1933, but was reduced to a district; However, in 1996 it regained provincial status. The province, which draws attention with its richness of rivers and vegetation, has beautiful plateaus such as Zorkun-Olukbaşı-Product and Kadirli Almacık. For those who are interested in history, we can say that Karatepe-Aslantaş Open Air Museum is a very good option. Harun Reşit Castle, Toprakkale Castle, Çardak Castle are structures that have preserved their existence since ancient times. Again Kastabala-Hierapolis, its history BC. An ancient city dating back to 2000 BC. Kastabala Valley Kırmıtlı Bird Sanctuary, which is located in the town of Kırmıtlı, about 11 km from the center of Osmaniye and is under the status of a bird area, is an important point in terms of nature tourism. This area, where around 250 species such as the peregrine kingfisher and night heron can be observed in Izmir, has an excellent potential for those who want to take pictures.

Places to Visit in Osmaniye:

Karaçay Waterfall and Recreation Area, Ala Mosque, Karatepe Open Air Museum, Toprakkale Castle, Haruniye Thermal Spring, Osmaniye City Museum, Kastabala City, Almanpınar Plateau, Berke Dam, Kırmıtlı Bird Sanctuary

You can also watch Osmaniye promotional video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spQt4VYIzDs>

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