


# Using Stories as tool for Intercultural Learning in Youth Projects

## Information Pack

### 3rd - 10th December 2018



Stories connect generations and remind us of the values we should have. When we know someone's story, we can't help but like them. It doesn't matter what cultural differences we have, we all have stories in common. Stories make other people share that perception of sense and, sometimes, to see their experiences in the same way. The overall aim of our project which sees project as a tool is to promote social justice by developing dialogue and intercultural learning in the long term.

Aims & Objectives

- To create cultural and intercultural awareness between participants by working together with different cultures in an international environment
- To observe the cultural and linguistic diversity with the folk tales from a variety of distant geographical locations.
- To build cultural bridges among the people of diverse geographical locations by promoting awareness in the conceptualization of different European cultures.
- To introduce folk tales together as a representation of different cultures.
- To overcome the prejudices, the sense of “marginalisation”, intolerance, lack of communication, any form of discrimination and xenophobia among people by motivating people to emphasize with one another.
- To enhance the interpersonal and intercultural attitudes and social and civic competences of individuals on their way to European citizenship by letting them see the united diversity in EU by means of cultural studies.

- To develop related materials to be used in Intercultural Learning Dimension of Youth Work.
- To promote social integration by including the disadvantageous learners (geographically, economically and culturally) into the process.

The project will be held as a youth exchange and carried out in Bursa, Turkey in 3rd - 10th December 2018 There will be 36 participants from 7 different countries (Italy, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey) between the ages of 18-30 from disadvantaged communities, who are eager and motivated to learn about different cultures, team work, and social activities.

Non-formal education methods will be used during the activities such as teamwork activities, simulations, role playing, energisers, ice-breakers, workshops, presentations, outdoor activities, discussions and debates, assessments and evaluations, feedbacks and questionnaires.

Thus, our participants will develop their teamwork, organisation, communication in mother and foreign tongue and self-expression skills.

Intercultural learning experience will provide positive motivation and raise awareness about European Citizenship among our participants. Our partners will be motivated and try to reach more young people when they recognize the positive attitudes of their participants and how the youth work is important for them. The disadvantaged participants will feel precious and important when they are included

in an international organisation. Besides those dissemination activities will raise awareness about European Citizenship in local level.

Participants will be between the ages of 18-30 (1 group leader from each participating country with no age limit) from disadvantaged communities, who are eager and motivated to learn about different cultures, team work, and social activities. We are willing to provide gender equality and positive discrimination for women; so we are expecting 3 female and 2 male participants from partner countries.

**Venue:**

Bursa lies in the north western part of Turkey near the Sea of Marmara, about 20 km inland. The Ottomans, who started as a small emirate in the countryside just east of Bursa, took control of their first major city, Bursa. As such, it served as the first capital city of the Ottoman Empire, from 1326, when it was captured from the Byzantines, to 1365, when the capital was moved to Edirne in European Turkey, as sultans started to turn their attention to Europe. Most of the historic sights of the city date back to this early period of the Ottomans. Today, with a population of more than 2,500,000, Bursa is the fourth largest city in Turkey after Istanbul, Ankara, and Izmir. It is famous for its peach, chestnut, and silk, although lately, heavy industry located in the outskirts of the city has surpassed these traditional industries. Furthermore, Uludağ—one of the highest mountains in Turkey —lies very close to Bursa and is the main winter sports centre of Turkey.

**Hotel:**

Accommodation will be provided in Oruç Hotel, Görükle. You can view the hotel from the link below:

**http://www.gorukleoruchotelspa.com/**

**Currency:**

We use Turkish Lira in Turkey. 1 Euro is around 6,90 – 7.50 TL. You can find places to change money easily.

**The travel grant per each partner country:**

**Czech Republic 275,00 EUR (per participant)**

**Bulgaria 180,00 EUR (per participant)**

**Italy 275,00 EUR (per participant)**

**Lithuania 275,00 EUR (per participant)**

**Romania 275,00 EUR (per participant)**

**Greece 180,00 EUR (per participant)**

**How to get the venue:**

For the flights there are 2 options.

For Sabiha Gökçen Airport (we recommend)

If you buy your tickets to Sabiha Gökçen Airport there are direct busses from the airport to Bursa bus station. You can check the busses and buy your bus tickets from this address: https://bus.burulas.com.tr/ If the website opens in Turkish please click "EN" at the right top of the page. Please buy both tickets as round tickets according to your flight time. We will pick you up from Bursa Bus Station and take you to the hotel. For this service you will be charged 15 EUR which will be taken from your travel reimbursement.

For Atatürk Airport

If you buy your tickets to Atatürk Airport you must travel to IDO Yenikapı Ferry Station via subway or taxi (taxi expenses are not reimbursed) And you must take the ferry to Bursa

(Güzelyalı) Ferry station. You can check about the ferries and prices from this website: https://www.ido.com.tr/ If the website opens in Turkish please click “EN” at the right top of the page. Again please buy both tickets as round tickets according to your flight time. We will pick you up from Bursa (Güzelyalı) Ferry Station and take you to the hotel. For this service you will be charged 15 EUR which will be taken from your travel reimbursement.

Sabiha Gökçen is the closest international airport to Bursa. And sometimes ferries can be cancelled according to weather conditions. So bus is a better option.

Feel free to ask if you need further information.

Reimbursements will be done after you provide us with original travelling documents (boarding passes and electronic tickets, ferry or bus tickets etc.) So please take good care of them. Reimbursements will be done in Euro. Please try to fit in the budget: It means all the tickets both ways. Feel free to contact us for any additional travel info. We'll be happy to help you find the best options.

Please note: We will need the invoices (prices should be written in the invoice) of your travel expenses and we will not be able to cover any costs that exceed the travel limit. We recommend you to use economic and ecological ways of travelling.

Participants are encouraged to bring their good mood and positive approach first of all! :)

We advise you to bring comfortable clothes, suitable for active motion. Be prepared for changes in the climate and weather.

You can bring some snacks, drinks, performances and stories from your communities to share with other participants.

**Deadline for booking tickets: 20/10/2018**

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