



## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

### Brief description:

After the successful youth exchange "YES - Youth European Strategy!" in 2016, we are highly motivated to implement the second part of the project in order to **consolidate and build on the results achieved**. With the implementation of multicultural exchange YES'2016, we put into practice strategy for the implementation and promotion of dance as a creative tool of non-formal education as a powerful device for personal development and impetus for social change.

With the implementation of the project "YES - Youth European Strategy 2" we strive to create conditions and opportunities for the revealing of the talent and potential for development of young people, increasing their confidence in their own capabilities, creativity and motivation by obtaining new knowledge, planning skills, pragmatism and initiative.

One of the objectives is to focus on **pragmatism and initiative**, as useful skills for planning and practical implementation of the strategy to achieve a certain purpose and results. These skills give confidence and increase the motivation for personal growth and professional development.

**On one hand** the active participation in the learning process and planning, combined with the methods of non-formal education, "learning by doing" and shared experience will contribute to reveal the potential of young people. **On the other hand** the results achieved in different stages of the implementation of the program of the exchange and their rationalization and reflection will contribute to the boost of self-esteem and confidence in their own capabilities, which will certainly increase the motivation for participation, development and realization of young people.

We believe that talented young people who study or practice as a hobby **performing arts** (dances, music and singers) and **young people who study or are interested in photography, video capture, PR or journalism**, through the power of their talent and favorite art, are able to transmit and deliver **messages that lead to positive and meaningful change** for development in the community of local national and international level.

With the project "YES - Youth European Strategy 2" we will create opportunities for effective multicultural team work, dialogue and exchange of experiences between young people from 8 countries dealing with music, dances and photography, video capture, PR or journalism.

At the **beginning of the exchange** young people will present to each other the culture and traditions of their countries, exchange experience, create useful contacts and friendships. **During concerts** young people will perform on stage music, dances and songs typical for their preferred style in an attractive and effective way to reach out to the audience through their talent and messages. They will also **participate in discussions** and thematic workshops and will be acquainted with the Bulgarian culture, modern lifestyle and sightings of Sandanski and the region. **During the thematic workshops** they will prepare new combined performances that at the end of the exchange will be presented in front of an audience that will inspire them for new creative success and development.

Together we will create a **blog, online photo exhibition and video story** about project with materials from the project activities!

Some of the project activities took place during the 23th edition of **Balkan Youth Festival** "The Balkan Youth". In this project, which will be implemented in the town of Sandanski, **48 young people and 8 youth leaders, from 8 countries** (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Italy, Macedonia, Romania, Spain and Turkey) will participate. Intercultural exchange will last nine days.

### Period of the exchange:

From: **10/11/2018**

To: **19/11/2018**

### How many participants per organisation?

**6 young people** (*18 - 25 years old – musicians or music band, dancers or dance group, singers and no more than one young person in a group who study or are interested in photography, video capture, PR or journalism*) + **1 group leader** (no age limit), Partner Countries

### Required finances:

- full board accommodation will be funded
- Travel costs will be covered using rules of Erasmus plus program distance calculator

**Location:** Sandanski, Bulgaria (*short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghECW4EYvjI>*) is a small town, but it is a popular international all-year resort with wonderful climate, rich nature and healing spa springs. Located at 160 km distance to the south from the capital of Sofia.

## FOR SELECTED PARTICIPANTS IN OUR EXCHANGE PROJECT, PLEASE SEND US:

a short description of the dance group and/ or a CV and cover letter (for individual participants), links to their performances, publications, sites, profiles, etc. by e-mail: [byf.projects@gmail.com](mailto:byf.projects@gmail.com)

**BEFORE OCTOBER 10, 2018!**

Some of participants in previous YES projects for youth exchange:

- **Romanian dance group "StarFix", 2014:** <http://project-yes-eu.blogspot.bg/2014/11/november-7th-youthpath-second-concert.html>
- **Bulgarian hip-hop dance group "The Hoppers", 2014:** <http://project-yes-eu.blogspot.bg/2014/11/november-6th-concerts-start.html>

*The inspiration for this project is hip-hop dance group "The Hoppers" Sandanski, World Cup winners in hip-hop in Brighton - England 2014 and Bucharest - Romania in 2015: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fAtiAieOGY>*

Opinion of the **Macedonian participants** on the first part of the YESstrategy project in 2016: <https://voiceskopje.org/2016/09/28/youth-exchanges-youth-european-strategy-yes/>

**Video for YES'2016 project**, created of the participants from Spain: <https://www.facebook.com/elisabet.calderonmancera/videos/1271767072868003/>

**Blog about the music exchange project in 2015:** <http://project-yes-eu.blogspot.com/2015/>

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