

# LET ME TELL YOU A STORY:

## Visions of the Past!

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

**PLACE:** Pensiunea Brandusa, Secu, Romania

**DATES:** 13th – 20th of December 2018 (travel days 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of December)

**COUNTRIES:** Poland, Macedonia, Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania

**PARTICIPANTS:** 1 group leader + 5 participants per country

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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Our project "Let me tell you a story – Visions of the Past" will involve 30 young people from 5 European countries and is focused on telling the stories of real people to younger generations that have not had the opportunity or interest to learn before. During this project we will work together with people that have suffered deportations from the Banat area during the communist period, in the 1950s, share their stories and raise awareness on the injustices and lack of liberties that have been brought in previous times. For this we will use the method of interviews with them, gather all their stories and prepare a book that will follow specific guidelines that we will make available for our participants. This project will represent the 5th part in an already coagulated concept of telling stories and creating books based on interviews with survivors and fighters of harsh moments from our not-so distant past.

The main activity envisioned through this project is a youth exchange with the duration of 8 days, in the end of which we will obtain a book containing interviews with people that have been deported in the 1950s Communist Romania, book that will be shared and disseminated in all our local communities and that will be shared free of charge to younger generations that lack the proper knowledge of these moments in history. For this, we will be working closely with Asociația Fostilor Deportati in Baragan, located in Timisoara, with whom we will be organizing the interviews and will develop the book.

The main aim of our project, both as a standalone project, but also as a continuation of the previous editions is to promote alternative ways of presenting historical facts and moments that are not fully coagulated or explored through formal education.

## **PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

For this youth exchange we are focusing on participants with actual interest in recent historical events of Europe, the socialism and communism period and with the desire to learn how to conduct interviews in topics like these and with a desire to learn how to create, edit and publish a book. This project doesn't have to be only for the young people with the experience in the field, because we feel that with this topic and with this concept, we should reach as many young people in Europe as possible and inspire them to develop the concept of Let me tell you a story maybe even in their own countries. Given that every participating country has different fragments of history, it is a unique way to actually learn about others and to learn things that are not so easily accessible in schools or even online. We want to show that the methods and activities applied in this project can benefit all youth, no matter what they have chosen to study or work. In each field, there is a need for innovation and there is possibility for self-development and learning. In this project we believe that each participant can have a strong input and each participant can share knowledge and personal experience towards helping others involved in the project. We are all coming from different backgrounds all this experience and the book itself can only be more beautiful with input from different backgrounds on one unique topic. Another very important thing for us is that people who are members of the Association of former exiles in Baragan, with who we want to make this experience, told us that in all the years they have had the association, no one ever did a similar project and wanted to make them so visible in modern history of Romania. So, this experience is not only valuable for participants of the youth exchange, but for all of the participants in this project.

All these participants have one clear need: to learn about recent history of Europe, this time through the history of Romania and together with that, history of their own countries. Why? So with that knowledge, they could fight the present and future extremists, nationalists, profiteers that are catching up in European political and social scene nowadays. Through this project we will try to empower them, to give them the aptitudes they need to start their road towards a better future. We will put strong emphasis on the life-long learning process of each participant and the benefits that comes from this.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- 1) To create the proper space for sharing and learning for the 30 participants from 5 European countries, for the duration of our project;
- 2) To take steps towards bridging the generational gap in our local communities in order to create a constant collaboration that will support the lifelong learning process for 30 participants, as well as local beneficiaries for the duration of the project.
- 3) To promote the benefits of non-formal education, learning through intergenerational and intercultural dialogue to the 30 participants during the implementation stages of the project
- 4) To create one book with interviews of people that were deported from the Banat area in the 1950 Communist Romania.
- 5) To promote the benefits of European programmes that can support personal and professional development through the public activities prepared in the implementation and dissemination stages of the project.

# **YE Day by day activities**

## **12.12.2018 - Arrival Day**

Arrival of participants, accommodation, first information session

## **13.12.2018 - Day 1**

Get to know the team, expectations, rules and Team Building Activities

## **14.12.2018 - Day 2**

Introduction to topic, Presentation of the Erasmus+ programme and Youthpass, 3 steps that brought me here, Who is your national hero?, History of our countries

## **15.12.2018 – Day 3**

Oxford Debates!, The symbol that defines me, What is your personality?

## **16.12.2018 - Day 4**

Recap LMTYS concept, How to conduct an interview, Working to prepare our interviews

## **17.12.2018 - Day 5**

Informal meeting with Deporteers, Interviews with Deported members of the Association

## **18.12.2018 – Day 6**

How do you like the team so far, Working on transcriptions

## **19.12.2018 - Day 7**

Working on our book, Ways to promote our books

## **20.12.2018 - Day 8**

Youthpass Recap, The future of LMTYS , Final Evaluation and the Youthpass Certificate Ceremony

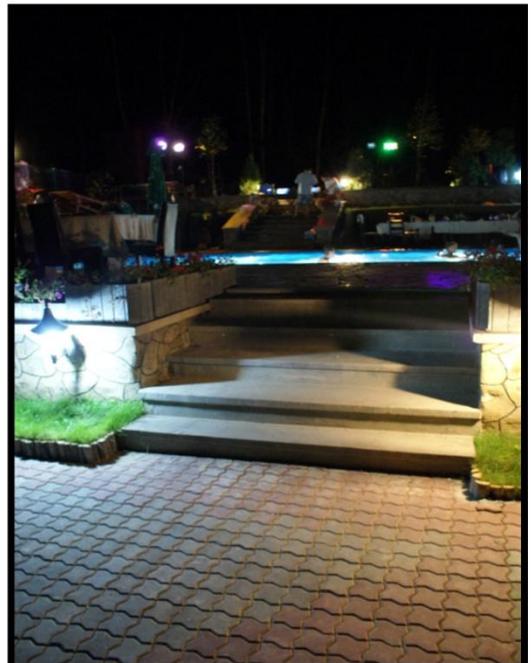
## **21.12.2018 – Departure Day**

Departure of participants.

## Accommodation for YE

The youth exchange will take place in Brandusa Pension, located 15 km from Resita. The location offers rooms with 2 and 3 beds, each room with private bathroom, one conference room, one dining room, a fitness room, camping area, a pool and one club area.

More information on the website: <http://www.brandusa-pensiune.ro/cazare.php>



## Practical Information

1. **Clothes and luggage:** the weather in December is cold, especially the evenings will get really cold outside, so don't forget to bring warm clothes with you. Also, don't forget a pair of comfortable shoes for possible outdoor activities.
2. The currency in **Romania is Leu**. The rate is **1 Euro = 4.66 Lei** (please pay attention where you change your money – some of these services have commission or bad rates – ask us before you change).
3. When booking your **tickets**, please contact us to find the proper connections. We recommend flying to Belgrade or Timisoara, from where we can arrange transport for you to Secu.
4. **Intercultural evening stuff:** Intercultural evening is the chance to present your country to the other participants, so bring some special goods from your country, food and drinks that are more representative for your country and that you would like to share. Discuss with your group how you will surprise the others by presenting your country in a creative way.
5. **One Gift! This gift will be used for an event that we will organize. We were thinking of it being a book or something symbolic from what you consider important for your childhood.**
6. **Given that we will be working with interviews and historical moments, select one person from your family or community that you would like to interview and organize a short interview with them!** Bring it with you and share it with us and we will make sure to make your interview will make it in our online community!
7. In case you have some **games** at home that you will like to play, feel free to bring them, given that the schedule will allow for evenings designed for participants to share games they know.
8. **Health insurance and European HealthCard!** In case of boo-boos we have our medikit, but for more serious injuries (let's keep our fingers crossed that won't happen), we need you to have a health insurance for the whole duration of the youth exchange.
9. **Towel!** The venue will provide us with one set of towels for our stay, so we suggest we bring one more to have with you!
10. As much **positive energy** as possible! For those of you who want to share some of your energy through **energizers**, you will have the possibility to do so!

## Financial aspects of the project

The amount of money for each participant is calculated depending on the distance calculator, for each country, the maximum value of the travel reimbursement is as follows:

Country	Number of participants	Maximum Distance Band (based on real distance)	YE - Max. travel costs limit (in EUR) per person
Hungary	1+1	100 – 499 km	180.00
Macedonia	1+1	100 – 499 km	180.00
Poland	1+1	500 – 1999 km	275.00
Czech Republic	1+1	500 – 1999 km	275.00
Romania	1+1	0 – 10 km	0.00

Reimbursement of travel costs of the participants is ALWAYS based on receiving all the eligible travel documents (tickets, invoices, boarding passes, etc.) in original (or in electronic original where available).

**IMPORTANT: We send the money to the partner organization's bank account ONLY.**

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ORGANIZATIONS!**

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