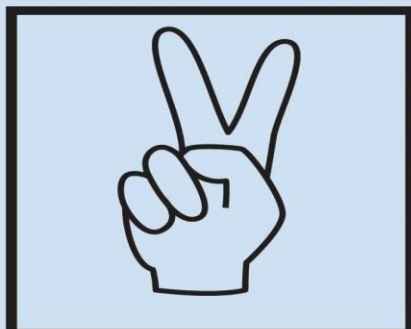
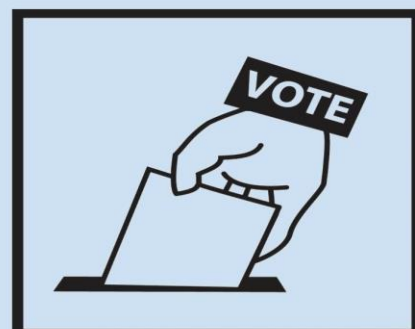




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Like to Vote

SZMISZ association is happy to invite you to an european youth exchange funded by the Erasmus+ program called "Like to Vote " to be held in Ocna Şugatag,Romania, in the period 03.02.2019 - 09.02.2019.

WHO WE ARE

Association "SZMISZ" is a non-governmental, non-profit organization founded in 2009, which aims to support youth involvement in the process of performing a civic society and strengthening of the democratic Romania, supporting cultural initiatives, social, sporting, environmental and scientific aspects of rural youth of Maramures county.

The organization's goals are to support youth involvement in the region in the process of performing a civic society and strengthening of the democratic Romania, supporting cultural initiatives, social, sporting and youth in rural scientific and university; implementation and development of contacts partnership with youth organizations and not only in the country and abroad needs; encourage volunteering as a form of education and instruction of youth; promoting ethnic, linguistic, cultural and religious; participation in various European and international programs and collaboration in the sphere of interethnic relations

ABOUT THE PROJECT

"Like to Vote" is a 7-days youth exchange that will bring together 30 participants and 6 leaders from 6 different countries. The main activity will be implemented, in the period 03.02.2019 – 09.02.2018 in Ocna Şugatag, close to **the Merry Cemetery of Săpânța**.

Project activities will be implemented with the support of four partners from countries Italy, France, Greece, Spain, Lithuania and developer in Romania. Each partner will involve a number of 5 participants per group, so in total we will have 30 participants. The project will have one facilitator from Romania.

General objective

Increasing the participation of voters aged between 18 and 30 at the EP elections in May 2019 among young people from the project countries and the EU during a 9-month project period.

Specific objectives:

1. Dissemination of EP information and democracy at European level.
2. Educating young people about European institutions, for example through non-formal learning (working groups, simulations of EP plenary sessions).
3. Creating opportunities for young people to participate in discussing Europe's future and its role by organizing seminars and open debates.
4. Support and educate young people interested in civic activities by involving them in the planning and execution of events.

The projected impact is not only to inform and facilitate the active participation of young people in European parliamentary elections, but also to encourage appreciation and knowledge of the democratic process itself and its importance for their lives and their communities.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:

The project targets young people aged between 18 and 30 years, residents of the project countries speaking English at a conversational level. Each partner will send 5 youngsters and 1 leader.

We will select those candidates who desire to learn is clear, there is potential to use newly acquired skills in future, which are available all to be involved in all stages of the project

They should have a conversational level of English and be prepared to work in an intercultural team and learn about and from cultures different from their own.

We will try to form gender-balanced groups. No discrimination based on any grounds should occur during the selection process. Please contact us for any inquiries about special needs and participants with fewer opportunities.

WORKING LANGUAGE

The official language will be English, however, many of you speak many different languages. But don't be scared if you think that your English is not good enough.. we will find many different ways to communicate and interact!

WHAT TO PREPARE BEFORE YOU COME TO ROMANIA

We are inviting you to prepare several things along to make our training successful:

1. Good attitude, joy, optimism and willingness to cooperate.
2. Any medication that you need.
3. Very important! European Health Insurance cards or medical documents for treatment in Romania. We do not provide insurance for you.
4. Examples of a game, exercise, energizer which we can use it during the meeting.
5. A part of the **Intercultural Night** is getting to know a piece of your culture and cuisine.

During the Intercultural Night each national group will have a space present its culture. The presentation should not be "lectures", you can prepare a performance, a dance, you can sing a song, recite a poem or a game which is characteristic for your country. The presentation

should last minimum half hour and you should be prepared before coming to the youth exchange. If it is possible bring a flag, any national costumes you have. For activities you prepare you need to involve other participants. Please bring with you some specific dishes from your country.

6. Clothes: The weather in February is cold, so we recommend coats, jackets, winter caps and gloves. Due to the mountain location of the pension, we encourage the participants to take some warm clothes with you.

ACCOMMODATION:

The participants are going to stay at Hotel Eurosind in Ocna Şugatag.

Accommodation will be in the rooms for 2 people. The hotel offers rooms with free WiFi, a garden with pool facilities, a children's playground, and free parking.

All rooms are equipped with a cable TV, a seating area, and a private bathroom with a shower and free toiletries. Some units also have a balcony.

Ocna Şugatag is placed at the bottom of Gutâi Mountains (1443m), 50 km from Baia Mare and 20 km from Sighetu Marmăţiei.



<http://www.eurosind.ro/>

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/ro/eurosind.ro.html>

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS ARE COVERED 100 %, BY THE HOSTING ORGANIZATION.

TRANSPORT

The transport to the project can be made by plane, train or bus. The arrival day is 02 February 2019 and the departure day is 09/10 February 2019. If you want to spend more time in Romania or Europa, it is possible to spend maximum 2 days before and after the project and book the travel tickets accordingly. First ticket can be 01 February 2019, the last ticket will be 11 February 2019.

For those of you who will come by plane,

- arrive in Budapest at the Liszt Ferenc, from there you can take microbus to Sighetu Marmatiei- Ocna Şugatag.
- arrive in Cluj Napoca from there you can take bus to Sighetu Marmatiei.
- arrive in Bucharest at the Henri Coanda from there you can take a plane to Satu Mare or Baia Mare. From Satu Mare / Baia Mare you can take bus to Sighetu Marmatiei.

For those of you who will be using other means of transport (e.g. bus or train), please inform us about your arrival in Romania so we can further guide you, depending on your place of arrival.

REIMBURSEMENT OF THE TRAVEL COSTS

We will reimburse you travel expenses, according to the Erasmus Plus Program rules and according to the distance calculator: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources_en#tab-1-4.

Please before you buy tickets, check the distance between starting point to Sighetu Marmatiei. If the distance is bigger than it was previously calculated in the budget, it may happen that you will receive less of the reimbursement.

1. Travel cost will be refund when you give us all original tickets, boarding passes, confirmation of payment. In our budget there is a maximum cost that you can get back for your travel. It may happen that your tickets will be more expensive than the amount in the budget in that case we will refund you back the amount according the estimation below.
2. The refund of travel costs will be made by bank transfer after you come back to your city from the exchange and send all original travel tickets to us.
3. Please collect all your original travel tickets (plane tickets and boarding passes, train, bus tickets etc.) and confirmation of payment for tickets (print from your bank account system) and send it back in one package by post as soon as you come back home, but no later than on **25.03.2019**.
4. **IMPORTANT:** refund for travel will be made to your leader or organization bank account. To avoid costs of international transfer we will make one bank transfer per one organization.
5. To receive reimbursement of travel expenses you must deliver to us documents as follow:
 - * **originals of all tickets and boarding passes** (from each person, and both way direction)
 - * **confirmation of payment for tickets** (print from your bank account system)
 - * **bank account details to which we will make a reimbursement** (like: name of the bank, address).
6. We will refund your travel expenses no later than 14 days from the date we receive the required documents. We will transfer money to the bank account number which you gave to us. Transfer will be made in EURO.
7. Association SZMISZ will also cover the costs of the bank transfer.
8. If you have any questions related to the reimbursement, plane, train tickets, please contact us.

We will make the reimbursements during the project by bank transfer into the Sending Organisations account, only if you have all the financial documents in order for making the reimbursement.

For the plane transport, **the original** documents that we need are:

- (1) E-ticket; (2) Invoice; (3) Proof of payment or receipt; (4) Boarding passes**

For the bus and train tickets, or any other tickets we need (the original document):

- (1) Origin and the destination of the journey (2) Price of the ticket (3) Date of your trip (4) Name of the participant**

IF IT IS POSSIBLE WE REQUEST YOU TO ASK INVOICES AND/OR TICKETS WHICH SHOWS THE PRICE IN EUR! IT IS A BIG SUPPORT FOR OUR ADMINISTRATION.

After you buy the tickets, please send them to us by email.

The maximum reimbursable amounts per participant for each country are:

Country	Partner organisation	Departure city	Distance band	Maximum travel amount reimbursed per participant
Greece	Youth Horizons	Megara	500-1999 km	275 €
Italy	Greenrope	Capurso	500-1999 km	275 €
Lithuania	Unique projects	Kaunas	500-1999 km	275 €
France	En root	Dinan	500-1999 km	275 €
Spain	Asociacion Amigos De Europa	Lucena	2000-2999 km	360 €

Note that all participants should always contact us directly or through the partners before purchasing any tickets.

Project overview:

Specific action	KA1 – Youth mobility- Youth exchange
Title of the project	Like to Vote
Project dates	01.10.2018 – 30.06.2019
Activity dates (foreseen)	03.02.2019 – 09.02.2019
APV dates (foreseen, if any)	no
Number of participants/sending organisation	5 participants + 1 leader per country
Venue	Ocna Şugatag, Maramureş county, Romania

Project partners:

Youth Horizons - Greece
Greenrope - Italy
En root - France
Asociacion Amigos De Europa -Spain
Unique Projects - Lithuania
Asociatia SZMISZ – Romania (Promoter)

IMPORTANT INFO & RULES!

- The policy of our NA is that taxi costs are not reimbursed. Please, use the public transport and keep all tickets. The travel costs will be reimbursed on the basis of the most economic transport fares and on presentation of the relevant receipts and original tickets.
- All accommodation and food costs will be paid by the hosting organization.
- We are not responsible for the costs of the medical insurance.
- Please keep all your boarding passes and tickets and give them to us when you arrive. The same should be done on the way back, and you have to send the tickets until 25.03.2019 . The participants have to send us all tickets and boarding passes via post as a registered letter.
- Respect and keep clean the place where you are staying at.
- Smoking is not allowed indoors.
- After midnights please try to be more silent but this does not mean the party is over.
- Be prepared for the cultural evening before you come to the youth exchange where you will represent your country's culture e.g. music, a short description about the country, anecdotes, funny videos about the country etc. Please bring food and drinks typical of your country!!
- All participants have to participate in all activities and should be on time during the mobility. If participants have any problems or for certain reasons and they can not participate in some activities, they should inform their group leaders first or the project leader!
- Each participating group should prepare some warm-up activities and energizers for the youth exchange.
- If you want to organize a free time activity and would like to show to and share with the other participants, you are welcome to do, but you have to let us know in advance!
- There is no participation fee for the project from promoter.

USEFUL CONTACTS

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us via the following channels:

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ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE

ARRIVAL – 02 February all day, **last arrival – 03 February morning 9:00**

DEPARTURE – **first departure from accommodation in 10 February after 00:00 am**, last 11 February till 10.00 am

ABOUT THE REGION

Set amid beautiful rolling hills and farmland close to the Tisa River, Sighetu Marmatiei, also known as Sighet, is one of the main towns in the Maramures region, an area noted for its rich centuries-old traditions. The inhabitants of this area have preserved, to an amazing extent, the rural culture and crafts of their Dacian ancestors.

The balneal and tourist resort of OCNA SUGATAG is placed at the bottom of Gutai Mountains (1443m) , 50 km from Baia Mare and 20 km from Sighetu Marmatiei. Altitude: 480 m. Access routes: Baia Mare, Baia Sprie, Hoteni, Ocna Sugatag (DN 18 – 50 km)/ Baia Mare, Cavnice, Ocna Sugatag (52 km)/ Satu Mare, Livada, Negresti Oas, Sighetu Marmatiei, Feresti (left), Ocna Sugatag (DN 19 – 124 km). Ocna Sugatag is one of the oldest salt exploits in the country. First salt works opened in 1355. Gavril Lake (30 m depth; 2,5ha) is the largest antroposaline lake in the country. Craiasca Forest lies in proximity, protected zone which has centennial pieces of common oak and larch tree; under the patronage of Romanian Academy.

The outdoor Village Museum in Sighetu Marmatiei boasts dozens of homes and farm buildings assembled from around the Maramures region. Beautifully carved wooden gates and unique wooden churches with tall spires and shingled roofs can be seen in many nearby villages. The towering Maramures wooden gates, often-compared to triumphal arches, are the calling cards of the local wood carvers. Supported by four columns, they feature traditional ornamental motifs, including the sun and the twisted rope, both symbols of life and continuity.



Other attractions of this town, which boasts religious buildings of many denominations, include the 16th century Reformed Church, the Ethnographic Museum, the Elie Wiesel Memorial House and the Museum of Arrested Thought located in a former communist prison in the center of town.



Sighetu Marmatiei. The spiritual philosophy of the people of Maramures is perhaps nowhere more apparent than in Sapanta – a 20-minute drive from Sighet. The town folks' ancestors considered death as a beginning, not the end, and this faith is reflected in the carvings in the town's unique Merry Cemetery. Blue wooden crosses feature a carved scene and humorous verses that endeavor to capture essential elements - both the good and the imperfections - of the deceased's life. Even without benefit of translation, visitors can appreciate the handiwork of sculptor Stan Ion Patras, who began carving these epitaphs in 1935, and his successors.

Patras' house in the village is now a fascinating museum. Sapanta is also home to several wooden gates and one of the region's tallest wooden churches.

As it has for hundreds of years, social life in Maramures continues to revolve around the village church. The Wooden Churches of Maramures – located in the nearby villages of Surdesti, Plopis, Rogoz, Ieud, Poenile Izei, Barsana, Budesti and Desesti - have been recognized by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites. Unique in shape and ornamentation, they have characteristic high roofs and tall, narrow, pointed steeples, often collectively described as 'the Gothic style of Maramures.



More information at : <http://romaniatourism.com/sighetu-marmatiei.html>