

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



*Youth Exchange*

*"Believe in You(th)! - Create the Europe of tomorrow!"*

*02 - 11 September 2013*

*Pravets, Bulgaria*



### **What is this?**

**"Believe in You(th) – Create the Europe of tomorrow!"** is the name of our project. This is a Youth Exchange supported by the "Youth in Action" Programme of the European Commission. This activity allows groups of young people to be hosted by a group from another country in order to participate together in a joint programme of activities. This project involves the active participation of young people and is designed to allow them to discover and become aware of different social and cultural realities, to learn from each other, to develop the entrepreneurial spirit and reinforce their feeling of being European citizens.

Our exchange enables young people to go abroad, to meet peers from different countries with different social and cultural backgrounds and to learn from each other through an active participation in joint activities of common interest. It will allow young people to experience Europe and so to feel more European citizens.

### **Which are the partner organisations?**

Hosting organizations of this youth exchange is informal group of young people "Support for youth ideas", Bulgaria.

Partner organisations are:

- ❖ Berufsbildende Schulen der Stadt Osnabrück am Pottgraben— Osnabrück, Germany;
- ❖ Lycée général et technologique "Savary de Mauléon" – Les Sables d'Olonne, France;
- ❖ Liceul Pedagogic "Vasile Lupu" - Iasi, Romania;
- ❖ Şehit Jandarma Er Selim Koçdemir Teknik-Endüstri Meslek Lisesi - Bursa, Turkey.



We have also support from:

- ✓ Language school "Aleko Konstantinov" Pravets ([www.gpcche-pravec.info](http://www.gpcche-pravec.info));
- ✓ "Youth movement for development of the rural areas in Bulgaria" ([www.ymdrab.eu](http://www.ymdrab.eu));

The project "Believe in You(th) – Create the Europe of tomorrow!" is organized by the partners in order to gather rural youngsters from all over the Europe and give them a space to live together, explore their social and cultural differences and similarities, exchange ideas, best practices, discuss on different topics, have fun and pleasant time all together.





### ***Which are the main objectives of this youth exchange?***

The European Union declares 2013 as **“European Year of Citizens”**. The vision is: ***The better the people of Europe understand their rights as EU citizens, the more informed their decisions will be.***

According this background **the main aim** of our project is to increase the awareness of rural young people from Germany, France, Romania, Turkey and Bulgaria for their rights as European citizens and to encourage their active and well-grounded participation in the democratic life of their local communities.

**The objectives** of our youth exchange are to give you opportunity:

- to discover, become aware and exchange realities across the Europe;
- to learn about EU Citizenship and the rights and possibilities that go with it;
- to acquire competences for active participation in the social life and sustainable development of the local communities;
- to learn about the democratic decision-making process on all levels;
- to raise awareness about differences and similarities in cultural and religious diversity in Europe;
- to stimulate your spirit of initiative, creativity and entrepreneurship.



**You don't know what this is all about!?**  
**Don't be scared! No need for worries!**  
**Just relax!**



These objectives are going to be achieved through a very nice time spent with other young people, doing very diversified, funny and non-formal activities like icebreakers, role plays, simulations, creative workshops, working groups, field trips, thematic cultural evenings, discussions/debates on interesting topics, small presentations, quizzes, pedagogical games, etc ... and some outdoor sportive activities too!

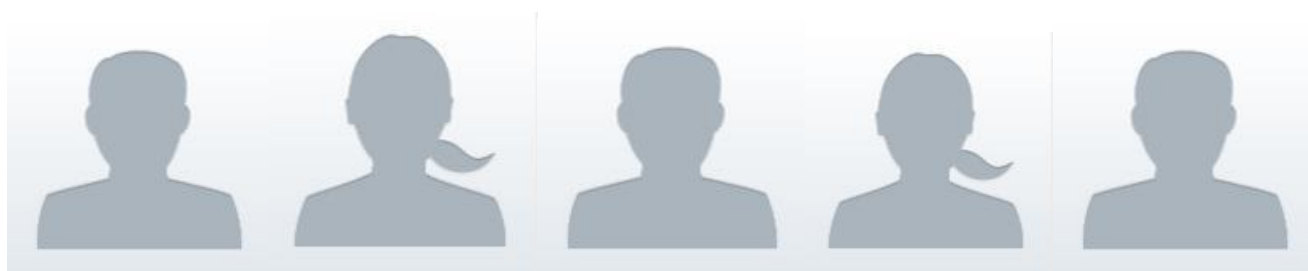




## WE ARE LOOKING FOR ...

- Brave girls and boys aged between 15 and 25 years old;
- Coming from the rural areas of France, Germany, Romania, Turkey and Bulgaria;
- 10 participants per country (gender balanced group) + 1 teacher per country;
- Willing to meet and make new friendships with other European rural young people;
- Eager to learn more about Europe, the culture, religion, traditions and rural realities of each country participating in this youth exchange and more deeply the Bulgarian ones;
- Available to take part in the full duration of the exchange;
- Able to communicate in English (please, don't let this criteria to make you give up already! If you are able to understand the information transmitted by this document you fulfill it!);
- **Not fearing to have fun!**

| Country  | Number of participants | Number of teacher |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------|
| FRANCE   | 10                     | 1                 |
| GERMANY  | 10                     | 1                 |
| ROMANIA  | 10                     | 1                 |
| TURKEY   | 10                     | 1                 |
| BULGARIA | 11                     | 1                 |





## WHEN?

From the 2<sup>nd</sup> (arrival day) to the 11<sup>th</sup> (departure day) of September 2013.

## WHERE?

Town of Pravets, Bulgaria

This town is situated of 60 km northeast of Sofia at the foot of Stara Planina Mountain.

*Do you know where it is?  
If NO, check the maps.*



**YOU ARE MORE THAN WELCOME HERE!!!**



# WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

## Travel costs

### Only for Non-Bulgarian participants

The participants (and/or their schools) are responsible to find, book and buy by themselves the cheapest way to travel from their home town to Sofia (on 02.09.2013) and from Sofia back home (on 11.09.2013). We will wait you at Sofia Airport (or Sofia Center Train/Bus Station) and we will transport you to Pravets. So don't worry for the local transport in Bulgaria.

Due to the strict funding conditions of the "Youth in Action" Programme **your travel costs will be reimbursed at 70%** to you, or to who paid for it under the following requirements:

- 1) Only the participants who attend the entire training course can be reimbursed.
- 2) **You must choose the cheapest travel option.** All travel costs (100% of your travel costs) from your home place to Sofia and back **have to be maximum:**
  - for German participants – 340 euro/per person;
  - for French participants – 350 euro/per person;
  - for Romanian participants – 90 euro/per person;
  - for Turkish participants – 110 euro/per person.
- 3) According the rules of "Youth in Action" Programme **your travel costs will be reimbursed of 70%**. In the project budget we have limit of the travel expenses and **we cannot reimburse any more expensive travel costs than the mentioned above.** Don't forget we will reimburse 70% of these costs. So we request you to arrange your journeys in the most economical manner possible and to make use of any available reduced tariffs.
- 4) Your travel expenses will be reimbursed only upon presentation of documentary evidence of the sum actually paid:
  - ✓ **original invoice** or/and: a copy of credit card slip showing the transfer of the money for the ticket, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, payment confirmation from internet or from the bank;
  - ✓ all travel documents you get during your trip: **all flight/bus/train tickets and boarding passes**, bills, slips, etc. Keep all travel documents you get during your trip because we completely need them.
  - ✓ Relevance of the documents means that they must have the date, name of the traveller, destinations of the travel and the bill has to be completely clear for accounting (it must be readable and understandable).
- 5) Return tickets must be purchased before the start of the journey. We will do a photocopy of the tickets which you will still need to return and we will keep the originals of ones you have already used. All originals will need to be sent after the exchange to the organisers by land post for reporting to the "Youth in Action" Programme.



- 6) Electronic tickets will be reimbursed only on the receipt to a proof of payment (invoice, paper of booking/purchase printed from internet, copy of credit card-slip or bank transfer showing the transfer of the money for the ticket, payment confirmation from internet) and on presentation of the boarding pass for the outward journey.
- 7) Note, that the booking paper alone is not enough to prove your travel expenses. You should present as well a bill, a slip of payment or print-out from your bank account to confirm the sum paid for your ticket.
- 8) We will reimburse only public transport costs. Taxi fares and traveling by car cannot be reimbursed.
- 9) The travel expenses will be reimbursed by bank transfer in Euro to a bank account which you will write in a special "Claim for travel reimbursement". The bank transfer will be done at latest one week after the end of the exchange so you will receive the money very soon.

### **IMPORTANT!**



- **Do not pay your tickets before 1<sup>st</sup> of August!!!**
- **ONLY RECEIPTS/INVOICES DATED FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> OF AUGUST OR AFTER ARE PERMISSIBLE!!!**
- **Do not buy your tickets before to inform us and check the price with us!**

### **Accommodation**

Food, accommodation and all activities since you arrival in Pravets (2<sup>nd</sup> of September) until your departure (11<sup>th</sup> of September) will be covered at 100% by the hosting organizations.

The German, French, Romanian and Turkish participants will be accommodated and will live in the families of the Bulgarian participants. When we receive the Application forms of all participants we will distribute them among the Bulgarian participants' families. Then we will give you their contacts Facebook, Skype, e-mail, GSM in order you and your parents to contact them and to be in touch each other.

If you cannot waiting you can join to us in Facebook in our group: [Believe in You\(th\)](#).

During the exchange you will sleep in the Bulgarian family. During the days all participants will be together, will do activities together and will have food together (breakfast, lunch, dinner and coffee-breaks).

### **Health and Travel Insurance**

Please, purchase a private insurance or as you are EU citizen, get it free of charge from your national social security that covers medical costs around EU member states. The obtaining a health and a full travel insurance are responsibility and at own expenses of the participants. You have own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health. If you don't have an insurance we will provide you one.

Also, it is very important that you notify us of any health risk or possibly necessary medicines (in your Application form). Remember that obtaining a health and a full travel insurance is your own responsibility and at your own expenses. The information you provided on any special needs does not remove your own personal responsibility for ensuring your own health.



## HOW TO APPLY AS PARTICIPANT?

If you still need some more information about the project/activity itself or any clarification about the information presented here, **please contact the person in charge of this project from your country:**

| COUNTRY  | RESPONSIBLE           | E-MAIL CONTACT   |
|----------|-----------------------|--|
| BULGARIA | Mariyana Charakchieva | <a href="mailto:meri_qneva@abv.bg">meri_qneva@abv.bg</a>                           |
| GERMANY  | BIRGIT FREISE         | <a href="mailto:b.freise@bbs-pottgraben.de">b.freise@bbs-pottgraben.de</a>         |
| FRANCE   | CORINNE RABINIAUX     | <a href="mailto:corinne.rabiniaux@ac-nantes.fr">corinne.rabiniaux@ac-nantes.fr</a> |
| ROMANIA  | IRINA OFELIA COSOVANU | <a href="mailto:irinacsvn@yahoo.com">irinacsvn@yahoo.com</a>                       |
| TURKEY   | NUKHET KAYAKENT       | <a href="mailto:nukhetkayakent@gmail.com">nukhetkayakent@gmail.com</a>             |

All candidates must apply using the enclosed Application form.

You have to send your completed **Application form** to the organizers by email to: [meri\\_qneva@abv.bg](mailto:meri_qneva@abv.bg)

Before filling your application, please be sure that you agree with practical terms and conditions for the Youth Exchange.

Please find in attachments a **Draft Activities Program**. You can make any suggestions and comments on the activities program and we will do our best to meet your expectations and preferences.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FORMS: 31<sup>ST</sup> OF JULY 2013!!!**

**We are looking forward to welcome you in Bulgaria!**



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