



## PARTICIPANTS GUIDE

### YOUTH EXCHANGE “PLAYGROUND.GR”

**OCTOBER 22ND - NOVEMBER 1ST 2014 THASOS GREECE**

**The project is organized by the Non Formal Group “forward it” in the frame of ERASMUS+ program confounding by the European Union.**

#### **Project description**

“Playground.gr” is a youth exchange that will bring together 36 young people from six European countries (Latvia, Romania, Czech Republic, Turkey, Estonia and Greece) for ten days, 22 October till 1 November 2014.

During the preparation each group will prepare a short presentation, (video, power point, interactive game) about the traditional games and table games in their countries. Be prepared to share with us information about your organization and your country(leaflets, brochures,videos).Prepare also a 5-10 minutes funny language lesson! Each country group will present two energizers!For the intercultural evening bring some culinary specialities to present your country( without cooking, e.g., sweets, cakes, cheese, beverage etc). Finally, bring your good mood and positive energy!!!

During the project, the groups will have an active role: Every day one country group will be responsible for keeping the timetable, making photos, organizing the evening free time activities.

We will work in multicultural groups using non formal education’s and interactive methods, like icebreaking games, presentation of the organizations, intercultural nights, workshops in intercultural groups, discussions, visits in local context. English will be the working language of the project.

We will identify the similarities and the differences in the games of the participant countries and through workshops and dialogue we will use them for creating our own multicultural Euro Games. We will find also creative ways to design and paint the Euro games on the yard of Prinós primary school. We will find ideas of advertising the program,street actions, poster making etc. The participant will have the chance to cooperate with school children and the local community.Through Euro games the young people will have the possibility to learn by playing, communicate with each other and find more information about the European countries.

The aim of the project is the empowerment of the dialogue between young people from different countries and from different backgrounds. Working in multicultural groups they will have the chance to meet each other, create strong friendship bonds, improve their foreign language skills and learn to cooperate and share their knowledge. They will also come closer to the Greek way of living and mentality, by contacting locals and kids. Furthermore, they will improve their creativity and knowledge on the European values.

At the end of the project we will present the results in an open air celebration, inviting the local community and the school kids.

## Objectives

- ✓ Promote European citizenship
- ✓ Promote active youth participation
- ✓ Create entrepreneurship ideas
- ✓ Promote the Erasmus+ as a useful tool for young people
- ✓ Support the youth mobility
- ✓ Promote intercultural dialogue, cooperation and creativity
- ✓ Support the creative thinking through arts and technology

## Participants

5 participants 18-30 years old, 1 group leader per group

## Visas arrangement

We accept visas **only** from official authorities. Let us know in advance in order to send you the invitation letter. Visa reimbursement will be done during the training and will be reimbursed 100%.

## Travel expenses

The participants will be reimbursed for their travel expenses to and from Thasos according to the Erasmus+ funding rules. Reimbursement amount per country:

Romania	170 eur,
Czech Republic	170 euros,
Estonia	170 euros,
Latvia	170 euros
Turkey	80 euros.

Keep in mind, that if you buy your ticket in your local currency, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission web site. Each group leader is committed to collect the return tickets and invoices from the participants and send the originals to us in a week after their departure.

**Do not forget to keep the tickets, boarding passes and invoices in order to get reimbursement.**

## How to come to Thasos

By plane: The closest international airport to Thassos, is Thessaloniki's (SKG) airport. Once you arrive to Thessaloniki Macedonia airport, take the bus No. 78 to the **Macedonia Central Bus Station**. Buy your bus ticket with return, to **Kavala**. The bus leaves every hour and the ticket cost 30eur. From Kavala port, which is a few meters away from the bus station you can buy your tickets (it cost 5eur oneway) to Prinós port Thassos island. OR from Kavala bus station, buy your bus ticket to Keramoti port, and from there take the ferry boat to Thassos island. For both ports check the following link.

<http://dromologia-kavalas-thasou.blogspot.gr/>

**Inform us about your arrival time as soon as you book your tickets in order to arrange your transfer to the hotel**

### **Useful links**

<http://www.go-thassos.gr/>

<http://ktelmacedonia.gr/en/routes/tid=17>

<http://www.ktelkavalas.gr/>

### **Insurance**

We assure that the participants will work in a safe environment. The participants should arrange a health insurance before their arrival.

### **Accommodation**

The participants will be accommodated in hotel rooms (double, triple or quadruple rooms) in Prinós village in Thassos. In each room there is a bathroom. Bed lines and towels are provided and changed every three days. All the meals and the coffee breaks are covered by the program. Each participant is responsible for his/her personal expenses.

### **Contact**

Do not hesitate to contact us for questions of further information

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