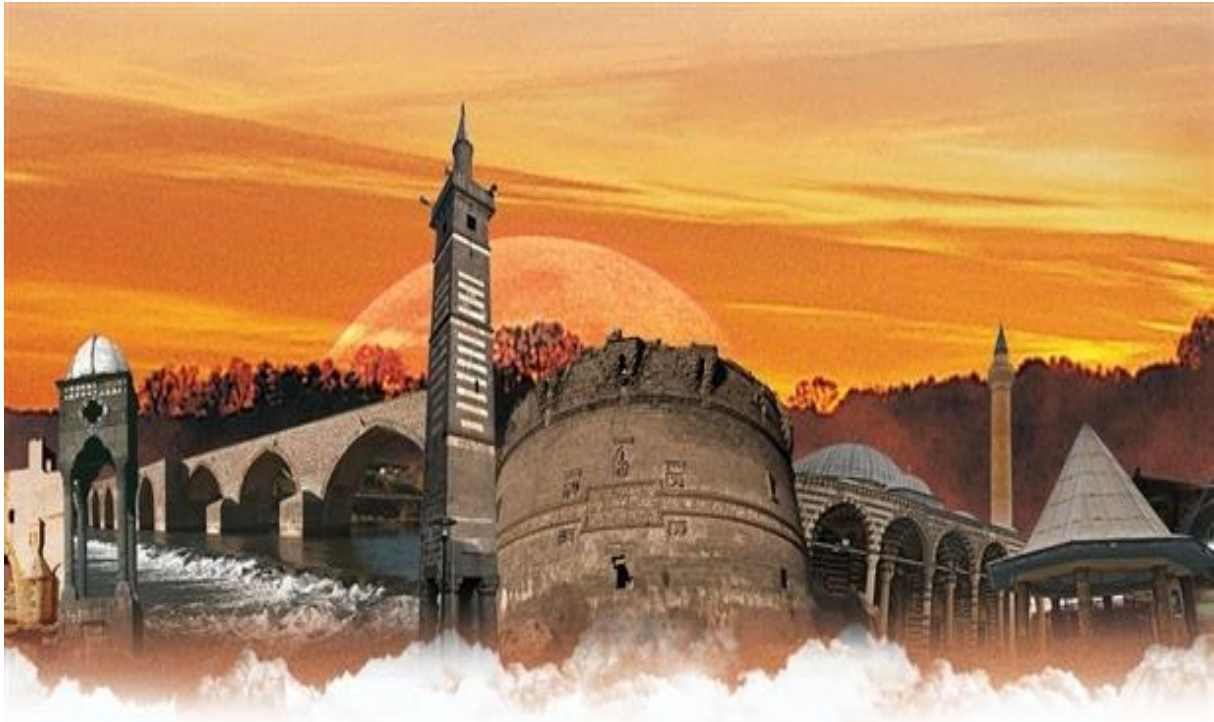




# NATURE



## Youth Exchange

### Diyarbakir, Turkey

**1-10 September 2021**

Through the spirit of active European citizenship, " NATURE " aims to underline the importance of environmental awareness practices in rural areas by the young participants through creative campaigns conducted using methods of non-formal education and through concrete actions to reduce the negative impact caused of man on the natural environment. At the same time, we want a better communication and to create a durable link between the young participants of the project and local residents. The main activities of the program are: agreeing and taking as inspiration the spirit of European Citizenship (which include: putting into practice beneficial ideas to society, solidarity between people, care for the environment and stopping pollution) of a good environmental practice, development of concrete collective actions (NATURE) with positive impact on the natural environment, campaigns for awareness and promoting the best practices in an interactive way using the methods of non-



formal education, including local authorities within the group discussions and activities for establishing in the end a medium-term strategy to promote good environmental practices in the area, including young people with fewer opportunities from rural areas of the region both in the organizing team and the dissemination target group.

" NATURE ":

- Promotes the concept of active "European citizenship", reminding young people values such as solidarity and dialogue, values that they will show both in activities within the group, but also when they will interact with the members of the local community. The idea from which we start is that a good citizen is concerned about the problems facing the community, in this case the green and he actively involved in finding remedies and solutions;

-Determines the involvement of young people in general issues that affect society, in this case, their care for the environment;

-It is focused on solidarity for the rural community members where the project unfolds, and tolerance for their disadvantages caused by the lack of an appropriate environmental education;

-It emphasis on diversity, having 50 participants from five different countries with different cultural background;

-Develops mutual understanding between young people from different countries and cultures, they assuming a series of commitments and also, establishing ways to work together as a group;

-Promotes active learning introducing various methods of non-formal education;

-Includes young people with fewer opportunities from rural areas (unemployed, with economic difficulties from isolated areas, with less access to information) as an active part of the project.

## ACTIVITIES AND METHODS

The working methods of “NATURE” come from the field of non-formal education, for us being very important that they are interactive and not formal, purely theoretical and rigid. Just like the schedule shows, the following methods can be identified: name games (for familiarization and communication), ice-breaking games (for relaxing the group atmosphere and removing barriers created by shyness and hesitation), open space (to allow participants to think and act freely, to choose how and what to discuss), team-building activities (for the group cohesion), treasure hunt (to arouse the curiosity, to revive the spirit of competition and to familiarize participants with the environment they are in), the Albatros (for intercultural learning - ICL), group discussions (to facilitate the exchange of ideas and to provide participants the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences), group work (to facilitate teamwork and to give everyone a chance to be involved), Eco-Topics (to increase creativity and sense of initiative), Green Spirit (for team work and active involvement in the community life), traditional evenings (for discovering new cultures). It must be mentioned that the Eco-Topics and Green Spirit are not methods on their own, but their advantage is that they let the youngsters choose the right method after they get familiar with the non-formal education tools.

## Who can participate in the youth exchange?



The participants for “NATURE” are youngsters from 5 European countries that have various cultural, educational, economic and social differences, as it is normal in every international project. They may come from both urban and rural areas, and their knowledge regarding environmental protection, ecology and other issues connected to these may vary.



From the cultural point of view, “NATURE” will have youngsters from six different cultures. Educationally speaking, some of these youngsters are still in last year of high-school or university, some are graduates. From the economic perspective, some of them are employed part-time or full-time in various domains and some of them are unemployed, with economic difficulties. We emphasize on the fact that we will integrate in this project a total number of 12 youngsters with fewer economic opportunities (unemployed), 2 from each partner. The obstacles that they are facing are: hard time of finding a job due to the economic climate in their home communities, poor access to information about personal-development opportunities. From the social perspective, we may have youngsters coming from various social background, orphans or from broken families, but our main emphasis on selecting young people with fewer opportunities will be towards the unemployed ones.

## TRAVEL COSTS

According to new Erasmus Plus rules, the reimbursement of travel costs will be calculated using a specific program called Distance Calculator:

Country of Origin	Country of Destination	Distance Band	No. of Participants	Travel Grant per Participant
<b>Romania</b>	Turkey	500 - 1999 km	<b>6</b>	<b>275.00</b>
<b>Lithuania</b>	Turkey	2000 - 2999 km	<b>6</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Turkey	3000 - 3999 km	<b>6</b>	<b>530.00</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	Turkey	2000 - 2999 km	<b>6</b>	<b>360.00</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	Turkey	2000 - 2999 km	<b>6</b>	<b>360.00</b>

**AFTER SENDING** their tickets and boarding cards, participants will receive the reimbursement of their travel costs. Travel (flights, other means of transport) expenses are compensated (up to 100%), based on the actual expenses incurred and the distance from your





location of residence to the location of the project (Diyarbakir). These distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission. We don't send money to each participants. We send only money to sender organization and sender organization will pay to participants. It may be that money from European Commission will be late; in that case, as mentioned, you will get your reimbursement after the course by bank transfer (be ready for that).

*Please note any extra days you wish to stay will be your own responsibility and your food etc.*

**Visa costs** will be covered by participants.

## THE VENUE



Diyarbakır is one of the largest cities in southeastern Turkey. Situated on the banks of the Tigris River, it is the administrative capital of the Diyarbakır Province. With a population of about 930,000 it is the second largest city in Turkey's south-eastern Anatolia region.

**! Note:** Organisers will not provide any accommodation for additional stay in Istanbul. If participants plan to arrive a few days earlier or depart a few days later they are kindly requested to inform us and we will be glad to offer assistance with booking a hotel. 2 days before project or 2 days after project only allowed. This is no holiday and please respect the Erasmus+ projects rules.



## THE VENUE



**Sakli Cennet**

**Guneydogu Anadolu Arastirma Enstitusu Kampus Alani**

**Silvan Yolu 3.km, Diyarbakir, Türkiye**

<https://tr.foursquare.com/v/sakli%C4%B1-cennet-cafe-restaurant/4fad3178e4b0d4398d85d079>





## COVID-19 SPECIAL MEASURES AT CAMPING:



do not sneeze in the palm of your hand



sneeze on your elbow or scarf



wearing mask



Wash food



Wash your hands

Beside the rules that we all know, and are respecting in our own countries, the following rules are necessary for the creation of a safe and productive learning environment:

- **All persons coming to the youth exchange will need to take an RT-PCR test before the trip as it is mandatory to show a negative test upon entering Turkey. The costs related to the test are supported by the participant directly, if their country does not provide free testing.** The list of acceptable tests is constantly being reviewed as government continues to seek the most accurate alternatives to the PCR test. If you cannot present the correct test result, you may not be allowed to board your flight. **IMPORTANT! THIS MAY CHANGE UNTIL PROJECT DATES!!!**

- Before traveling, please ensure the rules to return home to your country. Will you need to be tested? Will you need to quarantine? If you need to test before returning home, this must be indicated on arrival so that testing can be scheduled within the specified time.

- **All participants need to bring along face masks that you will use at all times in all common areas inside the accommodations.** We will be using masks inside the activity room and other common areas. You will not need to wear the mask inside your sleeping rooms or outdoors, as long as you maintain proper physical distance. If it is not a reusable mask that you can wash every evening before going to bed, you should bring one mask for each working day. Additional disposable masks may be provided on site.

- Every bedroom, bathroom and common area will be equipped with disinfectant spray,



disinfecting wipes and paper towels. The participants are responsible for disinfecting their room and the toilet inside the rooms. The youth center team will be disinfecting common surfaces several times during the day.

- Before each session, the participants will need to wash their hands and use hand disinfectant that will be available at the entrance to the workshops room. The same procedure is necessary before each meal.

- We will have two non-contact digital thermometers. Every morning, group leaders will need to check the temperature of all participants from their team. If someone has a high temperature, the person will need to skip the morning session and self-isolate in the room arranged for these situations.

- After each session, facilitators will gather all materials (such as scissors, glue, markers etc.) that were used by participants and disinfect it for the next session.

- **In order to avoid the use of many glasses during the day, all participants should bring one bottle from which they will be able to refill and drink water during the exchange.** Disposable plates, cutlery and cups for coffee, tea or juice will be available.

- The breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served for each participant. We will explain the procedure to everyone after you arrive at the venue.

- **For safety reasons, alcohol will not be allowed during the exchange. You are allowed to bring one bottle per team of your traditional drink for your cultural night, but don't bring any other alcohol to the exchange.** Please don't bring vodka, whiskey or other alcohol that is not a part of your culture and cultural night.

- Please note that the wearing of masks is mandatory in all public spaces in Turkey. This includes shops, restaurants, nightclubs and public transportation.

**Our main priority is the safety of everyone, and we are sure that these rules and regulations will not stop us from having a good time and meeting amazing people from other countries. If anything is not clear to you or you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at any time.**





## HOW TO REACH THE HOTEL

Diyarbakir does not have an international airport in the city. However you can fly to Diyarbakir through Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir or Antalya Airports.

We recommend you to use [Momondo.com](http://Momondo.com) [skyscanner.net](http://skyscanner.net) [skypircker.com](http://skypircker.com) in order to find the best offers for travels by plane. We can pick you up from Diyarbakir Airport.

**Feel free to contact us for any travelling advice.**

## ARRIVAL

When you come to hotel, you will find your name and room at reception desk. There will 2-3 people in one room. You need to bring your private things and towel.

## WHAT TO BRING

Since there is going to be an international evening, we will ask you to bring something traditional, famous or delicious from home - that you would like to represent your country with, and share with the others, it can be any kinds of food, drink...

## HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in Turkey are quite high if you don't have.



**See you all in DIYARBAKIR!**

