

KA152 – Objective: volunteering

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Summary of the project

Europe faces a moment of transformation. The Coronavirus crisis has wiped out years of economic and social recovery and exposed again structural weaknesses in Europe's economy. Also, there are reports that show the solidarity is a mainstay of EU. For example, in hardest years of crisis the number of volunteers grew. This fact shows that in times of crisis the citizens find in the social cooperation one of the best tools to improve the situation of the most vulnerable groups.

The project aims to promote the importance of solidarity, also extolling the solidarity like a tool to fight social problems derivate from crisis, such as Covid19, the aging population, Climatic change, the result of strong migration flows localized depressions or pressure for resources. Therefore, the project intends to promote the solidarity in EU between all levels, opening the European citizens mind respecting the contribution of solidarity in the way to reach an intelligent, sustainable, and integrative economy in the EU.

Bearing in mind all these concepts, the Municipality of Villalar de los Comuneros, as member of the Cooperation Network of European Routes of Emperor Charles V, is eager to organize a youth exchange which through non-formal education models and by interacting between European youngsters by a creative way, youngsters will:

- a) Understand better their role in the European future as European citizens;
- b) Improve their expression skills regarding solidarity;
- c) Empathize with solidarity situations;

Experts on the field, educators and other volunteers will provide the materials, resources and facilities needed in order to transfer their knowledge and skills to youngsters participating in this training course. Moreover, as participants will come from different countries of all over Europe, diversity and multiculturalism will be promoted during the exchange, giving an added value to the project.





Main objectives:

Objective: volunteering arises from the need to promote volunteering and solidarity to face critical times (Covid19, Climatic change, etc.). The objective is to raise the Young people's awareness of the importance of solidarity in the fight against problems that affect the whole population in Europe.

The project is focused in highlighting the figure of the volunteer, who offer his or her time and work to help others and achieve a fairer and more balanced society without any return. It aims to inculcate in young people values such as cooperation, participation, respect for diversity, social inclusion, equal opportunities and sustainability.



The Objective: volunteering Project wants to achieve the following objectives:

- Develop personal and professional growth of young volunteers in relation of solidarity in critical times.
- Improve volunteering culture and skills among youngsters and learn new approaches of civic responsibility post-COVID-19 era.
- Sensitize youngsters with their local problems as European citizens, encouraging their social inclusion.
- Promotion of multi-culturalism, EU countries knowledge, and ability to work and share in an international European context.
- Mobility of different participants from different countries which will enrich multi-culturalism and the exchange of best practices at EU and local level.
- Encourage new mechanism for active participation of young people as mechanism for their social inclusion.



Project details:

Project name: Objective: volunteering

Project dates: 08/06/2022 - 16/06/2022

Place: Villalar de los Comuneros - Valladolid, Spain

Organization: Ayuntamiento de Villalar de los Comuneros

Participants: 30 participants from 6 different countries:

Spain, The Republic of North Macedonia, Lithuania, Netherlands, Italy and Portugal.

Participants:

Elegible participants for this course will be **young people between 18 and 30 years old**. There will be a maximum of **5 participants** per country and they will be chosen on the basis of their social competences, their interest in the topic and their linguistic competence in English.

Moreover, gender balance will be taken into account in order to organise an equal and diverse mobility.

COUNTRIES & PARTNERS:

- **Spain:** Ayuntamiento de Villalar de los Comuneros
- **The Republic of North Macedonia:** Association for Cultural, Sport and Educational Development "World of Change"
- **Lithuania:** VSI GEROS VALIOS ISTAIGA
- **Netherlands:** Hellenic Institute of Cultural Diplomacy Netherlands
- **Italy:** E.L.E. Enjoy & Live Europe
- **Portugal:** SYAJ - ASSOCIACAO JUVENIL SYNERGIA



Journey:

The project will run from 8th June 2022, the day of arrival, until 16th June 2022, the end of the project.

Volunteers will arrive in Spain from their respective countries by plane.

The closest airport with the most air connections is Madrid-Barajas airport, which is around 212 kilometers away.

There will be an organized transport to pick up participants at the airport, and another one to drop them off on their return.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that volunteers buy their tickets to arrive in Madrid before 18:00h on 8 June.

For the return journey, it is VERY IMPORTANT that participants buy their tickets from 12:00h on 16 June

Travel information and budget expenses:

The travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed up to the maximum of the amount indicated by the distance calculator provided by the EC:

The North Republic of Macedonia	360€
Lithuania	360€
Netherlands	275€
Italy	275€
Portugal	180€

Travel expenses are reimbursable for participants who attend all sessions and are fully committed to the project activities. Travel expenses will be covered after participants use the cheapest means of transport and submit original invoices for air tickets, boarding passes, trains and bus tickets. Private cars, taxis and first class tickets will not be reimbursed.

An important detail is that tickets must be purchased after our confirmation. Otherwise your tickets may be considered non-refundable. We undertake to refund only those tickets that have been confirmed by our team.

To ensure that all participants book the cheapest available option for their journey, we offer our full support in helping them with their bookings and bus/train connections.

Please also keep ALL other travel documents you have. Do not throw anything away!

Reimbursement will be made in Euros, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice.

Please note that if you purchased your ticket in your local currency which may be different from the Euro, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates on the official website of the European Commission, on the day of purchase.

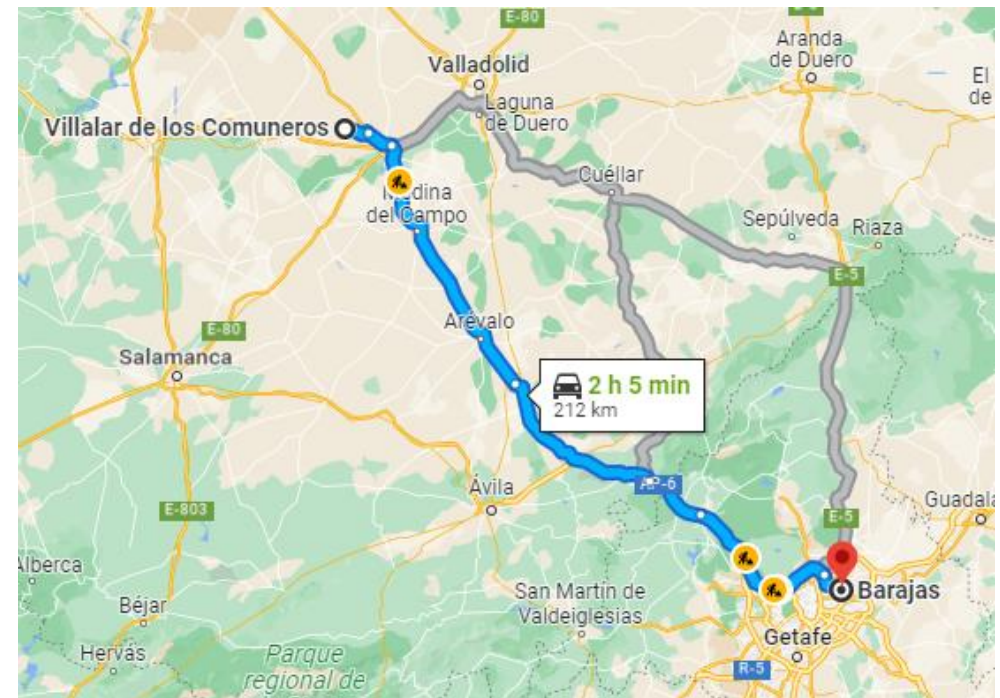
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EXTRA DAYS: following the guidelines of the Erasmus+ Programme, the trip must be made by participants within a maximum of 4 days from the project dates (arrival is maximum 2 days). (arrival maximum 2 days before the project and departure maximum 2 days after the project).

During the additional days, participants must cover all their expenses, such as accommodation, food, etc.

Accommodation:

Participants will be accommodated in Villalar de los Comuneros (Valladolid). Candidates will enjoy a comfortable stay surrounded by a beautiful landscape.



Health and travel insurances

All the participants coming from the EU should bring their European Health Card. They can use the free European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) to allow cover private health care, non-emergency health costs, or being flown back to your home country.

Please be aware that the EHIC is NOT a travel insurance policy.

We highly recommend you to make a health & travel insurance for the full duration of your time in Spain.

If you have any allergies or you need to take regular medications, please arrange these things by yourself as we are unable to provide them for you.

Likewise, if you have any health conditions, disabilities or mobility issues that you feel we need to be aware of or that may affect your participation in the youth exchanges activities, then please let us know what they are and how best to assist you.



Mandatory security measures

We take all the measures very seriously and we will adjust our programme to the existing legal restrictions and expert's recommendations.

You should have in mind that the situation is very dynamic, but for the moment, please take into consideration the following information:

- The use of protective mask in Spain is not mandatory in all the indoor spaces. Nevertheless, please bring your own protective masks for all the days of the project.
- We will have disinfecting Hydroalcoholic gel on our disposal during the activities, but you should bring your own sanitizer for your personal use. - We will make daily controls of the temperature of all the participants.
- You should respect the rules and the security protocols to follow, especially when having access to the dining room and common rooms.



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