



**UNESCOconnect us!**  
**Youth Exchange**  
**05.08. - 04.12.2019.**

*InfoPack*

*KA1 - YE, 05 - 10 October 2019  
Dugopolje, Dalmatia Region, Croatia  
UNESCOconnect us!*

Dear friends,

We are happy to announce that the “UNESCOconnect us” is coming! 20 participants, 4 group leaders, 4 countries, 6 working days and many non formal education methodologies, sharing experiences, knowledge and best practices! Are you ready to take this challenge? Be ready to open your mind and heart and spread your experience outside. We are sure that you all will be the best ambassadors of your own country and organization.

So, boys and girls, take care of yourself, start preparations for the youth exchange and see you very soon!



## **READ ALL INFORMATION CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING FOR THIS YOUTH EXCHANGE!!!**

### **About the project**

The project „UNESCOConnect us!“ will take place in Dugopolje, from the 05th through the 10th of October, 2019 and will bring together young people and youth workers from 4 partner organizations (Croatia, Georgia, Italy and Latvia). Each partner participates with 5 members and 1 leader.

The "UNESCOConnect us!" project will strengthen the skills and competences of young participants in recognizing UNESCO's cultural heritage that is based on common European social and cultural values. Young participants will transfer the acquired knowledge and skills through informal methods of peer to peer learning, which will result in increased confidence, multilingualism, intercultural awareness, active participation in society, and an increase in awareness of EU values. Through contact and acquaintance with other European cultures, and through respect for diversity and multiculturalism, project participants will strengthen their own identity, become open to different cultural expressions, become aware of the national and European UNESCO cultural heritage, learn to appreciate and understand the diversity of religious and ethnic groups, and will acquire knowledge and competences that will enable them to develop as individuals within informal learning. The project will also result in society's awareness of the problems and difficulties faced by young people from the areas covered by the project. Local communities, from which project exchange participants are coming from, will be strengthened through educated and professionally trained young people (exchange participants), which will result in the development and progress of the community, thus gain the best human capital.

### **Participants**

From each country will participate one group leader aged 18+, experienced in youth work, coordinating and facilitating non-formal education activities and international groups. Each group leader will accompany 5 participants (females and males), aged 18 - 25, coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and especially from rural and suburban areas. The participants are youngsters interested in developing themselves and the rural and suburban areas from their countries. They are highly motivated to learn and share afterwards the knowledge gained.



## Participating organization

The coordinator of the project is Local action group Zagora.

Partners:

1. Georgia – Millennium Georgia
2. Latvia – Latvijas jauniešu attīstības centrs
3. Italy – YOUth Connect

## Accommodation

For this YE, the participants will be accommodated in fire house usually used as a hostel for youth exchanges, in 4 - 8 bed rooms, mixed international, but NOT GENDER. Each room has its own bathroom. The fire house has internet, own dining room, small gym and a big green yard and terrace to enjoy the free time. You should bring your own hygienic products and house shoes. Bed sheets are provided by fire house.

## Financial Conditions

- Accommodation, food and materials during activity days are fully covered by the project.
- Travel costs for the meeting will be reimbursed when invoices, e-tickets, boarding passes and other tickets are delivered to the host NGO according to Erasmus + rules. We have a specific document.

NR.	COUNTRY	DISTANCE BAND	LIMIT/PARTICIPANT EURO
1.	Georgia	2000-2999	360
2.	Latvia	500-1999	275
3.	Italy	500-1999	275

## How to get in Dugopolje?

### If you travel by plane:

1. The nearest airport is Split, from where we will pick you up and bring you to the fire home (around 40 km);



2. Another option is Zadar (around 130 km) and Dubrovnik (240 km) airport – we can also arrange pickups but is easier and cheaper if you group yourselves to be picked up all together.

**If you travel by train or bus:**

If you travel by train or bus the final stop should be Split, from where we will pick you up! Split **HAS NOT** direct trains from most of the European cities, so you will need to transfer in Zagreb.

**If you travel by car:**

If you travel by car, have in mind that now we have highways from all European countries directly to Dugopolje. Please be aware of the fee which you must pay at the border.

**The Address of the fire home is:**

**Vatrogasni dom Dugopolje**  
**Svetog Mihovila 35**  
**21 204 Dugopolje**  
**Croatia**

**IMPORTANT!!!**

Please take into consideration that for the pickups we will need to save some money from the travel budget. For this we recommend you to contact the other groups to meet each other and being picked up together!!!

Please let us know about your travel plan before booking any tickets and we will find the best solution together. ([lag.zagora@gmail.com](mailto:lag.zagora@gmail.com) or [marijana.botic@gmail.com](mailto:marijana.botic@gmail.com) )

**Other information...**

In Croatia the currency is HRK, we do not use Euro. The exchange rate can change but usually is like this: 1 Euro = 7 HRK. We will assist you in exchanging the Euro. Life in Croatia is usually cheaper than other European Countries, but Croatia is a touristic country, so prices are higher during the summer/autumn.

Health insurance - all partners have the responsibility in assisting the participants for obtaining the EHIC (European Health Insurance Card) which is free, or the participants will take care of this aspect by themselves. In Croatia the Emergency services in Hospitals are free but let's hope it doesn't come to this.

Clothing and weather - as the weather can change from one day to another, we suggest you to have comfortable clothes and shoes for both situations. In general, the weather in October is warm, but can be stormy and rainy! If you have allergy to dust, pollen and other plants, please take the appropriate medicine with you!

### About Youthpass certificate

All participants in the youth exchange have the option of receiving a Youthpass certificate which proves their participation in the exchange. Youthpass is a tool to document and recognize learning outcomes from youth work activities. It is available for projects funded by Erasmus+: Youth in Action (2014-2020). It is a part of the European Commission's strategy to foster the recognition of non-formal learning, putting policy into practice and practice into policy:

- While creating their Youthpass certificate together with a support person, project participants are given the possibility to describe what they have done in their project and which competences they have acquired. Thus, Youthpass supports the reflection upon the personal non-formal learning process and outcomes.
- As a Europe-wide recognition instrument for non-formal learning in the youth field, Youthpass strengthens the social recognition of youth work.
- Youthpass supports active European citizenship of young people and of youth workers by describing the added value of their project.
- Youthpass also aims at supporting the employability of young people and of youth workers by raising their awareness of and helping to describe their competences, and by documenting their acquisition of key competences on a certificate.

Your sending NGO should provide all relevant information about the Youthpass certificate and you can also check it yourself on the official website

<https://www.youthpass.eu/hr/>.

### Contact

If you still have any questions, please contact us via e-mail [lag.zagora@gmail.com](mailto:lag.zagora@gmail.com) or [marijana.boticvgmail.com](mailto:marijana.boticvgmail.com).

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