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“Hate Speech Fighters”

BANSKO, BULGARIA

11-18 September 2018



HATE SPEECH FIGHTERS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Project “Hate Speech Fighters” is a training course for youth workers, which will be held in Bansko, Bulgaria from 11 until 18 of September 2018. The project will involve 3 trainers and 30 youth workers from 10 countries in Europe and the Caucasus-Bulgaria, Spain, Italy, The Netherlands, Estonia, Romania, Lithuania, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan. Together with our partners working on this topic, we conducted a survey among youth workers from partner countries on their knowledge, experience and learning needs in the field of youth work on anti-hate, human rights and media literacy in order to develop this practical training for youth workers who will implement and multiply the knowledge and competences learned in activities after the end of mobility. The project aims at developing skills to combat hate speech through human rights education. The training activities of “Hate Speech Fighter”’s are designed to address the grassroots causes of hate through education as well as acquiring new knowledge, skills and competences and the exchange of good practices between youth workers. The methodology of the project is based on non-formal education and human rights education. Project activities will help youth workers in the development of knowledge, skills and attitudes that will be needed to determine the right approach to combat hate speech with young people and reducing the risk of radicalization.

MAIN OBJECTIVES:

- Increasing the knowledge and competences of youth workers in the field of anti-hate and human rights
 - encourage cooperation in the youth field and encourage development of more initiatives and projects in the field of human rights and anti-hate.
 - to equip youth workers with methods, strategies and tools for organizing activities with young people on the topic
 - Promoting media literacy and knowledge of basic legal frameworks among youth workers to combat cyberbullying
 - encouraging youth workers to become activists against hate speech in their countries and at European level
- The project plans follow-up training and information modules to be organized by the youth workers after returning to their sending countries, which will ensure project sustainability. The methodology is entirely based on non-formal education.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS:



We are looking for 3 participants per country with the following profile:

- Youth workers, leaders, coordinator, NGO representative
- Youth workers, leaders, coordinator, NGO representative having experience or knowledge in the field
- Be able to communicate in English
- All participants must be over 18 years old
- All participants must be currently residing in the country they will represent and be able to prove it if needed with documents

The participants should meet all the unwritten criteria's as well as NOT TO BE: On their European Voluntary Service (EVS) at the moment of the activity;

HEALTH INSURANCE

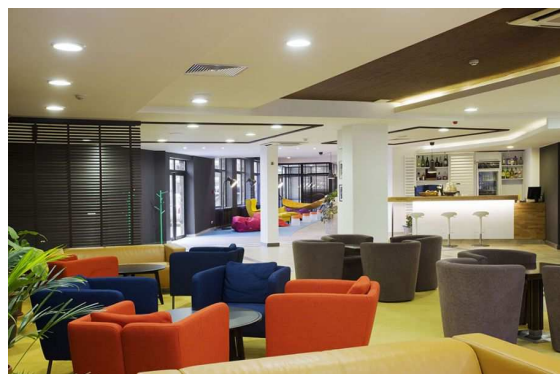


Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organizers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance or/and to have a valid EUROPEAN INSURANCE CARD.

ACCOMODATION AND FOOD

Accommodation and food (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the duration of the activities will be covered by the receiving organization Alternativi International.

All participants will be accommodated in hotel Casa Karina, located in Bansko Bulgaria at the following address: Krlev dvor 5, 2770 Bansko, Bulgaria



CONTRIBUTION FEE:

Each participant will have to contribute to the project with 25€. This way we will ensure the participants have a stake in the project: A modest contribution from participants to the overall costs of a project helps to create a sense of investment and ownership as well as participants tend to value what they receive more when they have contributed to it.

TRAVEL COSTS

Participants' travel costs from their home city to Bansko, Bulgaria will be reimbursed on actual expenses of the participants and also according to distance calculator of Erasmus + program.



Country	City of registration	Maximum reimbursement per participant in EURO
Bulgaria	Razlog	0
Spain	Malaga	360
Georgia	Tbilisi	275
Romania	Bucharest	180
Azerbaijan	Baku	360
Lithuania	Vilnius	275
Armenia	Yerevan	275
The Netherlands	Utrecht	275
Estonia	Tartu	275
Italy	Santa Maria la Carita	275

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK TICKETS WITHOUT HAVING CONFIRMATION FOR IT.

The planned travel reimbursement maximum limits are based on calculated distance of official registration address of the sending organizations from the partner countries to the project venue Bansko, Bulgaria based on the Erasmus + program distance calculator http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

**please note that the distance is calculated one-way, but the reimbursement amounts are for return travel*

**please note that if you are traveling from different city than the one of sending organization the distance band might change and it will reflect on the reimbursement amount*

!!! Once the group is selected the leader should contact the organizers for confirmation to buy tickets. PLEASE DO NOT buy your tickets without having confirmation from the organizers.

!!!Please know that tickets that are not confirmed may not be reimbursed

As soon as you filled the registration form and your participation is confirmed, you are kindly requested to submit your travel proposal for **validation** including detailed information about the name(s) of the participant(s) envisaged, itinerary (departure, arrival, dates, hours, transport company), type of transport (flight, bus, train etc.) and the website where you got the offer from:

- subject: [Travel validation] - Your name - Your country;

- address: office@alternativibg.org
- deadline: August 15, 2018

Alternativi International is not responsible of reimbursing tickets without our prior validation.

REIMBURSEMENT

How to provide the needed justifying documents? (Remember! If anything is missing from the list below, unfortunately we are not able to reimburse the costs). We will try to do cash reimbursement to all participants only if they can provide electronic version of all tickets before they depart from Bulgaria.

1.Flight tickets (economic class/low cost if possible) – all the following are needed:

e-ticket (you receive it by e-mail after you buy the flight);

fiscal invoice (ask your travel agency or check on the website where you buy the ticket how can you get a fiscal invoice). The invoice can be issued on the name of traveler, or on the name of the organisation you represent;

proof of payment (signed and stamped): can be a receipt from where you buy the tickets, can be a payment order (if you pay by bank transfer) or can be a bank or an account statement (if you pay by internet banking);

boarding pass (you get it online and print it at home 24h-30h before the flight or directly in the airport);

In the exceptional case when the amount on your invoice is different that the amount charged, a personal declaration will be needed and only the amount charged is subject of reimbursement.

2.Train tickets (make sure the date, the itinerary and the price are visible on the ticket, if you can get an invoice is even better);

3.Bus tickets (make sure the date, the itinerary and the price are visible on the ticket, if you can get an invoice it is better);

4.Private car transport and Taxi (including Bla Bla car, uber and such) – will not be reimbursed

5.Please note that additional services on your bookings won't be reimbursed (priority boardings , extra leg room in the place, additional luggages and etc)

NB!!! PLEASE KNOW THAT THE TOTAL DURATION OF THE EXTRA STAY SHOULD NOT EXTEND 2 DAYS –MEANING (1 DAY BEFORE AND 1 AFTER, OR 2 DAYS BEFORE OR 2 DAYS AFTER) Tickets with longer extra stay will NOT be reimbursement.

***** IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARTNERS FROM ARMENIA AND AZERBAIJAN REGARDING THE VISA ISSUEING*****

Country	Maximum reimbursement per person in euro
Armenia	50
Azerbaijan	50



***If you have VALID Schengen visa you are able to enter Bulgaria, but please get in contact with the Bulgarian consulate / embassy to get confirmation for that and ask if they will be requiring some documents on the border.

***I would like all partners from countries that need visa to find out as quick as possible what are the specific rules of the Bulgarian consulate / embassy in their country for issuing Bulgarian Visa and send it to us on office@alternativbg.org with subject [VISA documents – your country].

Below you can find the general requirements for issuing Bulgarian visa, BUT EACH EMBASSY HAS IT'S OWN RULES AS WELL and might require different documents that the written below.

1. A photocopy of the first page of the foreign travel document;
 2. A photocopy of the last Bulgarian and Schengen visas or visas for the UK and the US, if any
 3. A colorful photograph 3,5 cm x 4,5 cm against light-colored background (the same holds for a child entered in the passport) – a full-face photo with clear, large enough face which takes up 70-80% of the photo; eyes must be red; the following is ineligible: photos with dark glasses; non-professional photos or cut out of amateur photos
 4. A medical insurance valid for the EU member states for the whole period of the trip, covering all costs for repatriation and for urgent medical care and emergency hospital treatment for the period of the stay indicated in the visa. The insurance amount cannot be less than 30 thousand euro
 5. tickets (original and copy) or ticket booking confirmation or financial means
 6. application form
 7. Proof of sufficient financial means. It's not important if all things covered by the hosting organization.
 8. Work certificate in English including position, salary and date of starting the post. Company owners: original of the commercial registry. Students: proof of enrolment in school/university.
 9. Invitation letter that includes information that OUR organization will cover all the accommodation, food, travel expenses during your stay
- *To prepare document/ from our side/ called "POKANA DEKLARATSIA" / or simply Invitation we needed at least 8 working days to complete and get the documents so we can send it to you by regular post – that includes (Signing the document „POKANA DEKLARATSIA" in notary office, collecting the organization documents signed and stamped in notary . The documents will need to be submitted by us in Migration office in the city you will be accommodated in Bulgaria and the director will take up to 5 working days to confirm them and stamp and after all that we will be able to take the invitation which we can send to you by original post.)

*Have in mind that along with the POKANA DEKLARATSIA from us we will be sending you:

- Invitation from Bulgarian National Agency including participants personal info from the passport
- Invitation from our organization that will include all the information regarding the project : Dates, Sending, Hosting organization, Aims, Objectives, Activities, Financial conditions and etc.

So with all that the participants should not be having problems when applying for visa.

10. Hotel reservation

**Once we receive the candidates we will be asking the hotel to give us booking confirmation including your name*

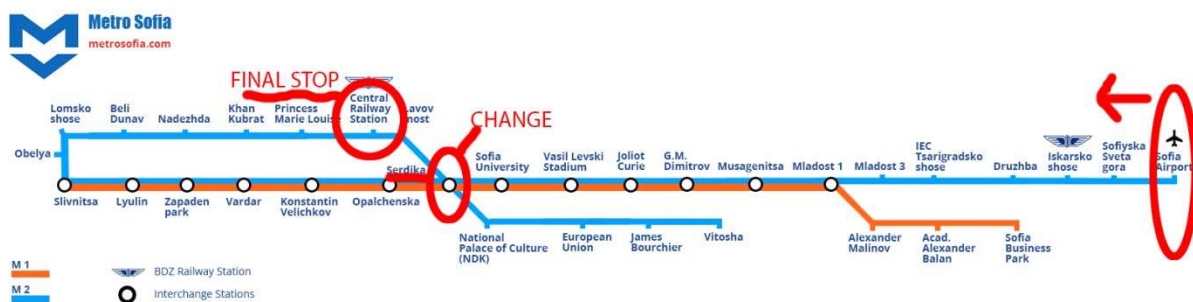
DIRECTIONS FROM SOFIA:



You will have to use public transportation to get from Sofia to project venue. For that you will need small change – 1.60BGN (approx. 0.80 euro) for subway ticket and 16 BGN (8.11 euro) for bus from Sofia to Bansko.

If you are arriving at **Sofia airport – Terminal 1**

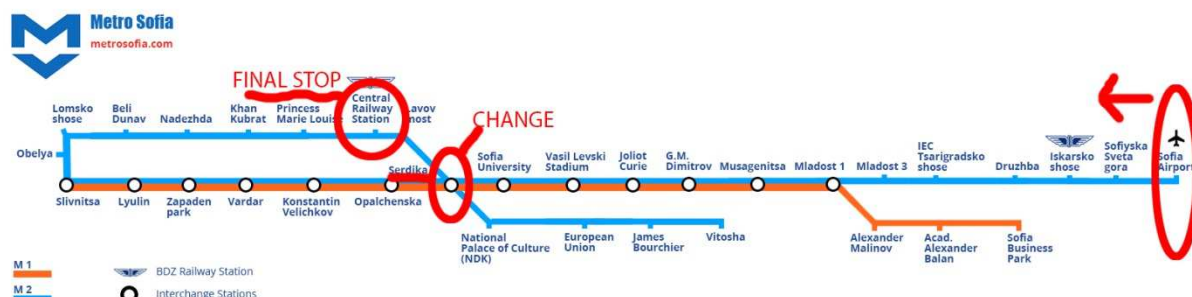
Outside of the terminal you will find white mini bus with sign TRANSFER SHUTTLE /or simply ask any of the stuff where is the free shuttle to Terminal 2/. Once you get in –it will drive you / about 7 min/ to TERMINAL 2 of SOFIA AIRPORT. From there you can get metro / subway /taking the blue line/ - From Sofia airport terminal 2 to station called SERDIKA, there you have to change with the orange line towards OBELYA OR LOMSKO SHOSE and you have to get out at the 2nd station which is called CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION. Once you get out from CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION you will see large blue building with the sign Central Bus Station. Inside the station you will be able to get the tickets for the bus. Please check the image below:



If you are arriving at **Sofia airport – Terminal 2**

Once at Terminal 2 of Sofia airport –please go out of the building turn left and go all the way down on the road and you will get to the / subway station of Sofia airport/ 2-3 min walk/ . From there take the blue line/ - From Sofia airport terminal 2 to station called SERDIKA, there you have to change with the orange line towards OBELYA OR LOMSKO SHOSE and

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How to get from **Central Bus station** to **Bansko**

Once you arrive at CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION go out of the station and you will see large blue building with sign Central Bus Station. Please see the image below:



From there you can buy ticket to Bansko. The journey will be about 3h and it will cost you 16 Bulgarian leva.

There are few buses a day running from Sofia to Bansko with schedule:

Route	Departing hour	Price
Sofia- Bansko	09:45	16 BGN
	11:25	16 BGN
	14:00	16 BGN
	16:45	16 BGN

If you are arriving after 16:45 and you are not able to get the public bus there is option for renting a private shuttle that needs to be paid by each of the passenger and it's upon request.

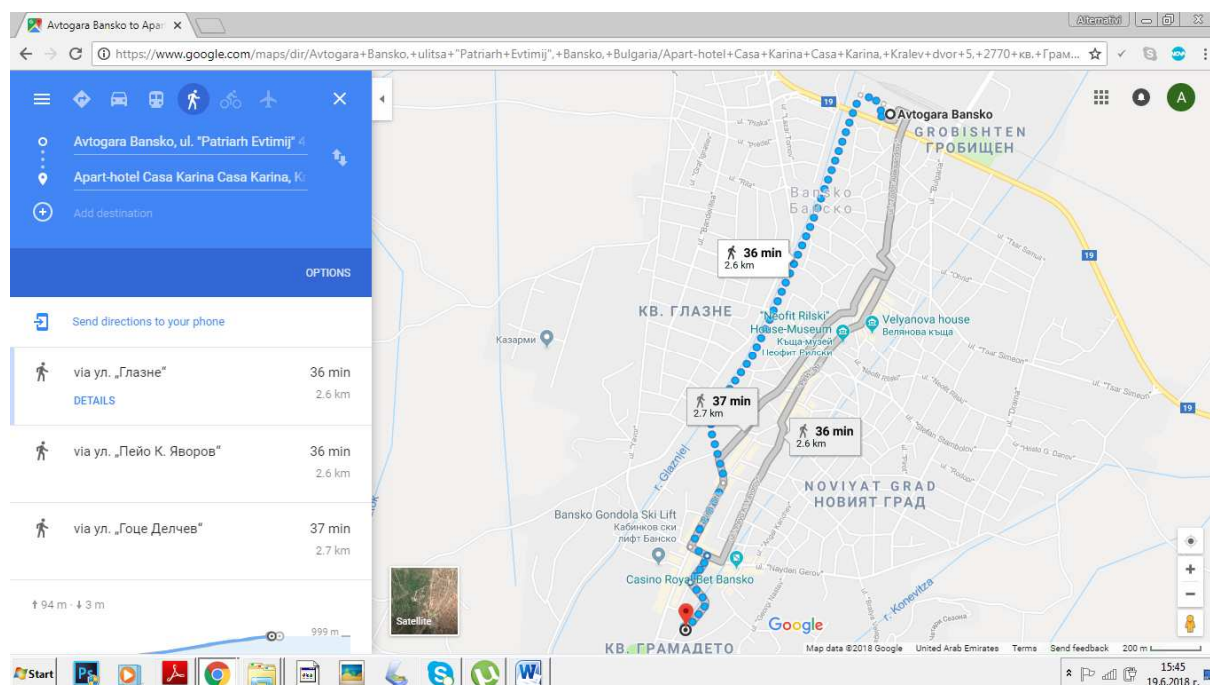
For the way back from Bansko to Sofia

Route	Departing hour	Arrival hour	Price
Bansko - Sofia	05:05	08:05	16 BGN
	06:50	10:20	16 BGN
	12:50	15:50	16 BGN

From Bansko bus station to hotel Casa Karina:

You have two options to get to the hotel.

- 1) Is to take a taxi which you can find just in front of the main entrance of the Bus station and will cost you about 10-15 BGN /5-7 euros/ per car. So if you are more people you can share the costs (*please note that we will not reimburse taxi receipts*)
- 2) You can walk to the hotel following the map below and will be approx. 30 min



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