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Infopack for participants

Digital Action for Youth Participation Youth Exchange

Ohrid, North Macedonia
27.04.2025-05.05.2025 (*travel days*
***included*)**

Erasmus+ KA-151 Youth Project
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Welcome to the information pack for the upcoming youth exchange “Digital Action for Youth Participation” *DigiAct* organized by Babilon Travel NGO. Please read it in advance because it contains important information about the activity.



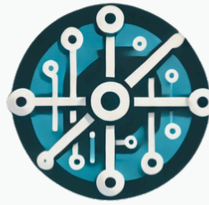
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About us

Babilon Travel NGO is a non-governmental organisation based in Cluj-Napoca Romania, which is designing programmes and projects that promote the social and economic inclusion of young people with disabilities or fewer opportunities, on local and European level. These programmes and projects are widely using elements of non-formal education, intercultural learning, active European citizenship and volunteering.

Summary of the mobility

Place: Ohrid, North Macedonia

Dates: 27.04.2025 - 05.05.2025 (including travel days)

Participants: 40 participants + 2 facilitators

Participant countries: Romania, North Macedonia, Serbia, Czech Republic, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

About the youth exchange

In an increasingly digital world, the ability to leverage technology for advocacy and participation is crucial for young people. The Digital Action for Youth Participation (DigiAct) exchange seeks to empower youth from diverse backgrounds, including those with sensory impairments, to effectively use digital platforms for active engagement in their communities. Held in the city of Ohrid, North Macedonia, this exchange will provide participants with hands-on experience and collaborative opportunities to explore how digital tools can amplify voices, promote inclusivity, and bridge divides. By creating impactful advocacy materials, participants will leave equipped to inspire positive change in their local and global communities.



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The main aim of the youth exchange is to equip young people with the digital skills and knowledge necessary for active participation and advocacy, fostering inclusivity and collaboration across diverse communities.

By emphasizing inclusivity, the Youth Exchange ensures that youth with sensory impairments and those facing other barriers are empowered to engage fully and advocate for positive societal change.

Objectives

- To provide participants with the skills and knowledge to use digital tools effectively for youth engagement and advocacy.
- To promote creativity and teamwork by collaboratively designing visually impactful digital advocacy materials that promote inclusivity.
- To improve participants' understanding of how digital tools can connect diverse communities, including those with sensory impairments.

Learning outcomes

Participants will co-create adapted visually impactful advocacy campaign posters and engaging infographics that highlight the power of digital tools in promoting youth participation and inclusivity. These materials will serve as resources for inspiring and engaging their local communities.



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Participants' profile

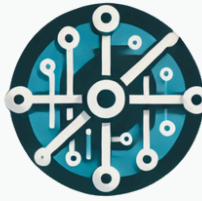
- Citizens or legal residents of: Romania, North Macedonia, Serbia, Czech Republic, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Youngsters aged between (17-30), able to communicate in English
- Youth leaders and accompanying persons, age 18+
- Youth leaders connected to their sending organization.
- Ready to interact with their disabled/non- disabled peers in an active and supportive way
- Committed to attend for the full duration of the youth exchange

Each partner organization will send a total of 8 participants, divided as follows:

- 1 youth leader (age 18 +, connected to the sending organization)
- 4 typical young person (age 17-30)
- 1 young person with fewer opportunities (age 17-30)
- 1 young person with sensory impairments (age 17-30)
- 1 experienced accompanying person (age 18+)



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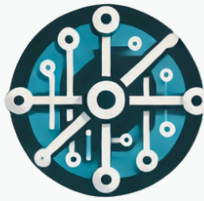


*The **accompanying person** supports the young person with sensory impairments, helping them fully take part in the project. They assist with communication, navigating spaces, and making sure activities and materials are accessible. This support ensures the young participant can engage, learn, and contribute alongside the others effectively.*

***Youth leaders** are expected to guide and support their team throughout the youth exchange, promoting engagement and ensuring inclusivity. Their tasks include preparing participants beforehand, facilitating group dynamics and sometimes activities during the exchange, hand in are required documents from the coordinating organization and contributing to follow-up activities and project dissemination after the event.*



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Travel information

In line with Erasmus+ Programme rules (funded by the European Union), travel costs will be reimbursed based on the most economical, eco-friendly, and efficient options. Key details are as follows:

- Eligible options include low-cost flights, 2nd class train tickets, buses, minivans, and carpooling.
- Original tickets, invoices, receipts, and boarding passes must be provided for reimbursement.
- Travel costs also cover public transportation (taxis are NOT eligible unless there are no public transport options available).
- Travel expenses will be reimbursed within 45 days after the mobility, if provided all necessary documents, tasks and dissemination materials are submitted.
- Reimbursement will be made directly to the sending organisation's bank account.

Important: Do not purchase any tickets without receiving our approval.



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We will reimburse the travel based on real costs not exceeding the lump sums based on the Erasmus+ travel distance bands. Use the distance calculator, and calculate the upper limit of what can be covered by Erasmus+ grant. Please enter the place where your journey starts and enter 'Ohrid, North Macedonia' as the end point of the journey.

The calculator will show a straight line distance. If your travel costs exceed these amounts, your (or your organisation's) contribution will cover the remaining amount. Be aware that Erasmus+ functions as co-funding programme and does not aim to cover all your costs.

These are the lump sums for travel costs:

Distance	"Non-Green" travel	Green travel
10-99 km	23 EUR	-
100-499 km	180 EUR	210 EUR
500-1999 km	275 EUR	320 EUR
2000-2999 km	360 EUR	410 EUR
3000-3999 km	530 EUR	610 EUR



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Travel Plan

From the very first meeting, all partners agreed on the following travel plan for this youth exchange to ensure a smooth and coordinated arrival of participants:

- The Romanian team will start their journey by bus from Cluj-Napoca, traveling towards the venue.
- Along the way, they will pick up the Serbian team from Pozarevac and the Macedonian team from Skopje.
- If flight schedules and airport selection allow, they will also pick up the Czech team from Skopje Airport.
- The Czech team will land either in Skopje or Ohrid Airport, depending on their final flight arrangements.
- The Bosnian team will travel separately, using a minivan to reach the venue.

This joint travel arrangement is meant to optimize logistics, facilitate team bonding, and ensure a timely and efficient arrival for all participants. Further details on departure times and exact pick-up locations will be shared closer to the event.



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Good to keep in mind

- To receive a YouthPass, each participant must attend the full duration of the activity and participate in all the workshops. Please, keep in mind, according to Erasmus+ guidelines, if a participant doesn't attend at minimum 80% of the activities and fail to meet this requirement, may result in partial or no reimbursement of travel costs or other expenses.
- We kindly ask the participants to bring their health insurance or European Health card. The health insurance is not covered by the budget. A health insurance or EU health card is mandatory!
- We ask all the participants to pay attention (application form) and to inform us about allergies, food intolerances and special needs (even food or products they don't eat) and we will communicate with the restaurant.
- Each country group will come prepared with minimum 2 energizers.

Registration form for participants

For the official registration, please access the link below:

[Registration form](#)

Please fill out the form WITHOUT diacritics or capital letters!

The selected participants will be contacted by their sending organization from their own country!



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Accommodation

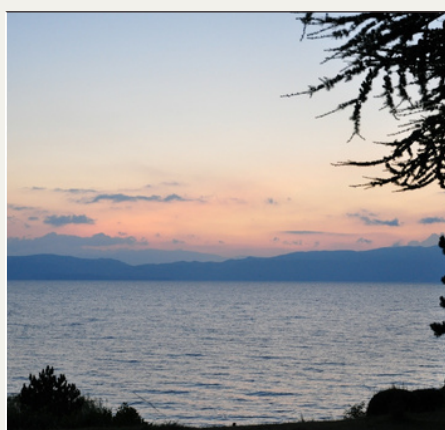
Participants will stay at in Congress Centre-Ohrid, in double rooms with private bathroom. The facility offers comfortable rooms with desks and other basic amenities. The hotel is conveniently located, at the lakeshore, surrounded by a park. Participants will be hosted in rooms of 2 participants of the same gender. Free-Wifi, towels and the other amenities will be provided by the hotel.

Accommodation, food and other project related expenses are 100% funded by the Erasmus+ project.

The food prepared and served is of the traditional domestic as well as international cuisine.

Address of the hotel: Congress Centre - Ohrid, s. Konjsko, (near Lagadin) 6000 Ohrid Republic of Macedonia

For further information about the hotel, please visit their official website: <http://www.kco.ukim.mk/>





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Good to know information about the location

The youth exchange will take place approximately 6 kilometers from Ohrid, North Macedonia, situated along the picturesque shores of Lake Ohrid.

Weather & Clothing: April to early May brings mild temperatures, with highs around 18-20°C and lows near 6°C. Participants can bring a bathing suit for swimming but should also pack a jacket (hoodie) for cooler evenings. While the lake may look inviting, water temperatures are around 15-16°C—refreshing for those who enjoy a brisk swim.

Language: The official language is Macedonian, but many locals, especially younger people and those in tourism, speak English.

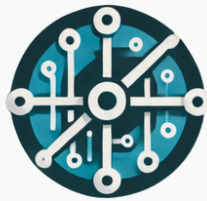
Currency: The currency is the Macedonian Denar (MKD), and while cards are accepted in many places, cash is still widely used.

Time Zone: North Macedonia follows Central European Time (CET, UTC+1).

Other information: Tap water is safe to drink, and Ohrid is known for its historic sites and local markets. It's good to carry some cash for small purchases, and power plugs are Type F (230V, 50Hz) like in most European countries.



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Partners

Asociatia Babilon Travel, Romania (coordinating organization)

Association for Youth Activism and Growth - Excel Skopje, North Macedonia

Novotarium, Serbia

Mladioevropani z.s., Czech Republic

CERK - Center for Career Development, Bosnia and Herzegovina