



## International Youth Exchange "Cultural Harmony of our Differences"

Place: Kranj & Zapotok, Slovenia

Date: 17. - 24. 9. 2018

APV: 11. - 12. 8. 2018

Age of participants: 18 - 26

Topic: "Music through cultural diversity"



Host country:

Slovenia – Klub študentov Kranj

Other countries involved:

Spain - Youth.Activ.ES

Latvia - Young Folks LV

Poland - Youth of Europe

Italy - Cilento Youth Union

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## Dear Participants and partner organizations

In this info-pack you will find the basic information about the project, the programme, and the venue.

### HOSTING ORGANISATION

Klub študentov Kranj

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Klub študentov Kranj (Students' Club Kranj) was established in 1990. It's a voluntary, independent, non-profit association of students and pupils, with a view to integration, education, raising the cultural level and the provision of benefits to its members - current members can choose from a large range of different benefits.

Events in the club's organization are based on four pillars: department of Education prepares educational workshops, courses, lectures and excursions into the unknown; department of Culture is responsible for creative workshops, Entertaining events and relaxing evenings at cultural events; department for Welfare and Health helps young mothers and raises awareness of diseases; department for Sport offers adrenaline activities, recreation (swimming, football, basketball, volleyball) and tournaments as well as encourages a healthy mind in a healthy body.

Every year in May, Klub študentov Kranj organises a festival called Teden mladih (Week of Youth), which hosts more than 100 events, such as concerts, sport and cultural events, lectures and possibilities to enjoy culinary treats in the centre of town Kranj.

Klub študentov Kranj website, FB page and Youth Week web page.



## ABOUT "C.H.O.R.D." YOUTH EXCHANGE

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Project includes the participation of five countries; Slovenia, Italy, Latvia, Poland and Spain. The project will take place in Zapotok and later in town Kranj, home of hosting organization Klub študentov Kranj. In order to emphasize the importance of combining young people on musical and cultural events, the project will focus primarily on combining cultures through music. Participating organisations see the positive effects of music on young people, especially in terms of active leisure time. When creating music, young people can easily connect with different people, whether they are young, old, urban or rural. 25 young people and 7 leaders will join the project, which will focus on the topics of intercultural integration and how to successfully cooperate with local organizations and connect young people from different backgrounds. We will enable the local population to take an active part in certain cultural and educational events that we will prepare during the week.

Our participants are young people aged between 18 and 26, and their group leaders. While creating a safe environment between participants we will go through many activities such as improvisation, performing, discovering language barriers, building instruments, making songbook, exploring nature, writing articles for students newspaper, performing at local radio station and organising a public local event. Through the whole exchange we will be filming a movie about the happening of the week and make a presentation of a learning process of youth exchange.

At the end of Exchange group will prepare open event - a performance with music, singing, dancing and humorous parts.

#### **Therefore, our objectives are:**

- ~ Increase young people's involvement in intercultural and international experience; especially for those with fewer opportunities.
- ~ To enable local population's participation in cultural workshops and intercultural evenings as well as reading about the activities on the internet and newspaper and to improve the dissemination of information in the local environment.
- ~ To enable participants to reflect on their learning and to familiarise themselves with Youthpass.
- ~ - Develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people
- ~ Provide young people with the opportunity to learn from each other and to learn by doing



- ~ Foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries - Promote European cooperation in the youth
- ~ Provide space for networking and planning common activities for the future

In their free time, participants will have time to explore the town and surrounding areas, meet locals, visit cultural sights.

### **COSTS**

Board, lodging and program costs will be provided and covered by grant from the Erasmus+ programme.

### **PARTICIPANT'S PROFILE**

- ~ Number of participants per country: 5 + 1 group leader.
- ~ The group of participants is going to be as diverse as possible - coming from different cultural backgrounds and environment.
- ~ Priority will be given to participants with fewer opportunities; young people from less privileged cultural, geographical, or socio-economic backgrounds.
- ~ Please keep gender balance of participants and limit age between 18 - 26.

### **YOUTHPASS**

Every participant is individually entitled to receive a Youthpass Certificate which confirms participation and validates the non-formal learning (NFL) experience of the Youth Exchange project. Self-evaluation and validation of participants' learning experience are important as such and the document can be of benefit in terms of the educational or employment future of the participant.

Through Youthpass the European Commission ensures the Youth Exchange activity is recognised as a non-formal learning experience. For more information on [Youthpass](#).



### TIMETABLE "C.H.O.R.D."

DAY / HOUR	8:00 - 9:15	9.30 - 10:00	10.00 - 11.30	12.00 - 13.30	13.30 - 15.00	15.00 - 16.30	17.00 - 18.30	18:30 - 19:00	Dinner	20.15 - 20.30	21.00 - 22.30/-
<b>Monday 17. 9.</b>						Arrivals of participants to Zapotok (Organised transport to Zapotok)		18.30 - 20.15		Welcome party	
<b>Tuesday 18. 9.</b>	Breakfast	Energizer Slovenia	Icebreakers and name games	Exchange Ruls	Lunch	Erasmus+ and Youthpass presentation	Show me your national dance	Group Meetings	19.00 - 20.15	Leaders meeting	Fireplace evening
<b>Wednesday 19. 9.</b>	Breakfast	Energizer Spain	Teambuilding activity (Song exchange) - hike to Kurešček			Basics of Improvisation	Music Impovisation	Visit of Local Radio station	Intercultural evening preparation		Intercultural evening
<b>Thursday 20. 9.</b>	Breakfast + house cleaning & packing till 9:30	9:30 BUS Departure to Kranj	10:45 Visit of Kranj Municipality	Hostel check in		Project Songbook writing	Song exchange / Movi making	Group Meetings (daily evaluation)	19.00 - 20.15		Masquerada
<b>Friday 21. 9.</b>	Breakfast	Preparation of "E+ Brekfast on the square" + Energizer Latvia	E+ Breakfast on Slovenski trg	Center Korak visit - workshop with visitors		Cajon workshop with local artist			19.00 - 20.15		Board games evening
<b>Saturday 22. 9.</b>	Breakfast	Energizer Poland	"C.H.O.R.D." songbook making	Preparation on final event "C.H.O.R.D."		Preparation on final event "C.H.O.R.D."	Preparation of the hall, rehearsal		19.00 - 20.15		FINAL PUBLIC EVENT "C.H.O.R.D."
<b>Sunday 23. 9.</b>	Breakfast	Energizer Italy	Evaluation of "CHORD" event	Tunels of Kranj visit		Promo movie & writing articles	Final Evaluation		19.00 - 20.15		Farewell Party (Youthpass Ceramony)
<b>Monday 24. 9.</b>	Breakfast (8:00 - 10:30)		Departures from Kranj								



## WHAT TO PREPARE BEFORE THE PROJECT

Each national group should prepare cultural program for intercultural evening. Every country will have around 30 minutes to share something about their culture with others. Short media presentation can be prepared; we have speakers and a screen to project the videos / pictures. Participants can bring traditional food, drinks, clothes, etc. You can also bring maps, posters, postcards and leaflets to show us where you come from.

## LOCATION

Kranj is the fourth largest city in Slovenia, with a population of 55.800 (2012). It is located approximately 12 miles northwest of Ljubljana. The centre of the City Municipality of Kranj and of the traditional region of Upper Carniola (north-western Slovenia) is a mainly industrial city with significant electronics and rubber industries. More about the town [Kranj](#).

Zapotok pri Kureščku is a small village, located south of Ljubljana.

## ACCOMMODATION

ZAPOTOK - First nights group will stay at big cottage in Zapotok, near Ig. Accommodation has different rooms with bunk beds, so you would need to bring linens or a slipping bag. Outside space is really nice, with fireplace, forests and playground.

Address: Zapotok 4, Ig

KRANJ - Participants will be accommodated in Hostel Cukrarna, which is situated in the centre of town Kranj. Rooms with pre-prepared beds have linens and towels. The house offers a free wi-fi internet connection all over the hostel.

Address: Tavčarjeva ulica 9, 4000 Kranj, Slovenija

You can check the hostel [here](#).

## WHAT TO PACK

Here is the list of things you should bring with you, or consider when packing:

- ~ Valid document: Passport or ID.
- ~ Travel documentation (tickets, travel invoices, boarding passes, etc.).
- ~ Medicines (painkillers, anti-allergy, or similar that you are familiar with).
- ~ Technology you might need during your stay (camera, laptop).
- ~ The electricity is standard European: 220V, 50Hz, 2 pin plugs.
- ~ **Sleeping bag or bed linen & towel (you will need it for first 3 days).**



## TRAVEL COSTS

Travel costs will be refunded based on original tickets and receipts up to the maximum amounts listed below:

Latvia	For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM	275 EUR per participant
Spain	For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM	275 EUR per participant
Poland	For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM	275 EUR per participant
Italy	For travel distances between 500 and 1999 KM	275 EUR per participant
Slovenia	/	/

**REMEMBER TO KEEP ALL YOUR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS - INVOICES, TRAVEL ITINERARIES AND BOARDING PASSES!**

## TRAVEL INSTRUCTIONS (arrivals to LJUBLJANA, and DEPARTURES from KRANJ)

### AIRPORT

The best option is to fly either directly to Ljubljana (LJU), Venice Treviso (TSF), Venice Marco Polo (VCE) or Zagreb (ZAG).

Airlines: Easyjet, Wizzair, Ryanair, Adria.

If flying to Ljubljana airport, take BUS to Ljubljana Bus station.

From Venice take a van [GoOpti](#) straight to Bus/train station LJUBLJANA (most likely cheapest and fastest way).

Journey from Ljubljana airport to Ljubljana Bus station takes 35-50 minutes by bus (depends on traffic situation).

Local bus: [Alpetour](#)

### BUS

If you travel to Slovenia by bus, search for bus station Ljubljana.

### TRAIN

If you travel by train, choose a train station Ljubljana.

Train company: Slovenske železnice

## ORGANISED TRANSPORT FROM LUBLJANA TO ZAPOTOK ON 17<sup>th</sup> September

We will organise transport from Ljubljana on 17<sup>th</sup>, so when we receive all your travel details we will book a van to take you to Zapotok. It takes around 30 minutes to get there.



## **WEATHER**

Average temperature in September is 12 - 26°C.

## **INSURANCE**

Participants will be responsible for arranging insurance for themselves. Please bring your European Health Insurance Card, which you can get for free. We also kindly recommend you to get extra travel insurance before coming to Slovenia.

## **FACEBOOK GROUP**

We would like to ask chosen participants to join Facebook group, where we will share important information and open possibility to communicate with each other before and after the project.

Group: [C.HO.R.D. - Erasmus+ \(Youth Exchange, Slovenia\)](#)

In case you have any question, please contact project coordinator.

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**Looking forward to meeting you,  
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