



Youth Exchange “SUNemploymentTOO” Komotini 3 - 11 August, 2017



Summary of the project:

The youth exchange “SUNemploymentTOO” with 8 partner organizations and 40 participants (4 participants +1 leader) from 8 different European countries (Greece, Slovenia, Cyprus, Italy, Germany, Latvia, Poland and Portugal) will take a place in Komotini - Greece from 3 till 11 August 2017.

The youth exchange “SUNemploymentTOO”
8 European countries / 40 participants / Athens, Greece

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Nowadays all around Europe the youth unemployment is increasing and there are countries such as Greece where 65% of young people are unemployed. Young workers they are trying to get a summer job and they have to work with less than the basic, without working Rights in very bad conditions unable to react as they need at least a seasonal job to survive. SUNemploymentTOO is exactly this kind of employment that is temporary and as the summer pass, you are again unemployed. “SUNemploymentTOO”, it is more than a project title as express the demand of all the young people all around Europe and especially in the South, for stability, dignity, respect, work, Social Rights and a better future. During the 7 days of the Youth Exchange, 40 young people from 8 different countries will share opinions and ideas on unemployment and the lack of awareness of opportunities. They will be informed about their Rights and how they can go to work abroad through the right path. They will explore creativity in the workplace as the youth must bring energy, imagination, new ideals and a limitless vision with them. The project aims to inform youth about situation of youth unemployment in different countries as well as about job and educational opportunities. Young people they will learn how to see the summer as a job opportunity and not a job for opportunists who take advantage of young people. By learning their Rights and how to protect those, with the use of the right programs such as Erasmus plus, EURES and EU funding opportunities for young entrepreneurs, they will be in better place than before. Emphasis will be given European Voluntary Service as an opportunity for youth to get involved in various activities.

Youth Exchange time Plan:

Plan your trip according the arrivals to Komotini and departures from Komotini!!

Arrival Date of the project: 3 August 2017 (before 18.00 p.m. you have to be in Komotini)

Departure Date of the project: 11 August 2017 (you have to leave this day from Komotini, not the previous one)

Duration (without travel days): 8 working days



Profile of participants and partner organizations:

Totally in the Project will be 8 countries and 40 participants. From each organization 4 participants + 1 leader in age 18 - 25. The leader doesn't have any age limit. Participants have to be related and interested within the topic.

Insurance:

All the participants are responsible to obtain a health and full travel insurance. The costs for the insurance have to be covered by you. If applicable, remember your European Health Insurance Card.

Place of Activity:

The project activities will be held in Komotini. You will be accommodated in the hotel „Orpheus” located in the centre of Komotini. <http://www.hotelorfeas.gr/en>

All the participants will stay in triple rooms. Breakfast will be provided by the hotel, lunch and dinner in local restaurants.

Project activities will be held in „EuropeDirect” office: <http://europedirectkomotini.eu/eud/en/>

About Komotini:

Komotini (Greek: Κομοτηνή, Turkish: Gümülcine) is a city in Thrace, northeastern Greece. It is the capital of the region of East Macedonia and Thrace and of the Rhodope regional unit. It was the administrative center of the Rhodope-Evros super-prefecture until its abolishment in 2011. The city is home to the Democritus University of Thrace, founded in 1973. Komotini is home to a sizeable Muslim minority, which constitutes 50% of the city's population.

Built at the northern part of the plain bearing the same name, Komotini is the seat as well as the administrative, financial and cultural center of the prefecture. It is also the seat of Eastern Macedonia – Thrace Region and a transport interchange. During the Turkish occupation, Goumoultzina or Gkoumourtzina (as Komotini was known at the time) was the most important settlement of the region and became very prosperous. During the second half of the 19th century it became major agricultural and breeding center of the area. It was liberated in 1913, but did not join Greece until May 1920 with the signature of the Treaty of Sevres. A great number of refugees settled in Komotini in 1922-1923. In the modern town the Christian and Muslim communities co-exist in peace as far as culture and every day habits are concerned. It is located 795 km NE of Athens and 281 km NE of Thessaloniki.

How to reach Komotini:

Please before buying the tickets, confirm the chosen flight with us! We suggest to come to Thessaloniki better as its not that far as Athens from Komotini.

- 1) **Flying to Athens!** From Athens to Komotini is 795 km. There is a direct bus twice per day: 8.30 a.m. and 20.30 p.m.. The ticket costs 90 EUR with the return. Buy it with return is much more cheaper (one way costs 70 euros)! From the airport you take the bus nr X93 to go to the bus station (last stop). This option is recommended only if the flight to Athens is much more cheaper or you want to see Athens. Takes 8.5 hours by bus from Athens to Komotini.
In case you would like to spend night in Athens, you have to be very careful and be on time for the morning bus at the central bus station. Inform us what you will do, so we can send further instructions if needed!
- 2) **Flying to Thessaloniki!** There are buses at 8:30, 11:30, 14:30, 16:30, 18:00 to Komotini. Takes around 3 hours to Komotini and costs around 45 EUR with the return. There is bus number 78 that takes you from the airport to the bus station.
- 3) **Coming from Istanbul!** From Istanbul Komotini is 7,5 hours depends on how much time will take on the border's control. The ticket costs around 36 EUR with the return.

Travel cost limits:

Nr	Partner Organization	Country	Number of people	Max travel budget for one person, EUR (100%)
1.	JUGEND, BILDUNG UND KULTUR EV	Germany	4+1	275
2.	Work in Progress	Italy	4+1	275
3.	Sistema un G Latvija	Latvia	4+1	360
4.	DOREA Educational Institute WTF	Cyprus	4+1	275
5.	Fundacja “Zielony Slon”	Poland	4+1	275
6.	Associacao Check-In-Cooperacao E Desenvolvimento	Portugal	4+1	360
7.	Kulturno umetnisko drustvo Plac	Slovenia	4+1	275

HomeWork:

1st presentation has to be about the issues of youth unemployment and how to deal with it in your countries, focusing on youth work during the summer months.

The 2nd presentation has to be about your organization.

Inter Cultural Evening:

There will be a special evening where every team will present their country. Please prepare a short presentation about your country focused on culture and bring with you traditional music, food, drinks and everything else you think you would like to show and share with the other participants. Every country will have 5 minutes in total. After all presentations will be a small party in the office garden.

Weather:

The average temperature in Komotini will be very hot and sunny. You can check the weather forecast in <http://www.gismeteo.com> before your arrival.

Take light clothes and sunscreen and comfort shoes for outdoor activities☺

Financial Conditions:

Accommodation and food supply will be covered 100%. We will provide participants with three meals a day and coffee breaks when needed. These travel expenses will be reimbursed to the partner organisation or leader via transfer. We would like to remind you that flight tickets need to be economy class. Participants need to bring and submit the original tickets, invoices where is shown the PRICE and BOARDING PASSES in order to get their reimbursement. Invoices should be in EUR and your names should be written on the invoices. If the participants do not submit the respective original documents to us, their payment will not be reimbursable!!! Please let us know the costs of your travel from your country to Komotini, sending the e-ticket and invoice when you buy the travel tickets to proceed the reimbursement forms in advance (for those who haven't done it yet). Participants can arrive to Greece 2 days before the starting date of the activity and their departure ticket can be 2 days after the date of completion of the activity. The travel costs per person are indicated above.

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