

SPREADING BADGES TRAINING COURSE DIGITAL TOOL FOR RECOGNITION OF VOLUNTEERING



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Since 2012 Cazalla Intercultural has been developing an online system for learning recognition of the skills of young volunteers. The Open Digital Badge is an innovative digital certificate, which recognizes those competencies difficult to measure within the formal education, i.e. the so-called “non-academic” knowledge, values and attitude deemed necessary nowadays. The online tool is based on 8 key competencies which will assist the volunteer with planning their learning process, what steps the volunteer has to undertake in order to obtain a skill and in the end their skills to be formally recognized.

SPREADING BADGES training course will be carried out in the course of 5 consecutive days during which the participants will understand the concept of the Open Digital Badge, how this system works, what gamified learning is and how this digital tool can help them in their daily youth work.

Arrival Date: 6th May 2018

Training Course Dates: 7th May – 11th May 2018

Departure Date: 12th May 2018

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

- To study and explore the Open Badges tool;
- To learn how to use it as a tool for support and recognition of the obtained knowledge and competencies of the volunteers;
- To understand how to use it in their daily work;
- To know how to implement it in different projects;
- To spread the ideas of the Open Badges to their colleagues and partners.

PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

- EVS COORDINATORS AND TUTORS
- YOUTH WORKERS WORKING WITH LONG TERM VOLUNTEERS
- A MINIMUM OF 1 YEAR OF WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE FIELD

COUNTRY	PARTICIPANTS	TRAVEL GRANT
SPAIN	4	180.00 € per person
ARMENIA	2	530.00 € per person
BELARUS	2	360.00 € per person
BELGIUM	2	275.00 € per person
FRANCE	2	275.00 € per person
GREECE	2	360.00 € per person
MOLDOVA	2	360.00 € per person
POLAND	2	360.00 € per person
ROMANIA	2	360.00 € per person
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	2	530.00 € per person
UKRAINE	2	530.00 € per person

HOW TO PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE EVENT

- ❖ Take with you anything that could make the evenings and leisure time funny and chill: music instruments, games, playing cards, etc. We are here to learn and to have fun 😊
- ❖ Take with you your own toiletries and towels 😊
- ❖ Check up on our web page regularly 😊



VENUE OF THE EVENT

Lorca is a beautiful small town in the South-East of Spain. It is called "The city of the sun" because it is usually very sunny here. Check the weather forecast here: <https://www.worldweatheronline.com/lorca-weather/murcia/es.aspx>

The Youth Hostel is 15 mins away from the city centre. On the first floor of the building is situated our working space (Cazalla's offices and Lorca Youth Council). On the second floor is the Youth hostel.

@ the YOUTH HOSTEL...



This youth centre is inspired by TV series ☺ The participants will sleep in rooms based on Breaking Bad, Game of Thrones, The Big Bang Theory, etc. We want everyone to feel comfortable and to have fun ☺

All participants will be accommodated in rooms for 4 people. There are 3 bathrooms with showers (1 for women, 1 for men and a mixed one only with toilets). There are not private bathrooms in the rooms. The hostel provides the bedding but there are not towels. There is WIFI in the hostel. We

recommend the participants to bring with them all printed materials they may need. Otherwise there is a copy centre near our hostel. There always will be someone from the coordinators' team in the hostel and at the participants' disposal during their stay.

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided by the Youth hostel. The kitchen is fully equipped and is open all the time. The participants will declare their special needs (food allergies and preferences) in the registration form.

HOW TO GET TO LORCA, SPAIN

Please **DO NOT** fly to or from Murcia airport, the connections are REALLY bad!

I. To Alicante Airport

When you buy your airline ticket please bear in mind not to arrive at Alicante after 8:15 pm or departure from Alicante before 11:00 am.

Option 1. Upon your arrival at Alicante airport take a bus to Murcia from the bus station on the top level of the airport. There are buses every 2 hours from 07:15 am to 9:15 pm. The trip takes 45 mins and costs around 6.00 €.



Once in Murcia take the bus #26A to get to the train station. There are trains from Murcia to *Lorca San Diego* (this is the first station of Lorca when coming from Murcia) every hour from 06:15 am to 10:15 pm. The trip takes one hour and costs around 6.00 €. You may also take the bus to Lorca from

Murcia's bus station but the bus station at Lorca is 2 km away from the Youth hostel. For further information please check www.renfe.es – Cercanías: Murcia/Alicante.

Option 2. Take a city bus from the Airport and ask the driver to tell you when you arrive at San Gabriel's stop. When you get there take a train (Cercanías) to Murcia, then transfer to another local train to Lorca (at San Gabriel you may buy a direct ticket to Lorca or you can buy the ticket also on the train).

Option 3. By the city bus you can go to Alicante's bus station and take a bus to Lorca. There are very few buses and you mostly need to buy the ticket in advance on www.alsa.es. Note that the last bus leaves at 9:45 pm and the first one at 03:30 am.

II. TO MADRID BARAJAS AIRPORT

BY BUS: There are direct busses (ca. twice a day) from Terminal 4 to Lorca. The ticket costs around 35.00 € and the trip takes 6,5-7 h. You can also catch a bus from one of the bus stations, Estación de Autobuses – Estación Sur. In order to get there take metro (pink line) until the end (Nuevos Ministerios) and then change to the grey line going to Mendez Alvaro. To check the bus schedule go to www.alsa.es. You can also purchase tickets online in www.movelia.com.

BY TRAIN: Take the metro from the airport to Madrid Chamartín train station (you will have to change the lines twice or three times). Then take a train to Murcia. In Murcia you can get the ticket to Lorca San Diego for free in the ticket machines with the code written on the ticket from Madrid to Murcia (“Combinado Cercanías”). The ticket costs between 38.00 € and 47.00 €. To check the train schedule visit please www.renfe.es. If you decide to travel by train, we advise you to buy the ticket in advance (online) as the Madrid-Murcia connection is very popular and trains are usually full! You can download the Madrid metro plan from here www.metromadrid.es. Please keep in mind that in order to arrive to Lorca THE SAME DAY, you should be at the airport by 3:00 pm, not later, to catch the train at 16:30.

III. TO VALENCIA AIRPORT

BY TRAIN: Take the metro from the airport to Valencia Estació del Nord train station (ticket costs around 4,90 €). There take a train to Murcia del Carmen (tickets between 20-40.00 €). The trip takes 3-3,5h. After arriving at Murcia, buy a ticket to Lorca San Diego (first train station). You can get it from the ticket machines inside the train station (“Cercanías”) and it costs 5,60 €. The train ride takes ca. 50 minutes. To check train schedule go to www.renfe.com.

BY BUS: Take the metro from the airport to Valencia bus station and take a bus to Murcia (17,59 €). The trip takes 3-5,5h. To check the bus schedule go to www.alsa.es. You can also purchase tickets online.

IV. TO BARCELONA AIRPORT

Take a bus from the airport to Plaza de España. It costs 2.00 €. When you get there take the bus to Barcelona Sants station (Sants Estacio), which also costs 2.00 €. You can also take the metro, which is very near the bus station. The bus and the metro will take you straight to the train station. The train ticket to Lorca costs 58.00 €. There is a possibility to book it beforehand and it should be cheaper.

Another option: CARPOOLING

As the Erasmus+ programme is more flexible in terms of how you travel, you can come to Lorca also by car or taxi. **However you will have to keep all the receipts and invoices and get to the training course on time.** You can try on www.blablacar.es (always keep in mind that English is not widely spread in Spain, so the majority of people speak only Spanish).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BUYING LOCAL TRANSPORT TICKETS

You need to buy train/bus tickets in advance (except for Renfe Cercanías). Usually tickets are sold out very fast (especially from Madrid Airport to Lorca). Please buy the tickets through MOVELIA www.movelia.es, as other websites sometimes do not accept international cards.

ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The Erasmus+ Programme provides accommodation and food. If you have any special requirements please let us know in the form, so we can make your experience as enjoyable as possible.

VISA AND INSURANCE

We kindly ask the European participants and non-EU participants to take care of the health insurance for both travel and stay during the training course. Otherwise, any expenses for medical care in Spain will be considered as personal costs of the participants. Cazalla Intercultural will not reimburse the participants for any medical costs. We strongly recommend to bring with you your European health insurance card or for participants outside of the EU - a

travel insurance (more info here <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>)

CAN I STAY LONGER?

The project envisages 6th May as an arrival date and 12th May – departure date. If you want to spend one or two days more in Spain it is not a problem, but the project will not cover your lodging and food. Please inform us before buying the tickets.

REIMBURSEMENT

All partners will receive the exact amount of money the participant has paid for their journey to Lorca. However, this sum must not surpass the max amount of the Travel Grant defined by the European Commission (see p. 2). All participants should keep their boarding passes/bus/travel tickets, etc. and upon arrival to give them to Cazalla's Coordinator. Upon return to their home country all participants have to post the original travel documents to us.

HOW TO GET THE REIMBURSEMENT

Only participants who attend at least 80% of the programme of the training course are entitled to reimbursement of their expenses.

WHAT CAN I DO IF I CANNOT BUY THE TICKETS IN ADVANCE?

Please contact us and we will try to help you. Do not risk to travel without tickets.

ARE TAXIS, RENT CARS OR CARPOOLING ACCEPTED AS A MEANS OF TRANSPORT?

The Erasmus+ Programme is more flexible in terms of how you travel. Just make sure you have tickets and invoices for every costs during your journey. The amount of money you will receive is fixed, and it does not depend on how much you spend.

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