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Erasmus+ youth exchange

Becoming a Social Entrepreneur

- Age: 18-25
- Covered:
accommodation,
meals, transport

Renavas, Lithuania



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Labdaros ir paramos fondas "G vaiku pasaulis"

We are glad to welcome you to the
youth exchange
“Becoming a Social Entrepreneur”
and look forward to meet you in
Lithuania.

Please read all the provided information
carefully and do not hesitate to ask
questions if needed.



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WHO are we?



- The Charity and Support Fund "G Children's World" was established in Mazeikiai, Lithuania in November, 2010.
- We give our assistance to children from financially poor families in Lithuania. We believe that those families, and especially large ones, lack public attention and support.
- Moreover, in those families grow many bright, talented, active children, for whom deprivation often suppresses the desire to achieve something, improve, and create. We aim to help these children to enable them to unfold in creation and sports, to have the motivation to learn and see the world more widely.
- We strive to serve as a bridge between the municipalities, business associations, major local companies and citizens residing in Lithuania and abroad. Our goal is to unite those people, the businesses and organizations that can help, support, and be the center for the people searching for help.



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Participating organizations



Oorganization	Country
Labdaros ir paramos fondas "G vaiku pasaulis" (applicant)	Lithuania
Asociatia Comunitatilor Interculturale	Romania
FUNDACJA CENTRUM AKTYWNOSCI TWORCZEJ	Poland
Permaculture Dalmatia	Croatia
PLANBE PLAN IT BE IT	Cyprus
YOUTHFULLY YOURS SK	Slovakia



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Goal of the project



- By observing the examples of the Western world where social business has been successful for decades, we realized that we have every opportunity to educate young people, share information about the principles and benefits of social business.
- The **aim** of the project is to promote youth **entrepreneurship**, focusing on the **social business model**, providing young people with important entrepreneurial foundations and strengthening motivation for self-realization.
- **Tasks:**
 - to teach young people to understand the social business model by developing their understanding of social business creation and business itself;
 - To teach entrepreneurship: to provide knowledge on business management by sharing the experience of established entrepreneurs;
 - To train to be an entrepreneur: to provide knowledge, and to know, motivate and encourage the idea of starting a social business;
 - To develop social responsibility: to teach to identify social problems and generate social business ideas for their solution.



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Activities



- **Planned activities:**
 - Familiarity with the concept of social entrepreneurship.
 - Discussions with entrepreneurs explaining the prerequisites for a successful business and the characteristics that a successful entrepreneur needs.
 - Tasks and role-playing in identifying social problems and how they can be addressed through a social business model.
 - Getting to know the business planning stages.
 - Practical application of the knowledge gained in the project: participants choose an idea, for which they will develop an action plan - social business.
 - **A presentation of the idea to the community will be prepared – final event of the project.**
 - Cultural evenings. National groups of participants present their country's culture, interesting, famous people, traditional dances, games and so on.
- Detailed **timetable** of the exchange will be prepared during the APV.



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APV and project venue



- **Mažeikiai** is a city in the north-western Lithuania, on the Venta River. It has a population of around 45,300, making it the eighth largest city in Lithuania.



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APV and project venue



- The participants will be accommodated and the activities will take place at “Valina” hotel in Mažeikiai. The hotel has necessary conditions for accommodation, catering and implementing activities.
- Participants will be accommodated in the rooms of 2-4 people and will be sharing the toilet and the bathroom with another room of 2-4 people.
- There is a supermarket right next to the hotel.



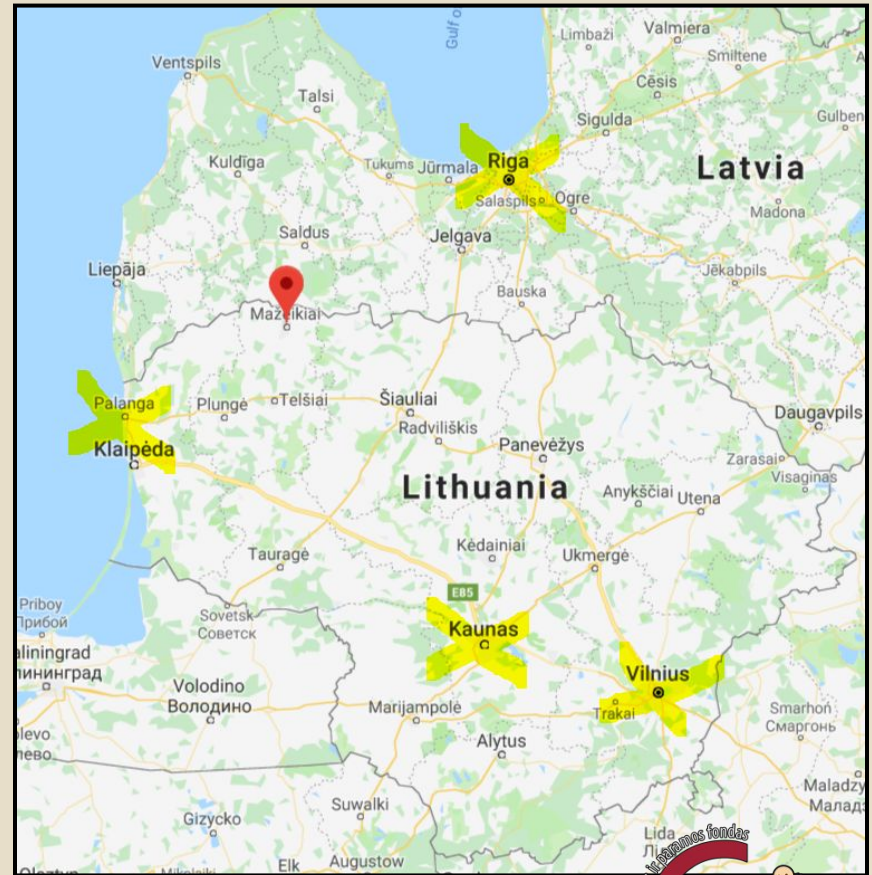
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Travelling



- You can fly to **Vilnius**, **Kaunas** or **Palanga** airports (in Lithuania) or to **Riga** airport (in Latvia), because we are not far from the boarder with Latvia, so Riga's airport is closer to us than Vilnius.
- You can use public transport, such as busses or trains to travel in Lithuania.
- You can look for the busses at <https://www.autobusubilietai.lt/> and for trains at <https://www.traukiniobilietas.lt/portal/en>



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Travel days



Advance Planning Visit (APV)

- APV will last for 2 days:
- **Travel days** for foreign participants are:

Project

- Youth exchange will last for 8 days:
- **Travel days** for foreign participants are:

and
- **Lithuanian** participants come in the morning on the and leave in the evening on thel.



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**For any questions regarding the travel days,
please contact the applicant organization**



Participants of the APV



- There are 2 people from each partner organization invited to the advance planning visit:
 1. A leader (must be over 18 years old);
 2. A participant (from the target group of the youth exchange – 18-25 years old).*

* **IMPORTANT:** a participant coming to the APV **MUST** attend the youth exchange as well. If not – the National Agency does not cover that person's travel expenses to and from the APV.



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Target group of the project



- The youth exchange is designed for youngsters, who are interested in entrepreneurship topic.
- Basic English language skills are necessary.
- Participants: **18-25 years old** young people (participants with fewer opportunities are welcome).
- Each national group will consist of 7 **participants** (6 youngsters + 1 leader).
In total: **42 participants**.
 - Please assure that there is a **gender balance**.
- If any of participants has any medical condition important to know (allergy, astma...), please let us know on time!



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Financial condition

- Accommodation, food and planned activities will be covered by project budget.
- Unit costs of your travel expenses (see table above) will be covered by the organisers with the support of ERASMUS+ programme.

Nr.	Country	Max amount per person in Euro
1.	Lithuania	0
2.	Romania	275
3.	Poland	275
4.	Croatia	275
5.	Cyprus	360
6.	Slovakia	275

- Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance in the programme.
- In order to receive this money for transportation, please keep ALL original invoices, tickets, boarding-passes or any other transport document., and upon completion of the Mobility Tool+ survey (considered mandatory under the Erasmus+).



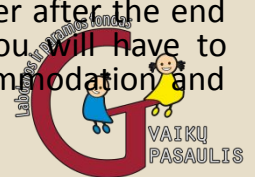
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- The travel costs will be reimbursed via bank transfer.
- Travel documents should be uploaded on Google Drive <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1I74zgWp6K5WCjThGDmqsWmD3jFOWFtlu> (including bus/train tickets, plane boarding passes, plane invoice, a copy of any ticket payment from the bank account to be able to see who paid for the ticket (if paid not in cash).
- You should also fill in the **Form of claim for reimbursement** (found in Google Drive). There is a sample form included to see how it should be filled in.

In this form, please, do not change the amounts from other currencies to euro. Organisers will count by themselves according to all the rules.

- Please note: only cheapest means of transport/fares are subject to reimbursement. Travel and/or baggage insurance is not covered.
- It is possible to come to Lithuania several days earlier or leave several days later after the end of the project. In this case, you will have to cover any extra costs for accommodation and food.





Things needed



- Necessary documents, such as passports, travel documents, etc.
- Personal care products, such as shower gel, shampoo, comb, etc.
- Towels,
- Comfortable clothes and shoes (please check the weather forecast before packing your luggage),
- Slippers (if wanted - for the activities' time inside),
- Typical taste (typical food, sweets, snacks, drink...) of your country for the intercultural evening,
- Some cool pieces of music and games from your country,
- You will be sharing room with other people, so you may want to take earplugs if you are sensitive to noises,
- Something where you can store safely all receipts, tickets, boarding passes. Basically, all documents that we will need in order to refund your travel expenses,
- Any medication you will need during your stay,
- Cameras, laptops and other equipment making life and work easier. At least one person per national group should **BRING THE COMPUTER**. Also, to have some video editing app on the phone or the computer,
- Ideas for team-building games and other activities to have fun,
- And above all bring joy and lots of positive energy! Endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure! Positive attitude, desire to learn and meet cool new people! :)
- It is not required to possess any certification or special skills, just bring your enthusiasm and live the event in its proper and cheerful mood!
- We encourage participants to be an active part of this project, embrace responsibility and enjoy the cultural side of this experience!
- And now, pack your bags, fill your heads with ideas and come to meet us and many other young Europeans in Mazeikiai. Together we can make a change!
- We hope that you find the Project worth participating in and we look forward to meeting you in March 2020!

Security issues



- “Lithuania has banned alcohol advertising and raised the legal drinking age to 20 from 18 as part of efforts to curb consumption in one of the world's hardest-drinking nations” since January 1st, 2018.
(<https://www.rte.ie/news/world/2017/0601/879701-lithuania-drinking/>).
- Smoking – only outside. No smoking inside. Smoking in Lithuania is allowed from 18 years old.
- Energy drinks – in 2014, Lithuania became the first country in the EU to ban the selling of energy drinks to anyone under the age of 18.
(<https://www.businessinsider.com/lithuania-bans-energy-drinks-for-minors-2014-11>).
- **Insurance.** It is the participant's responsibility to have a travel health insurance or a European Health Card (EU countries). The European Health Card is accepted in every country within the European Union, can be obtained for free and is valid for 1 year. Any other insurance is welcome, however organisers do not cover insurance costs.C



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LITHUANIAN FOOD

- Lithuanian food is well known as delicious and quite heavy.
- We hope you will enjoy the meals that will be served.
- We will eat 3 times per day.
- Please let us know as soon as possible whether you have any special needs (vegetarian, vegan, no pork, no fish..) or allergies we need to know. We will do our best to accommodate the needs of everyone.



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Additional information



- We encourage all participants to bring along nice smiles, superb attitudes and great humor to spice up all activities, sessions, etc.
- All participants are expected to be present and active in all activities. Please note that unauthorized absence from the activities and workshops won't be tolerated.
- Prepare to have loads of fun! If you have any ideas and suggestions for our activities, don't hesitate to express this.
- **Money and currency.** Since the 1st of January 2015, Lithuania has joined the Euro zone.



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Preparation

- Meetings in each own country between the leaders and the participants before departure should be held to prepare the participants.
- Project Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/597630977755276/>
- Participants should join this group to follow the information about the project and to meet each other in advance virtually 😊
- Partner organizations should fill in the participant list on Google Drive https://drive.google.com/open?id=1p7EO TOqJ6eczY_pdpk3k6_YtqdIK6zTixV3r6lExJgA as soon as the groups are formed.



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Dissemination of project results

- The main aim is to spread the word and endorse the project's results.
- **Partner organizations and participants of the project commit to project's promotion. When dissemination is done, please upload it on [Google Drive](#).**
- We would expect to see this promotion:
 - on your website – if you want you can download the prepared poster from [Google Drive](#) and upload it to your website with the promotional ideas;
 - on your social media;
 - in the media (any if possible);
 - etc.
- Make sure to use Erasmus+ Programme logo with any promotion.
- Keep in mind that dissemination is needed to:
 - **raise** awareness;
 - **extend** the impact;
 - **engage** stakeholders and target groups;
 - **share** solutions and know how;
 - **influence** policy and practice;
 - **develop** new partnerships.



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