ERASMUS+

MOBILITY FOR YOUTH WORKERS

DIGITAL YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION



Ioannina, Greece

1st - 5th of February 2025







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PROJECT CONTEXT

Mobility for Youth Workers

This Erasmus+ youth workers' mobility / training course project is the Part 1 of 2 related mobilities. This infopack includes information about the Part 1, which will be held in Ioannina, Greece from 1st until 5th of February 2025,. The Part 2 will be hosted in Ankara, Turkiye, in the spring of 2025.

The main target group of our project is youth workers who advocate or aim to advocate in the field of migration and climate change by using digital skills, aged 18-35, residents of the partner countries of this project: Turkiye, Greece, Italy, and Poland. In total, 28 people will take part in the 1st mobility in Ioannina, Greece.

The main objective of the project is to enable the youth workers to become effective and informed actors in the field of sustainability and climate change advocacy. Firstly, we aim for the target group to increase and strengthen their capacities in the sector by sharing their knowledge and experience in working with vulnerable youth groups and climate advocacy with each other.

The training sessions and activities are designed to bridge the target group between theoretical knowledge and practical application, using interactive and participatory methods (e.g. discussions, presentations, workshops, brainstorming, working with online tools, etc.). Secondly, through the strengthening of digital skills and the use of modern digital tools, we want to empower the target group to be more influential in youth-related issues, especially in online environments.

Our project aims to develop and share with the target group the skills and knowledge needed to be able to work more effectively with young people, increase youth participation and raise awareness of youth on climate change and sustainability issues more effectively. This will help the target group to sustain their engagement and work with young people in a more meaningful, effective and farreaching way, thus improving the quality and impact of youth work practice.





YC Epirus

Youth Center Epirus / AMKE KENTRO NEON IPEIROU is a non-profit company, and operates within 3 departments:

1) Youth center organizes and implements local, regional and international level events, cultural festivals, and projects created by and for young adults aged approx. 16-30. The activities are related to topics of non-formal education, research and innovation in the field of youth, voluntarism, environment problems, LGBTQ issues, social inclusion, employment of young people, human rights, asylum seeker integration and policies, health and well-being, EU awareness, cultural awareness and others.

2) Europe Direct Information Center department is a regional community point of access to official information about the European Union, including information about citizens' rights, available services, funding opportunities, and processes of the EU.

3) Within the Asylum Seeker Integration department, our organization hosts up to 40 underage asylum seekers, and we accommodate, care for, integrate, legally support, provide education and cover other needs for them, with 24/7 support.

Our organisation is certified for Support Services for the Improvement of Citizen's Lives and the Upgrading of General Living Conditions by ISO, has Certification as a provider of Primary Social Care services of a non-profit nature from the Greek Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, and is certified to work with asylum seekers and refugees by the Greek Ministry of Immigration and Asylum.

More information

Website - <u>https://www.yce.gr/en/</u> Facebook - <u>https://www.facebook.com/YouthCenter.Epirus</u> Instagram - <u>@youthcenterofepirus</u> Youtube - <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5XJ-fyhldfOshf0D9JjFnQ</u> Address - <u>Zois Kaplani 10</u> (5 min from Alexios hotel)









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ACTIVITIES

Activity plan

	lst	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
9:30 - 13:00	Getting to know each other, introduction to the venue, code of conduct, plan, and sharing expectations	Deer research and discussions in teams about climate change and its effects - from communities to global scale	Peer research and discussions in teams about digitalisation - its positive effects and risks	Social activism - from community projects to mass events and social change. Project development tools	Finalisation of the group projects - digitalisation of context and produced materials. Presentations
15:00 - 18:30	Discovery of Ioannina city - neighbour- hoods and cultural heritage	Tools and best youth project practices on learning about climate change	Tools and best youth project practices on digitalisation and digital skills	Creative group workshops on digital climate activism projects	Evaluation activities and closure of the mobility

The activities are subjected to light and reasonable change, depending on needs and local reality. Lunch break be from 1pm until 3pm, and dinner will be at 7pm. Coffee breaks will be approx in the middle of morning and afternoon sessions. The afternoon session will close with short, interactive daily evalutations.

Arrival: **31st of January.** We will meet at the hotel reception at 19.00 to visit the activity venue, get to know each other shortly, and to go out for the dinner. People arriving after 19.00, please inform us via e-mail in advance, so that we can communicate with you about meeting us at the dinner venue. the dinner will be available until 21.00.

Departure: on 6th of February.





VENUE

Ioannina

The training course/seminar will take place in Ioannina, which is the capital city of Epirus region in northern Greece. Its located in a mountainous region. The city hosts a large university and around 130.000 inhabitants, and it spreads out around beautiful Lake Pamvotida which is home for one of Europe's few inhabited lake islands. The strong cultural traditions of the town and the artistic and cultural events which are organized throughout the year, give visitors the opportunity to get to know the roots of the intellectual life of Epirus.



Dioni Hotel dionihotel.com

The **hotel Dioni** is located in the heart of old town of Ioannina, at **Tsirigoti street 10** it's very near the city center, lake and the lively areas of the town. The check-in at the hotel is on 31st of January after 14:00, and check-out is on 6th of February before 11:00. The accommodation will include breakfast, wi-fi and toiletries.

Breakfast will be available at the hotel, and lunch/dinner will be ordered in at the YC Epirus main office - Zois Kaplani 10, approx. 3 minutes by walking from the Dioni hotel. Some of the activities will be held at the conference room of the hotel (3rd floor), and some activities will be held at the YC Epirus youth center.







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Participants are asked to refer to the below travel information regarding the options for arrival to Ioannina, and they are strongly suggested to double check their travel plan with their sending organisations, to make sure it is correct. The travel budget is planned according to the Erasmus+ project rules. Participants are kindly asked to inquire about their travel budget with their sending organisations.

For any questions regarding support for your travel plans, you are also welcome to contact our organisation!

You can arrive in Ioannina by a connecting flight to Ioannina airport, or by bus from other cities. There are a couple of daily flights to Ioannina airport from Athens airport and from couple of other countries, depending on the season/availability. If flying to other airports, **Thesslaoniki and Athens airports**.

THESSALONIKI AIRPORT

You will find a bus stop right outside the airport Terminal 1, and take a **bus nr O1X or O1N to the KTEL Makedonia bus station**. You can buy a ticket for the airport bus at a kiosk next the the bus stop or with coins at a ticket machine on the bus. KTEL bus station is the last stop on the route, after the railway station and the ride takes approx. 1 hour. Then, at the KTEL bus station, you can purchase the bus ticket to loannina, but you can also book it online 10 days in advance on https://ktelioannina.gr/en/. The ticket costs around 30 Euros and the ride will be around 3,5 hours long. We strongly suggest booking the bus ticket online to ensure availability, because often tickets are sold out.

ATHENS AIRPORT

Right outside the Arrivals terminal, you will find a **bus nr X93 which goes to KTEL Kifisiou bus station.** You can buy the bus ticket in a ticket machine or a kiosk next to the bus stop. The ride will last approximatelly 1 hour.

At the KTEL bus station, you can buy bus ticket to Ioannina, or, you can book it online 10 days in advance on **https://ktelioannina.gr/en**. The ticket costs around 42 Euros and the ride lasts about 5-6 hours. We strongly suggest booking the bus ticket online to ensure availability, because often bus tickets are sold out.







REACHING THE DIONI HOTEL

Address: Tsirigoti street 10

If arriving at Ioannina airport, you can take the bus nr 2, which has a stop across the main street from the airport. The bus drive until the city center will be around 10 minutes and you can purchase a ticket for 1,5 Euros at the driver. From the main square of the city center, the hotel is in a walking distance of 7 minutes.

If arriving at the KTEL bus station of Ioannina, the most convienant way to reach the hotel is by walking, it is less than 15 minutes away. You might also take any bus for 1-2 stops, from Vilara street to 28th of October street, which are about 5 minutes away from the bus station/ to the hotel.

And no worries - right before the mobility, we will set up a whatsapp group, where participants will be able to contact us for any consultation/ information during their travel!









COMMUNICATION

All participants who are confirmed by their sending organisations and have already bought their travel tickets, are kindly asked to fill this form: <u>LINK TO REGISTRATION</u> Please note, that the form should be filled until January 15th 2025, so that we can finalise hotel booking and also we might not be able to make last minute changes to support special needs.

For participants: for any questions about the venue, preparation, plans, or anything, please contact us via e-mail yc.epirus.cooperation@gmail.com

For partner organisations: for any questions, please contact us via e-mail youthcenterofepirus@yahoo.gr

Best of luck with the preparations and we are excited to meet you soon in loannina!



- YC Epirus Team -



