

# YOUTH EXCHANGE Samobor, Croatia









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When?

Who?

Samobor, Croatia

**APV** [19.-21.05.2016.] **Youth exchange:** [20.-28.06.2016.]

**30** participants [**5** young people (20-30 years old) + **1** group leader]

What?

from
5 countries
Croatia \* Macedonia \* Italy
Spain \* Turkey

# **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

This project aims to tackle the question of **immigration** as one of the most growing problems within the EU in recent period. Namely, more than 700,000 refugees have risked their lives trying to cross the Mediterranean to Europe so far this year, facing not only inhuman living conditions but also lack of understanding and help. Recent trends show that thousands of people are attempting a perilous route through the **Western Balkans** with the ultimate destination in northern EU countries.

## AIM

Main aim of this project is to include young people with cultural obstacles, as well as young people who are interested in theatre and motivated to help refugees, into process of discussing, sharing experiences and using method of invisible theatre to tackle the problem of immigration. Participants will take an active part in every phase of the youth exchange, as they will be encouraged to take part in creating workshops and adapting methods they will use to achieve objectives of this project.





## **METHOD**

Main method to be used in this project is **invisible theatre**, where participants can use both outcomes of their discussions and their creativity to create **public performances**, which will provoke reaction in the local community and raise awareness about the problem of immigration. Namely, invisible theatre is performed in public place and **aims not to be recognized as a theatre**.

Invisible theatre can achieve things that most other theaters cannot, because it's removing barriers between performers and audience and creates situations in which people can engage with sensitive issues they might otherwise avoid.

### **MAIN ACTIVITIES**

Main project activities will include:

- 1) **non-formal education workshops** focused on discussions and debates between participants about the problem of immigration, with exchange of experiences and examples of good and bad practices from their countries
- 2) **creating video,** to be disseminated in partner countries, social networks and media
- 3) workshops during which participants will be preparing **invisible theatre** show.

Public performance will be followed by discussion between participants and citizens about their reactions, attitudes and question of immigration in general.





5 participants+ 1 group leaderper country

This project is designed for young people with cultural differences (obstacles), specifically immigrants or refugees or descendants from immigrant or refugee families.

Participants will also be young people who want to take part in providing help for refugees, who will be selected by partner organizations by checking their motivation.

Moreover, participants will be young people who are **interested and experienced in theatre**, which will help with creating invisible theatre show for public performance.

Participants will be young people between 20 and 30 years old.

# **SELECTION PROCESS**

In finding participants who are themselves young people with cultural differences, partners will cooperate with organizations in our countries which work with refugees as a target group:

- asylum seekers centers
- Red Cross
- refugee support networks
- legal aid providers
- other organizations which provide support for refugees

Partner organizations will contact such institutions and organizations in their countries to promote the project and invite young people with whom they work with to take a part in this youth exchange.

### **HOW TO APPLY?**

Applicants should fill in the online application form **no later (!)** than **15th of Apri** 



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