

Training Course "Youth Citizenship Activators" *Topola, Serbia 24/11/2016 – 03/12/2016*

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About project

„ **Youth Citizenship Activators**“, is a 10-days Mobility of Youth workers-Training course, organized by Omladinska Kulturna Organizacija from 24th of November to 3rd of December 2016 in Topola, Serbia that brings together 35 youth workers, young leaders, trainers and young professionals from Serbia, Macedonia, Turkey, Poland, Greece, Portugal, Albania, Czech Republic, Italy and Romania.

Our project will be held in **Topola**, which is a town and municipality located in the Šumadija region of Serbia. It was the place where Karađorđe, a Serbian revolutionary, was chosen as the leader of the First Serbian Uprising against the Ottoman Empire in 1804. The local St. George Church is the burial place of the Ducal and Royal Family of Serbia and Yugoslavia. Topola has the preconditions necessary for development of a tourism industry. Historical and cultural monuments (Cultural Heritage of Serbia) exist: revolutionary and royal (Karageorge's town), ecclesiastical (St. George's church, Nikolje monasteries). It is a wine region (Oplenac), and a large hunting ground Kamenica.

Being active citizen in social, political and economic life has many advantages and almost always brings positive impact and benefits on people lives. It brings experience, knowledge, skills, contacts, education, mobility and job opportunities and friendships that otherwise we would hardly get in the comfort of our homes. Active participation widens people horizons, enriches lives, increases self-confidence and esteem, opens new doors for personal and professional development and often leads to job offers or increased chances for employment. But, if the benefits are so high, then why youth doesn't take active participation in societies and practice their citizens' rights to be active in the political, economic and social processes in their countries and EU? Why European youth show little or no interest and motivation to be engaged in democratic life, why are they losing community ties and there are declined levels of trust in democratic institutions?

The answers on these questions are not easy to get, but we've asked these crucial questions to ourselves and our partners and found out that youth workers and youth organisations can greatly help in addressing these issues and inspire and enable active youth participation in democratic life by



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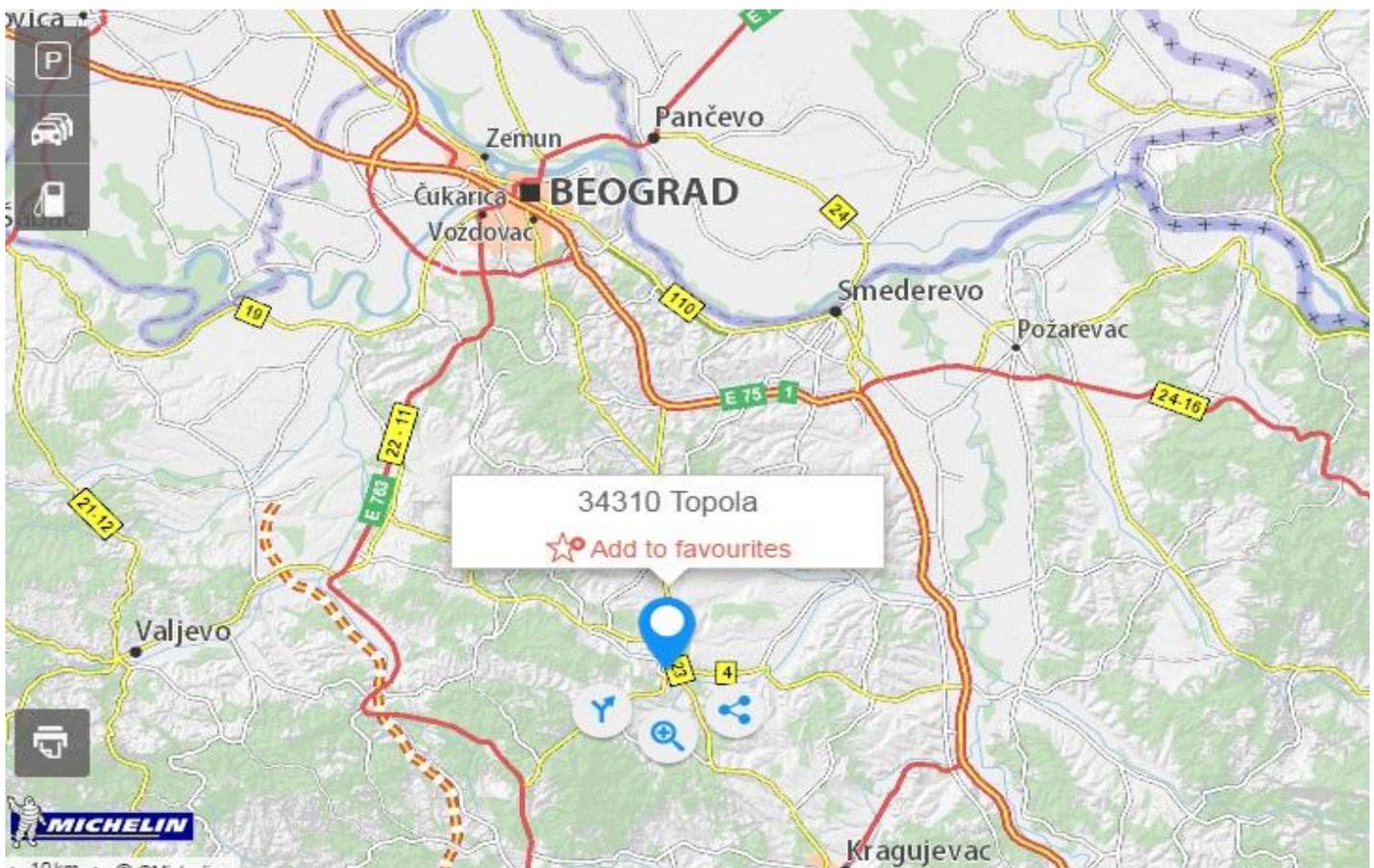
providing training, education, coaching and information through their work and activities. Therefore, project supports the personal and professional development of youth workers and young leaders by training, equipping with competences and empowering them to work on citizenship education, especially in the context of active citizenship and European citizenship. In the same time, the project creates a new generation of Youth Citizenship Activators (educators) who will be able to encourage active youth participation in socio-political democratic life on local, national and European level in order to strengthen youth voice and role in Europe by using different tools for empowerment.

Participants

Each partner will send 3 participants. There is no age limit, but participants should be over 18.

Venue

Training course will be organized in **Topola, Serbia**. It is easy to reach from Belgrade bus station. All services needed from this activity, like police, medical help and other security structures are available in Topola.

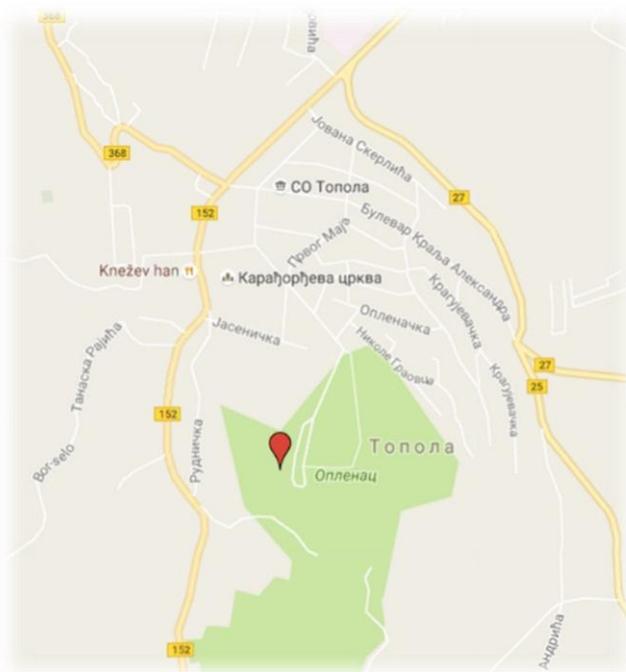




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Accommodation

Project covers 100% of accommodation and food costs. Participants will be accommodated in hotel "Oplenac". Hotel "Oplenac" is located on the hill Oplenac, 500 meters from the center of Topola. Church of St. George and the Mausoleum of the Karadjordjevic dynasty are located next to hotel "Oplenac". Hotel "Oplenac" is located 80 km from the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. Each room has private bathroom, wireless connection, high comfort and an enviable hygiene.





How to get from Airport to Bus station in Belgrade?

From the airport you can take public bus 72 to Zeleni Venac (500 meters from Bus station). Ticket cost is 150 RSD (1.3 euro). You can buy ticket from the driver.

Alternative transport is by A1 mini bus. In front of arrivals take mini-bus A1 going every 20 minutes toward Main bus and train stations. Timetable and map are on the link-

http://www.beg.aero/upload/a1_mapa_i_red_voznje.pdf

Price of ticket is 300 RSD (app 2.5 EUR and it is sold by bus driver.) Main Belgrade bus station is on first stop of A1 after bridge over Sava river.

Please exchange some EUR to RSD in arrival hall of the airport on right hand side after Customs check point.

How to arrive from Belgrade to Topola by bus?

Busses from Belgrade to Topola depart every a few hours.

There are only 9 buses departures per day from Belgrade. Last one at 9:30pm

Departure	Arrival	Return ticket	Platform	Km	Start station	Via	Carrier
09:00	10:45	-	12	80	BEOGRAD	TOPOLE, KRAGUJEVCA, KRALJEVA I RAŠKE	SANDŽAKTRANS NP
10:05	11:20	YES	17	77	BEOGRAD	EKSPRES	JANJUŠEVIĆ PUPD
11:55	13:15	-	14	80	BEOGRAD	TOPOLE I KRALJEVA	MAXIBUS
13:00	14:18	YES	12	80	BEOGRAD	MLADENOVCA I TOPOLE	JANJUŠEVIĆ PRIBO
16:00	17:23	YES	12	80	BEOGRAD	TOPOLE I NATALINACA	JANJUŠEVIĆ PRIBO
17:45	19:00	-	11	77	BEOGRAD	TOPOLE	JOE TRAVEL
18:30	19:48	YES	12	80	BEOGRAD	MLADENOVCA I TOPOLE	JANJUŠEVIĆ PRIBO
20:30	22:00	YES	11	83	BEOGRAD	MLADENOVCA I TOPOLE	AUTO KODEKS
21:30	22:45	YES	21	77	BEOGRAD	TOPOLE	JANJUŠEVIĆ PUPD

Visa informations

Citizens of EU member states and ex-YU states can enter Serbia with valid ID card. Citizens of Turkey and Albania need valid passports, but visa is not needed.

General Travel Information - important, please read!

The organisers will reimburse of your travel costs from your home city to Topola and back. Organisers will reimburse 100% of eligible travel costs **up to the limit**. Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance in the training programme and presentation of the original tickets with boarding passes and receipt/invoices. Missing tickets will not be reimbursed. Reimbursement will be done via bank transfer, after project report is approved. Money transfer will be in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice.

❖ **Note: Please DO NOT BUY any tickets before approval of the organisers**

❖ **Note: If you plan to travel outside the official project dates you need approval by**

NGO Omladinska Kulturna Organizacija, first.

Please contact us at: youthcitizenshipactivators@gmail.com

Following the guide lines of the Erasmus + programme the travel back must be realized by the participants on direct way within maximum 2 days. In case of longer stays or indirect travelling (holiday travel etc.) there is no chance of reimbursement of travel costs. Please note if you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EUR, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission web-site for the month of ticket purchase

http://ec.europa.eu/budget/contracts_grants/info_contracts/infoeuro/index_en.cfm

Limit for participants from MACEDONIA, ALBANIA and ROMANIA is 180 €

Limit for participants from TURKEY, POLAND, GREECE, CZECH REPUBLIC and ITALY is 275 €

Limit for participants from PORTUGAL is 360 €



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Other informations

Preparation for intercultural evening:

- There will be an Intercultural evening on 2nd evening. Participants are expected to create interesting, interactive and creative intercultural evening with goal to fight prejudices and stereotypes about their country/community/culture.
- Be aware that there are no kitchen facilities available (don't bring food that requires cooking)
- Bring food, drink, promotional materials and whatever else you want to present

BRING:

- Materials about your organization
- Food, drink, promotional materials and whatever else you want to present

The local currency is the Dinar (RSD). **1 EUR = 123.1719 RSD**

Payment in EUR is possible somewhere, but it is illegal. Exchange office can be found everywhere, but please do not change large amounts of money in exchange offices at the airport and train/bus station, because exchange rate can be low.

More informations about Serbia you can find on this link:

<http://www.serbia.travel/>

*For more information please feel free to contact us via e-mail
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SEE YOU SOON IN TOPOLA !!!