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« Expressions for a Better Environment »

Sint Maarten

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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Venue: Sint Maarten (Holland),

Planned dates: 13-22 February 2024

Countries involved: St. Maarten, Turkey and Germany

Participants: 14 (11 youth- 3 group leaders)

Age of youth must be between 18-30 (There is no upper age limit for leaders)

The project addresses one of the most pressing issues in Europe and worldwide, which is environmental protection. Through this project partner organizations aim to emphasize that each individual bears responsibility for the ecological situation, but only by acting together can we save our planet. The project aims to explore the impact of individual actions on the environment and how to minimize harmful behavior. Additionally, the project seeks to educate young people on how they can promote responsible, eco-friendly behavior in their communities through non-formal education and art.

Through open dialogue, participants will establish a solid message and find creative methods to communicate that message to others. The main objective of the project is to prepare participants in international teams using non-formal education methods to create workshops for students at Saint Dominic High School. Together, they will find common solutions for promoting messages to the public through creative means such as art that will be available for the public to see.

Young people will also have the opportunity to meet with local artists and ecological organizations. The project's objectives include encouraging young people to better understand ecology and environmental protection, developing intercultural dialogue between youngsters from 3 different countries, articulating and finding ways to promote messages to the public, and promoting creative and artistic messages that reflect participants' perceptions of the eco-development of rural areas.



Who can participate?



The project will bring together 42 young people aged 18-25 from 3 participating countries – St. Maarten, Turkey and Germany. Each partner organization is responsible for selecting and recruiting their own participants according to the project's guidelines.

All participants will be required to have a good level of English proficiency, as English will be the main language of communication during the exchange. The participants will have to complete a form that includes boxes with general information, special needs, and motivation & contribution to the project, enthusiasm and availability in teaching others about ecology, willingness to learn new things and cultural aspects from other countries, agreement with sharing rooms and taking part in all planned activities, and willingness to support their sending organization in promoting and multiplying the project's outcomes and results.

The team leaders will have no age limit, and each group will be composed of two males and three females or vice versa to ensure gender balance. The age of the participants will be between 18-25 years old to ensure that they fall within the age range for the Youth in Action program.

The partners will be asked to create a balance between people coming from urban and rural areas to enlarge the cultural diversity within the groups and the project. The intergenerational dialogue is also considered constructive and useful by the partners, and this suggestion was made on mutual agreement.



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The island and the venue



How to reach SINT MAARTEN

According to Erasmus + rules, each participant must choose the cheapest way of travel.

You can travel to Sint Maarten from Europe with KLM and Air France through Amsterdam and Paris.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Since we didn't get 100% of total budget, after sending the final report to national agency we will be able to make payment for your travel costs. Travel costs for Germany is up to 820 Euro for per person.

REIMBURSEMENT MAY TAKE UP TO 10 MONTHS!

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET THAT 150, EURO PARTICIPANT FEE! THIS MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO US ONE MONTH BEFORE THE PROJECT START!



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Arrival

The hosting organization will pick up us from airport. Please send us your arrival dates and time.

HEALTH INSURANCE & PREPARATION



All participants should obtain the relevant travel insurance for entering St. Maarten. The insurance should include covid-19 related potential expenses. At the border, besides your RT-PCR test, you may be required to present the travel insurance (which mentions also covid-19), so please have one.

This is a very important point to remember: any hospital visit will be responsibility of the individual. Any activities are undertaken at the participants' risk.

VERY IMPORTANT! PLEASE WHEN YOU BUY TICKETS, BUY TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE TOO.



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BEFORE LEAVING



We will be doing updates and networking before the trip through Facebook. This has been a great way for everyone to introduce themselves and discuss the project. We also suggest that participants share their particular skills and what filmmaking equipment they can bring. The organizing partners will try and bring whatever resources they have, but we do rely on people pitching in and bringing their own kit, which should be properly insured.



Final checklist



- ✓ **Bring all your travel documents as mentioned before. Print out all your documents even if they are online! Save all boarding passes in original!**
- ✓ Prepare a **presentation about the sending organization** (initiatives they have previously participated in, non-formal learning methods used, etc.). We want to get to know each other, to find out how people work with youth in other countries, and maybe to cooperate in the future.
- ✓ Prepare **energizers** that could be done in the morning.
- ✓ Prepare for your **country's cultural evening**. Please, try to be fun and creative for this! No one likes regular .ppt presentations! Any kind of activities are welcome (e.g. video presentations, dances, songs, games, quizzes, posters, flyers etc.). Don't forget to **bring your national drinks, dishes or snacks** to share with others. Also, please **prepare a mini (and, of course, fun) language course** for the others. We count on you to make these evenings as interactive and fun as possible.
- ✓ Check the weather forecast before arrival and **bring adequate clothes**. Please also **bring clothing and shoes that can be used for strenuous activities** (such as dancing, hiking, etc).
- ✓ **Wherever possible, take your laptops, digital cameras, smart phones and tablets – we will be doing some multimedia work that requires mobile equipment!**



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THE PROJECT VENUE





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All Participants will stay at “Rupert I Maynard Youth Center” in Saint Peters, Sint Maarten. Participants will sleep in rooms where there are 6 or 8 beds. This is the only option in island where we could implement the project because of low budget. We will provide you accommodation, 3 meals, snacks and tea/coffee during the mobility. Each country will prepare one day breakfast. There is no hot water because it is always hot outside and it is normal here to taking shower with cold water.

BRING YOUR OWN TOWEL and personal things.



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