

The background is a deep blue night sky filled with numerous small, bright stars. Large, soft, glowing clouds in shades of blue and purple are scattered across the sky. A string of warm, glowing lanterns hangs across the lower portion of the image, adding a cozy and magical atmosphere.

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Fairy Tales

Bastogne
(Belgium)



DATE: 1st - 9th December (7 activity days) - 1st is arrival, and 9th is departure day

VENUE: Bastogne, BELGIUM

GROUPS: 7 participants (of age 18-25) + 1 group leader (of any age)

WORKING LANGUAGE: English, but is not necessary a high communicative of English spoken level!

COUNTRIES

- Belgium
- Macedonia
- Estonia
- Poland
- Turkey

5 countries, 7 participants plus one group leader each group => 40 participants

ACTIVITIES / PROGRAMME

The youth exchange "Tales for Europe" will bring together young people from various European countries to explore roots of their cultures through national and international fairy tales. Fairy tale is exact example of cultural heritage which is unique for every country or region. It shows cultural identities and it is important to understand their roots. Through expressing fairy tale by various types of art, participants will get to know more about their culture as well as culture of the others.



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They will enrich themselves in an artistic way and they will awake their creativity. The idea came from a few young people who are interested in different kinds of folk culture and its impact to the present. They participated in previous exchange about folklore where they made an international group of young people who wants to make their exchange about the topic which is very interesting for them.

Nowadays traditional fairy tales are not that popular like the new and modern kinds. This exchange is great opportunity to bring these old fairy tales back to life. During this youth exchange, young people from Poland, Belgium, Estonia, Macedonia and Turkey will be able to discover and compare their cultural heritage and artistic way of life. Together, they will be able to find a common European heritage and culture.

The program of the youth exchange will consist of various practical and active workshops devoted to many kinds of artistic expression like theatre, drawing and painting, fine art photography etc. Participants will also discuss about importance of our traditional culture in these days and importance of fairy tales. They will compare current fairy tales with their European cultural heritage.

Practical workshops will be complemented by debriefing, discussions and other reflective sessions. Participants will be able to propose their own ideas and little workshops. Young people will create together also a performance of the fairy tales they will think up and create from scratch. A short video will also be created and disseminated.

Participants will also communicate and interact with the local community in Bastogne where the project will take place. In the beginning of the exchange they will prepare the "intercultural dinner" where participants and local community will be able to see and try various kinds of typical food and drinks from participating countries.





Day by day every participating country will present their country in so-called "national evenings" by various interactive tools like presentations, videos, photos, games, traditional dances and songs etc. In the end of the exchange there will be presentation of the Belgium culture. All evening parts of program will be available for public.

Our aim is to get in touch with local community and share with them the project. We will also co-operate with the municipality and the local TV to ensure visibility of the project.

PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

- Age: 18 - 25 (if under 18 or between 25 and 30 let us know)
- 7 young participants from each country plus one group leader (who is not age limit)
Please, try to keep gender balance in your groups!! 3 -4 girls, 3 - 4 boys!
- Youth in Action is a program which supports disadvantage young people, so we would like to make this project open for these young people with fewer opportunities, so do not hesitate to including people with fewer opportunities into your group! The accommodation is adapted to special needs, so there is no problem with this. If you are thinking or you know there will be people with some handicap in your group, please tell us as soon as possible just to have it in mind! And we will prioritize this people for selection.
- English is our work language, but is not obligation. We will have some meetings and discussions so it will be recommended at least basic knowledge or translation into your groups. Don't be afraid of language! We will find the way to solve it!
- People who is interested in the topic.
- Young people who share the volunteering spirit.
- Young, motivated, nice, cheerful, smiling participants and good mood!!



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YOUTHPASS

Each participant will receive YouthPass, which:

- Certificate of non-formal education (you will take part on an educational activity)
- You can include it in your CV and use it for school, university, new job, etc.

In the beginning of the project we will divide participants into a small groups that later will work every evening in the reflection groups where they'll talk about the day, activities, what they have learned, etc. With all these notes, at the end of the Exchange will be a workshop where the participants will work in their own YouthPass.

YouthPass will be reached at the end of exchange.MONEY

- There is **a participation fee of 30 euros** that will be charged from every participant of the exchange. This fee is obligatory.
- 100% of your travelling costs will be reimbursed on the condition that the person has all the **bills, tickets and boarding passes** (when travelling by a plane) to present to us.
- 100% of costs of simple accommodation and basic food are covered by "Wireless asbl".
- **The travel costs will not be reimbursed to people who are not taking part of the entire youth exchange or not respecting the rules of the exchange.**

TRANSPORT

We will reimburse to you 100% of your travel cost for the way to Bastogne and back.

Reimbursement limit is according to your distance in km. The calculator you can find on this webpage: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm

10-100 KM - 20 Eur / Participant

100-499 KM - 80 Eur / Participant

500-1999 KM - 170 Eur / Participant





It is very important that you keep ALL your travel documents, including the boarding passes, if travelling by plane. You must give us all your tickets, including also your return tickets that must be already bought for the moment of the reimbursement (during the youth exchange itself), otherwise if we do not have a ticket, we cannot consider it for the reimbursement. It is very-very important.

Please, pay attention, that there are the ceilings for the travel costs per every country that we cannot go above (if your ticket is more expensive, you need to cover the difference on your own).

You must use the cheapest travel option that is possible (buses, trains, low cost airlines, etc.)

Please, confirm your arrival/departure dates before booking the tickets! Furthermore we need all the information about your arrival and departure details in order to plan our logistics.

We will only reimburse you the travel costs if you participate in the WHOLE youth exchange.

FOOD

- We will have a cook with us who provide us **breakfast, lunch and dinner**. But the help in the kitchen and with the dishes is very much welcome from the participants.
- If you have some **special needs** for food (vegetarian, celiac, some allergies, etc.), please, **inform us** about it beforehand. We can provide you just “with/without meet” vegetarian food, if you have some **complicated diet**, or as a vegetarian you would like to have some special ingredients, we would appreciate if you could **take the food that you need with you**.





ACCOMODATION

- Nice place near Bastogne.
- There is weak Internet wi-fi connexion.
- Bathroom and showers.
- Big kitchen.
- Meal will be at activities room and we should take care about the kitchen furniture.



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RULES

- **No alcohol policy:** This is an International and educational Project granted from European funds. Participants should be aware they are not on holidays. It's a special task for group leaders: please, talk about it with your groups. Alcohol is forbidden during the project, except in Intercultural dinner where we only need to taste it, so it is not necessary to bring a lot with you and only if there is some specific alcohol beverage very typical from your country or culture. Please, make sure that participants are not bringing any other alcohol with them. Problems with alcohol can lead to sending the participant home and not reimbursing money. Thanks in advance for your co-operation.
- No drugs.
- Be on time (especially important for completing the program).
- Respect each other.
- Cleaning.
- Participate and be active!
- We will talk about the rules directly at the place.

YOU WILL NEED...

- **Sleeping bag** (there is not any sheet or blanket there).
- Towels and personal things.
- Warm clothes
- Typical food for **intercultural evening**. For every group bring for 8 people
- Poster, leaflets, card, videos, typical music... from your country, region, city.
- Info, presentation, material, stickers... from your organization.
- **Camera, laptop and other equipment** making life and work easier.
- Ideas, games, ice breakings, dances and folk for your cultural evening.
- Good mood and energy to be active!



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