



"Play your Game" is the application of digital game design techniques to non-game problems, such as business and social impact challenges. Video games are the dominant entertainment form of our time because they are powerful tools for motivating behavior. Effective games leverage both psychology and technology, in ways that can be applied outside the immersive environments of games themselves. Gamification as a business practice has exploded over the past two years. Organizations are applying it in areas such as marketing, human resources, productivity enhancement, sustainability, training, health and wellness, innovation, and customer engagement. Game thinking means more than just dropping in badges and leaderboards; it requires a thoughtful understanding of motivation and design techniques. This youth exchange examines the mechanisms of gamification and provides an understanding of its effective use of certain games into the learning process."-Coursera (<https://www.coursera.org/>)

These aspects of practical application of the learning experience gained through games will also be a topic elaborated throughout this youth exchange.

The participants will be able to learn and discuss more about the gaming and social inclusion, and also to use the game to learn more about culture, gender issues, racism, discrimination and European citizenship through building their worlds in the simulation game Second Life.

## Basic information

- Duration: 10 days
- Date of the project: 14.11 – 23.11.2015 (Arrival day on 14<sup>th</sup>, Departure day on 23<sup>th</sup>)
- Venue: Dudelange, Luxembourg
- Groups: 7 young people (18-25 years old) plus 1 group leader (no age limit)
- Work language: English

## Countries

- Luxembourg
- Italy
- Poland
- Estonia
- Spain

## Activities and Program

- Name games, ice breakers, getting to know each other, team building activities
- Presentations of the countries and organizations
- Erasmus+ program and Youth Pass tool
- Workshops on the topic of the exchange
- Reflection groups – we will have time every day to prepare the Youth Pass. We will reflex about the daily activities, the skills we have learned, our attitudes and our knowledge
- Evaluations – every morning we will make a short evaluation of the previous day where you will have the opportunity to express your feelings and thoughts. In the end of the project there will be a Final evaluation so that we will know how the full experience was and prepare the Youth Pass.
- National evenings – in the end of every day each group will have the chance to present their country. For this reason you will need to bring some typical food and specialties along with a presentation, national dances, games, etc.

## Profile of participants

- Age: 18 – 25

- 7 participants + 1 group leader (no age limit) per country
- Please, try to keep gender balance in your groups!
- Erasmus+ is a program that supports disadvantaged young people and we would like to make this project open for people with fewer opportunities, so do not hesitate to include such people in your groups! If you know that there will be people who are handicapped, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can organize the practical aspects. We will prioritize this kind of people during the selection of the participants.
- English is our work language, but it is not obligatory. We will use it for our activities and discussions, so it would be good if you have at least basic knowledge. But do not worry about it, people from your team can always help you with translation.
- Young, motivated, nice, cheerful and smiling participants who are interested in the topic, share the volunteering spirit and bring good mood!

## Youth Pass

Each participant will receive a Youth Pass certificate.

- This is a certificate of non-formal education that is valid in all EU member countries.
- It will help you make self-evaluation of your learning process during the exchange.
- You can include it in your CV and use it for school, university, when looking for a job, etc.

Every day, in the end of the sessions, we will divide you into reflection groups and you will have discussions about the day, the activities, what you have learned, etc. In the end of the exchange there will be a workshop where you will use all these notes to work on your own Youth Pass.

You will get the certificate in the end of the exchange.

## Money

- The project provides simple accommodation, food and program activities.
- You need to keep all the bills, boarding passes and all kinds of tickets with you, because we need them in order to reimburse your costs.
- **IMPORTANT!** We reimburse the travel costs **ONLY** if the participants **ACTIVELY** take part during the whole exchange.
- There is an obligatory **participation fee of €30**.

## Transport

You are obliged to choose the cheapest travel possibility to get to Luxembourg.

- The Luxembourg airport is not very cheap, so that's why we recommend you Brussels Charleroi airport and Frankfurt Hahn airport.
- There are convenient transfers from both airports to Luxembourg Central Gare with Flibco bus.
- **PLEASE**, contact us **BEFORE** you buy your tickets. Find the best option and send it to us. Do not buy anything before you receive a confirmation from us that it is okay.

- Send us all your travel information as soon as you have bought your tickets, including arrival and departure details, so that we can plan our logistics.
- We will keep the original transport tickets and boarding passes for your arrival and copies of your return tickets, but you **MUST** send the originals as soon as you arrive home.
- 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](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

## Food

- If you have any special needs (vegetarian, allergies, etc.), please, inform us in advance. We can only provide you “with/without meat” vegetarian food. If you have a very complicated diet, or as a vegetarian you would like to have some special ingredients, we would appreciate it if you could bring the food that you will need with you.

## Accommodation

- The accommodation will be in Dudelange. Is a nice scout center equipped with activity room, kitchen and internet. Is only 15 kilometers far from Luxembourg city.

# Rules

- **NO ALCOHOL POLICY:** This is an international and EDUCATIONAL project granted from the European fund. The participants should be aware that they are not on a holiday here (although we will all have a good time together). It is a special task for the group leaders to TALK about this with their groups. **Alcohol is FORBIDDEN** during the project, even during the national evenings, so please, make sure that nobody brings any alcoholic drinks. Problems with alcohol can lead to sending the participant home without reimbursing the travel costs. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- No drugs
- Be on time
- Respect each other
- Cleaning
- Active participation
- We will talk more about the rules at the place.

# You will need...

- Towels
- **SLEEPING BAGS**
- Warm clothes for the evenings
- Sport clothes
- Typical food for the intercultural evening
- Posters, leaflets, cards, videos, typical music from your country/region/city.
- Info, presentations, materials, stickers from your organization

- Camera, **Laptop/PC** and other equipment that will make your life and work easier
- Ideas, games, ice breakers, folk dances for your cultural evenings
- Energy and good mood for active participation

## Before the exchange

### While you wait

- The previous contact is really important for us, so please, pay attention to all the news we send you.
- Later we will keep contact with you to continue developing our exchange and we will ask again for your active cooperation to manage the groups and the allocation of the tasks and work groups within your national teams.

### National team tasks

- Select the participants as soon as possible and send us the list with their personal information.
- Please, organize a meeting with your group in order to give them all this info.
- Make sure you explain carefully the details about our non-alcoholic policy and about the things they need to bring and prepare in advance.

### During the exchange

- We will have Team Leaders' meetings every day with the group leaders and we will discuss your groups' needs, check the participants' mood, speak about the exchange, develop



it and try to do our best for the successful running of the project.

- It is important to have active participants and this starts with the group leaders. So your active cooperation will be more than welcome!

### Homework

- Presentation, posters, photos of your country and organization
- Information and resources for the workshops
- Creativity, ideas, examples, videos...
- Keep in touch with us

Thank you so much for joining us and  
being a part of this exchange!

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