



About the project

The project aims to present democracy and to simulate the operation of a democratic state.

•The main idea was that the participants gain insight into the principles and the operation of democracy, and then they can put into practice what they learned. After practicing the participants can feel all of the consequences of their decisions.

•The project contains two youth exchanges, the first will be in Romania and the second will be in Hungary. The first part aims to get a piece of theoretical knowledge about democracy, to get to know new people, but they will have the opportunity to learn the theoretical things about democracy by meeting with local politicians, and leaders. When they meet with these people they will have the chance to ask them questions or to tell them their ideas, and thoughts about democracy.

• At the end of the Romanian part, the participants will create a dream country and the democratic leaders too





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 The second part of the youth exchange will be in Hungary, it will be about putting into practice what they learned because they will simulate the operation, the system of a created dream country. All participants, who took part in the first part of the exchange in Gheorgheni, Romania (3rd-10th of May) must take part in the second exchange too which will be organized between 25th of August -2nd of September in Nyíregyháza.







Participants

- Are you curious about what democracy is, how it works, and what are the good and bad parts of it?
- Do you think there is something for improvement in democracy?
- Do you want to be the leader of a dream country and run the country in such a way that everyone is happy?
- Are you a young person between 16 and 30 from one of the partner countries?
- Would you like to build a relationship with young people from other countries?

If you are interested in this project, then apply for this fantastic project where you can gain not only theoretical but also practical knowledge and experience about democracy, the functioning of a state, and even become the best leader.

We are looking for 5 participants and a group leader from: Romania, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, and Bulgaria for both exchanges

Requirements

- It is important to have a communicative level of English.
- You must take part in both parts of the projects (Romania, Hungary)

Working Method

- Learning by doing method
- Ice-breakers and team-building games to get to know each other.
- Workshops will leave room for guided but controversial
- Discussions.
- Simulation games, practical work, brainstorming, project
- Developing, etc.



Accommodation

The accommodation will be in Gheorgheni in this hotel: <u>https://www.lazarpanzio.ro/</u>

Participants will be divided into double and triple rooms with ensuiten bathroom and internet.



The team from Gheorgheni

The Gyergyó Területi Ifjúsági Tanács (GYTIT) aims to promote the development and free expression of youth in the area, respecting and enhancing their differences and specificity, encouraging the exchange of experiences and projects and meet young people through a space to meet and share interests. Several events are organized annually, mainly for local young people, who can develop themselves in different topics or just have fun with the programs organized for them.







About Gheorgheni...

Geographical presentation

It is the third most populous city in Harghita County, the center of the former Gyergyószék. It includes the following settlements: Lacu Rosu, Kovácspéter, Vargatag and Visszafolyó. The largest and most populous settlement of the Gyergyó Basin is Gheorgheni. The centre of the former Gyergyószék is located at the base of the Gyergyó mountains, at an altitude of 800 meters above sea level. It is one of the cities with the coldest climate in Romania, with an average of more than 160 frosty days per year.



Histroical presentation

The formation of the settlement was presumably a longer process, it could have begun as early as the 12th century, it was first mentioned in the papal tithe register of 1332-34. At the beginning of the 1600s, the settlement received the right to hold fairs from Prince Zsigmond Rákóczi, and by the 19th century it had become the commercial centre of the area. At the end of the century, the city centre was formed, and then in the early 1900s, the settlement received city rights. The uniqueness of Gheorgheni is characterized by its diversity, which is due to the totality of people of different nationalities, religions, and cultures, as well as the numerous sights. The heart of Gheorgheni, the former Market Square, now called Liberty Square, is one of the most beautifully landscaped small-town main squares in Transylvania.





About Gheorgheni...

Its present image was formed at the turn of the 19th-20th centuries, when bunk buildings were pulled to replace the primitive houses of local handmaidens. The 16-hectare arboretum called Csíky-kert is unique in the area, which is mentioned in some sources as one of the 7 wonders of Szeklerland. Its creator is dr. Csíky Dénes, a lawyer, who developed the garden between 1884 and 1910, planting 185 native and landscape-alien varieties of trees and shrubs in the area. The Csiky Garden is currently a nature park; one of the locals' favourite walking areas, on the territory of which there is an outsourced section of the Babeş-Bolyai University based in Cluj-Napoca and the St. Benedict's Study Center.





Mayor's Office

- The city administration of Gyergyószentmiklós consists of a mayor and 17 municipal councillors.
- The mayor of the city belongs to the RMDSZ. (Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania)
- There are 10 RMDSZ municipal councillors (Democratic Alliance of Hungarians in Romania)
- There are 5 EMSZ municipal representatives (Transylvanian Hungarian Association)
- 1 POL councillor (Free People's Party)
- 1 PNL and municipal councillor (National Liberal Party)

A small video about Gheorgheni is worth watching, this video shows the beautiful city, the people and everything: : <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ot41cdiyoQ</u>





How to reach Gheorgheni

- There are 3 airports in Romania that we recommend:
 - Targu Mures (~ 2 and a half hours journey to Gheorgheni)
 - Cluj Napoca (~ 4 and a half hours journey to Gheorgheni)
 - **Bucharest** (~ 7 and a half hours journey to Gheorgheni)
- It is easy to get to Gheorgheni from all 3 airports. There is also a bus and train connection.
 If someone comes by plane, they are asked to book either a bus or a train ticket from the city they arrive in by plane. We will be waiting for your arrival in Gheorgheni.
- You can book your train ticket at the following link: <u>https://www.cfrcalatori.ro/en/</u>
- Or bus tickets at these links: <u>https://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en</u>
- Important dates to consider when purchasing tickets:
- Date of Arrival: 3th of May
- Date of Departure: 10th of May



Travel reimbursement

All the travel documents must be gathered and shown to the coordinating organization to receive full reimbursement.

Travel reimbursements for the Youth Exchange of Romania by countries:

Poland	- 210 Euros/person Green travel
Hungary	- 210 Euros/person Green travel
Slovakia	- 210 Euros/person Green travel
Bulgaria	- 210 Euros/person Green travel

The reimbursement of the first exchange will be done during the Exchange in Hungary. The reimbursement for the second exchange will be done as soon as all participants of a country send the necessary travel documents.

For all the travel documents the invoicing should be done with the details of the coordinating organization.

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Tax number: HU18809237

*Green travel: It means if you travel by bus, train or by car. (traveling by airplane is not green travel)



What to wear and bring:

In Gheorgheni there are changing weather conditions in May. The temperature reaches 20-25 degrees during the day, but the air cools down by the evening. The advice to dress in cool clothes and some sweaters for the evening is good to have a raincoat with you. When choosing shoes, keep in mind that you should also have comfortable ventilated shoes and slippers. Please bring swimsuit too because we will go to a wellness.

Intercultural evening – Participants are expected to create interesting, interactive and creative intercultural evening. The intercultural evening gives you a unique opportunity in a creative way to promote your country and culture. Show us what you eat, drink, what are your traditions, music, culture, stereotypes. Find interesting videos / games / exercises / educational activities related with the topic.

Morning/Afternoon Energizers: We would be really happy if each group prepare some energizers to increase the group energy and synergy

Food

During the activity the participants will be provided with three meals per day. Please inform us in the application form about your food habits and needs (fast, vegetarian, vegan, food allergies)!

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Participation

To participate fill out the form before the **2th of April**

Application form:

<u>https://forms.gle/XopWVzNV3FmC7odv9</u>

