

“Young Decision”

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Young Exchange



Education and Culture DG

'Youth in Action' Programme

Turkey

12 June – 25 June 2012

Practical Information:

Project Description:

This Young Exchange project, "Young Decision" is about decision making on European citizenship, allowing young Europeans to make their own decisions on the issues related to the accession process of candidate countries to the European Union. Ordu, the middle sized city of Turkey, is a representative place for getting the chance to know Turkey, which is a candidate country for EU membership since 2005. There will be 5 young European people including group leaders from Italy, Latvia and Poland. The young exchange project will take place in Ordu between the dates 12th of June and 25th of June, 2012. During the 12 days, participants will have the opportunity to experience an intercultural dialogue which will directly promote the notion of European citizenship. There will be new themes for each day from a spectrum of; image of Turkey for participants, the streets of Ordu, transportation, village life, historical places, traditional Turkish family, cultural sharing, state institutions, cultural dances and music, shopping-relations with shopkeepers, wedding, and cuisine. All participants will actively participate in all activities. Besides these, there will be some social activities, picnic, swimming and so on. There will be voting sessions each evening evaluating the daily activities in order to promote democratic rights of the citizens. At the end of the project, we will evaluate Turkey's position for EU membership according to results of the voting sessions of every day. The project, also, allows every group to introduce their culture to other groups, emphasizes socialization, broadmindedness of youngs and caring other participants' ideas, allows getting information about other countries.

Participating Countries:

There are 5 participating countries from:
Italy, Poland, Latvia and Turkey

The Group size: 5 **participants** (ages between 18 and 25)

*Only the age of leader may be between 18 and 30, other participants **CANNOT**.

** The EU and our National Agency give great importance to a gender balance in participant groups. Therefore, we strongly recommend you to take this into consideration.

Financial Conditions:

The Young Exchange is scheduled for 12 June – 25 June, 2012 and will be **hosted in Turkey, Ordu.** (An exact venue is not still decided we will update you as soon as possible)

Financial support is from the Turkish National Agency, under the European Commission's "Youth in Action"-programme granting scheme. All costs will be covered, except for **30% of the international travel.** The Young Exchange will be held in **English.**

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Travel Timing:

Arrival Time: **whole day** 12th June, 2012 (Tuesday)

Departure Time: **Before 12:00 am** 25th June, 2012 (Monday)

Visa:

No Visa is required for EU citizens, participants will need to have only **valid ID card or international passport.**

! Please, check the **VALIDITY of the passports before the departure – Passport must be valid at least for 6 (six) months.**

Local Transportation:

We will give you instructions on how to reach the venue once we have the last decision about the venue.

Venue:

Detailed information about Venue will be provided as soon as possible.

Weather:

The weather during our project will probably be nice, temperature will be around 20°C – may be more than 20°C (You can wander around with your t-shirts and shorts, but in any case it would be good if you brought something to put on because it may get a bit chilly during nights)

*We strongly recommend you to bring your swimsuits... We will have a full day in the seaside according to our schedule ☺ (may be more than one time)

Accommodation and Food:

Rooms with 2 beds (probably)

In principle 2 participants of the same sex and different nationalities will share one room.

Hotel will provide us with towels and bed linen.

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The **Seminar** room and **Dining** room are located at the same building. Organizers will provide participants with three meals per day.

We strongly recommend each participant to inform the ORGANIZERS about any special needs such as dietary, vegetarian or any other kind of special need!!!

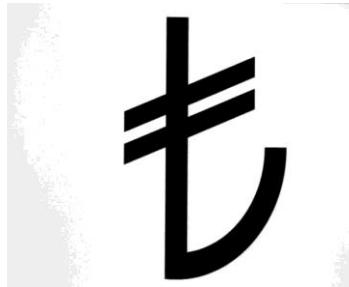
Security Advice:

! The organizers will not provide you with **Insurance!**

It is obligatory for **each participant to obtain travel insurance – at own expense** - for whole duration of **Young Exchange 12th June – 25th June, 2012.**

Money:

Turkey's national currency is Turkish Lira (TL) for which our government recently introduced a brand new symbol.



* One Euro equals to 2.35 TL. About the prices... Don't worry, it is cheaper compared to İstanbul and other bigger cities. To give some clues: 330ml coke: 1.5 tl, 50cl beer in bars and pubs: 5-7 tl, traveling with bus in the city is around 1.5 tl.

Internet Access:

There will be a Wi-Fi Internet available in the Venue.

Preparation:

- Each Group is asked to teach us a traditional dance of their country. (a popular and simple one)
- Each Group is asked to prepare cultural presentations (any kind of activity will be welcomed)
- Each Group is welcome to bring national drinks and snacks for the intercultural evening.

Rules:

You are expected to participate fully in all activities, unless you are ill. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops won't be permitted. We would really appreciate energetic and active participation.

Smoking is prohibited inside of the buildings, so all smokers will have to leave the building in case you want to smoke a cigarette.

Contacts:

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Travel Budget Limits:

<i>Please note: only cheapest means of transport are subject for reimbursement:</i>		
Country	Number of Participants	Max. Travel Cost Per Person (100%)
Italia	5	480
Poland	5	480
Latvia	5	480

By plane;

From Your Country – To Istanbul

From Istanbul to Samsun (Çarşamba Airport)

Then by bus (directly from the Çarşamba Airport);

From Samsun to Ordu

(You don't need to buy a ticket to travel from Samsun to Ordu right now. You will buy it in the bus. (It costs 5 Euro) Just book your plane tickets.