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EVS project in Macedonia 2016/2017



EVS INFO PACK



INFORMATION RIGHT NOW



About SEGA and INFO SEGA:

Coalition of youth organizations SEGA

History background

Youth Council Prilep and two partner organizations led the initiative to establish a coalition of youth organizations to apply and implement the project “National Youth Action Plan”. Continuing the process, the Coalition of Youth Organizations SEGA was unofficially established on January 20th, 2004 in order to contribute to the development and implementation of the National Youth Strategy of Macedonia and to improve the satisfaction of the needs of the youth. On the 27th of September 2004, a decision was made to formally register the Coalition as a citizen association. Coalition SEGA is a national organization with collective membership.

The membership of the Coalition (at the moment) consists of 11 full and 15 associate member organizations. The management structure is composed of the following bodies:

- Assembly – composed of all members;
- Governing Board – composed of five representatives from the full members;
- Supervisory Board – composed of three representatives from the Assembly members.

The executive structure is organized in the Central office, which is located in Prilep, and Regional offices in: Shtip, Ohrid, Tetovo and Skopje.

Mission

The Coalition of youth organizations SEGA works on developing and implementing youth policies in Macedonia as well as connecting and strengthening young people to improve their overall state.

Vision

SEGA is a sustainable and developed youth organization active at the local, regional and national level, a long-term and serious partner in the implementation of youth programmes along with young people, NGOs, state institutions and the business sector.

Our work has led to an improved overall state of youth, their inclusion in decision-making processes and

their use of applicable laws.

Our success is recognized in the promotion of the young people as a resource in the society, ready to answer new challenges.

Coalition of youth organizations SEGA in 2010 opened the first Youth INFO Center in Prilep and in 2015 is opened the second one in Kavadarci.

Information and Counseling Youth Center INFO SEGA



“Information right now”

About the project

Activity start date: 1st of September 2016

EVS activity ending date: 28th of February 2017

Number of volunteer's needed: 1 volunteer from Italy

Profile of volunteers:

- 18-30 years of age
- Computer skills in Microsoft Office and using Internet
- Good communicating capabilities
- Fluent in English language
- Able to work in a team
- Willing to work with young people from different nationalities and religions
- Responsible, diligent, creative, open minded, ambitious, interested in innovative ways of communication

Description of project:

Youth unemployment is one of the main social and economic challenges of this decade. The situation in Macedonia about the big percent of youth unemployment is really concerning the youth organizations. They are taking many actions and are adapting their services in order to help young people be more competitive in the labor market and familiarizing them with youth entrepreneurship, which is new trend for fighting youth unemployment. Youth work (non-formal learning) enables young people to develop the entrepreneurial skills that are important in their daily lives, in the work place, and when establishing a social or commercial activity and in the process of looking for a job place and the process of starting their own business.

This means that all stakeholders in Macedonia should be actively involved in raising the awareness among the citizens of developing new creative and helpful youth services in the frames of youth organizations.

Coalition of youth organizations SEGA opened the first INFO Center (INFO SEGA) in Prilep five years ago, and in 2014 and 2015 opened two more INFO clubs in Stip and Bitola and one INFO Center in Kavadarci.

The origin of the project is to develop the new opened INFO Center in Kavadarci that will be transversal to all youth and the idea is focusing the project into the subject for youth entrepreneurship. The EU volunteers will share their experience and implement good practices about youth entrepreneurship learning with the local youth and community.

This project also promotes active participation of young people through the promotion of European citizenship and voluntarism. Also getting into the fields like EU cultural diversity, the project contributes to the promotion of tolerance and mutual understanding between the young people in different countries.

The main objectives of the project are:

- to stimulate unemployed young people's mobility and active participation in non-EU society
- creating tools and services for increasing youth employment, youth entrepreneurship and creativity within INFO Center
- to discover different ways through youth initiatives to stimulate young people's spirit of creativity, entrepreneurship and employability
- uniting and developing creative potentials of young people and thus increase the level of youth activism
- to increase their inter-cultural knowledge
- the opportunity to meet and live in small community
- to put together young people who want to be successful and the ones who already succeeded
- to motivate young entrepreneurs to share and exchange ideas and information

Volunteers's activities:

The volunteers will be involved in the program services of YIC Kavadarci and occasionally SEGA working in the field of youth information, youth leisure, youth entrepreneurship and discovering culture and tradition. These are the areas and services on which the volunteers would work on together:

Youth entrepreneurship - Youth unemployment issue and creativity

- Workshops for CV
- Workshops for Motivation letter
- Workshops for Entrepreneurship ideas

INFORMATION right NOW - Youth leisure, youth information

- Research of Information for EVS and EU programs and publishing on web and media tools
- Conversation hours and meeting with local youth
- Promotions of the Erasmus+ and project in high schools and faculty
- Gathering information about the youth possibilities in EU (scholarships, trainings, events, exchange programs) from internet in English (latter Macedonian) and creation of online articles with these news.

INFO NOW Reporter - Discovering local culture and the country heritage, which will be explored by EVS through a photo art/exhibition and outdoor activities.

- Reporting for history, monuments, tradition in Macedonia
- Report videos, photos on web
- Organizing Photo art/exhibition
- Organizing Outdoor activities with local youth
- Research, meeting with the local population, conducting interviews and writing articles on the local life in the municipalities involved in the project and publishing of the reportages on the website.

Promoting Erasmus+

The volunteers will work with the partners of the programme to promote the Erasmus+ programme, present the possibilities for youth exchanges and EVS to the local youth within the field of the programme. The tasks include:

- Promotion of the Erasmus+ programme among the local NGO's in order to encourage youth exchanges and voluntarism within their activities;
- Presentation of the Erasmus+, especially the EVS to the local authorities and local population involved in the programme for cooperation;

Participation in everyday activities

The volunteer's participation in everyday activities of the YIC Kavadarci will be very limited. However, in order to facilitate their integration in the team, they will be partially included in the everyday activities.

The volunteers will also be involved in the promotion of their country, language and culture among the partners of the project and the local youngsters. These activities will be done to promote the EU culture only in order to promote cultural diversity and understanding. The volunteers will be involved in all project activities and will have freedom to give/share their own ideas and visions about the ongoing project. The volunteers will have a possibility to use 20% of working time to develop his or her own project. In this project they will be supported the office staff, the staff of the hosting organization as well as other volunteers.

About Macedonia

The Republic of Macedonia, independent since 1991, is located in the Balkan Peninsula. It borders with Kosovo and Serbia on the North, with Bulgaria on the East, with Greece on the South, and with Albania on the West. Republic of Macedonia is a country at the crossroads of eastern and western civilizations. Orthodox, Muslims and in smaller numbers Catholics, Protestant and Jews live here together.

The territory is mountainous, with rivers and three natural lakes.

The population is estimated around 2 million.

For more information visit: <http://www.exploringmacedonia.com/>

About Skopje:

Skopje is the capital city of the Republic of Macedonia. It has approximately 500,000 inhabitants.

Situated in northern



Macedonia, the city is crossed by the river Vardar, the largest river in the country. Skopje is

located at 240 amsl and has an area of 1,854 km².

The area of Skopje has been inhabited since 4000 BC: ruins of Neolithic settlements are present in the Kale Fortress.

Most of the ancient building of Skopje were built during the Ottoman rule (15th – 19th Century), but nowadays the city has mostly a modern aspect: in 1963, in fact, a massive earthquake destroyed 75% of Skopje. The city centre is also characterised by the recent settlement of monument and restoration of buildings in the context of the *Skopje 2014* project.

The main attractions in Skopje are the Stone Bridge, the Old Bazar, Mustapha Pasha Mosque, the Kale Fortress and Sveti Spas Church.

About Kavadarci

The town of Kavadarci is the centre of the Tikves area which got its name by the old settlement formed at the mouth of the River Tikvesica and the River Crna. The numerous objects made of Roman bricks point to the fact that it was an old Roman settlement, where the 17th century records confirmed its existence in the year 1378.

By the end of the 18th century Kavadarci was mentioned under its present name as a part of the Bitola pashalik. Then it had around 2,000 inhabitants. In the period of the Turkish Empire, Kavadarci was permanent administrative centre.

Today Kavadarci is a modern town with the population of 29'000 inhabitants in 9,076 households, which is even 76% of the total population of the area. It is only 100 km away from Skopje.

Kavadarci is one of the best known wine growing towns in the Balkans as well as in Europe. The wines



are produced in the wine cellars of the plant Tikves and have been awarded many international awards. They are the pride of the Macedonian wine production.

Of the numerous cultural and historical monuments in Kavadarci and the area there a few that deserve special attention:

Marko's Tower dating from the 18th century, the *Church of St.Spas* in the village of Pravednik built and painted in 1625, the *Church of St.Atanasie* south-west of the village of Galiste, *the Church of St. Bogorodica* in the village of Drenovo built during Tsar Dusan's reign and painted in 1356, *Marko's cave church* in the village of Dradnja, the *Monastery of Moklis* south-east of the village of Vatasa, the monastery church of which was built in 1595 by certain Nikola and his sons, the *Monastery of Polog* situated on the left bank of the River Crna i.e. reservoir Tikves which is only accessible by boat. The monastery church honors *St.Gjorgija* and dates from the 14th century. It is important, because is believed to have Dragutin's (tsar Dusan's brother) relics. The monastery yard has no inns, but there are around thirty villas around it used by the local fishermen.

Lake Tikves is the most characteristic in the area. It was formed on the River Crna in 1968. It is the biggest reservoir in the Republic of Macedonia covering the area of 14 km². It is 26 km long and it measures 475,000,000 m³ of water. The lake water apart from being used for irrigating the fertile Tikves field, as well as the production of electric power, it is teeming with different kinds of fish such as: catfish, crap, tench, redfin, chub, perch and others. The water temperature during the summer period is up to 25°C and the air temperature around 26.6°C which



provide favorable conditions for development of the summer tourism.

This area is characterized by the Mediterranean climate with average air temperature of 13.5°C and average rain fall of 437.4 mm.



Useful information

LOCAL TIME:

Macedonian local time is GMT +1.

CURRENCY, ATMs and CREDIT CARDS:

The official currency of Macedonia is the Denar (MKD).

Approximately: 1 € = 61.50 MKD, 1 \$ = 46.00 MKD.

You can find ATMs outside the major banks everywhere in Skopje.

All major credit and debit cards are widely accepted.

Some examples of local prices:

A coffee: 1-1.5 €

A beer: 1.5 €

A slice of cake in a patisserie: 1.5 €

A piece of bread in a bakery: 0.5 €

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY:

The electricity supply in Macedonia is 220 volts, a.c. 50 Hz. Sockets are generally CEE 7/7.

Hotels generally provide with adaptors upon request.

SMOKING:

Smoking is not allowed in all indoor public places.

OPENING HOURS:

Shops normally open around 09:00 and close around 20:00.

Tickets and bills:

When travelling through Macedonia you should always ask for a special bill called “fiskalna smetka” (on Macedonian) or invoice.

We would also like to remind you to keep your boarding pass and all other travel tickets otherwise we cannot approve your travel cost if you travel by plain.

Once again,

Please keep all your invoices/receipts related to your travel!

Weather in Macedonia:

The weather in Macedonia in July is from 20 – 33 Celsius degrees. It also might be rainy. You can check more info before coming to Prilep here: <http://www.ilmeteo.it/meteo-europa/Prilep>.

Accommodation:

The accommodation of the volunteers will be ensured by the hosting organization. The volunteers will share a room with other EVS volunteer, the rooms are with all basic needs covered according the standards of living in Macedonia. The volunteer’s accommodation will be near the mentors who are responsible for their learning processes, accommodation and cohesion. The volunteers will have 24 hours full support. In case of dealing with conflicts, the mentors will act as mediators and seriously will find the solution for the problem and conflicts.

Each of the three volunteers will have a different mentor who will be in contact with them and the time when will be in need. The mentors will orientate the volunteers to the new environment and the life in Macedonia in general and will speak with the volunteers about his/her learning objectives. The mentors will help the volunteers to integrate in the local community and to establish contacts with local people and different local organizations.

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More information about the host organization on the following official web sites:

www.sega.org.mk

www.infosega.org.mk

More information about successful EVS stories on the following link:

<http://www.infosega.org.mk/evs-news/evs-info-sega>.