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Erasmus + K.A.1 Youth exchange

Nea Moudania-Greece (25/5 - 2/6/2019)

Welcome on board!! 😊 It's time to start to form your groups!!

The NGO "You in Europe" is going to host the Youth exchange  
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### Participants' profile

It is a mobility project aiming at 30 young people between 18-25 years old, from 6 countries (Greece, Romania, Portugal, Spain, Italy and, Poland) and one youth leader per country with no age limit that addresses the comic art as a useful tool of empowerment and encouragement of young people, in order to achieve personal and social change and to promote intercultural dialogue.

5 participants + 1 group leader. Please keep the gender balance as much as you can

### The aim of the project

The innate human need for expression through images, dates back at pre historical times, when the man draw the first drawings on the walls of the caves, that could be as the heralds of our modern comic strips. Using



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comics as a tool of non formal education, we can learn how to increase the effectiveness, robustness, and enjoyment of our work with young people and not only!

In an era where youngsters in Europe and in the western world in general have to face major challenges in their everyday life (unemployment, social exclusion, passive way of life, racism, xenophobia, bullying, corruption), the art of comic can be proved as a useful tool for their personal empowerment and self - awareness. Comics can help them increase their self esteem and develop an attitude of active participation in the formalization of a satisfying reality by them, for them. So they can start setting goals and following the steps to achieve them. The other axis of our attempt is use the power of comic in order to challenge stereotypes, to achieve a deeper understanding of cultural identity and to promote intercultural dialogue and interaction

The goals of the project are:

- To help participants explore the art of comic and how they can be a powerful tool to bring personal development and social change
- To help participants understand the elements of an empowering story and how it can be given through the comic format
- To help participants discover the history of comic and more specifically, in their country
- To increase their creativity and their critical mind, encouraging them to create their own short comics
- To re-examine nonproductive concepts, to cultivate their tolerance towards the different "other"



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- To help them meet new aspects of themselves, inspired by their favorite comic heroes
- To encourage the intercultural awareness by developing an attitude of respect to the multiculturalism and its various expressions
- To help young people improve their knowledge about Erasmus+ Program and the possibilities it can offer to young people and to people that work with them

### Methods

All the methods used during the YE will be based on non-formal education activities, such as simulations, role plays, energizers, brainstorming, and discussion in small or big groups. All the participants will have the opportunity to be actively involved, discuss, share, learn from each other, critically reflect and get the best out from this project.

We envisage impact on 3 levels in the project countries:

1. young people
2. people who work with them and
3. community members were the youngsters activate.

### The expected outcomes are:

- The empowerment of young people and their active participation in creating their way of life



- The motivation to make choices that have a positive impact for their lives and their communities
- The promotion of intercultural dialogue and communication
- Raising awareness and knowledge on comics as a useful tool of empowering youth
- Raising awareness of the dynamic communication language of comics that can increase multicultural awareness

### Venue of the project

The project will be held in Bambola apartments, in NeaMoudaniaHalkidiki



<https://www.booking.com/hotel/gr/bambola-nea-moudania.el.html>

### Travel info and budget

The nearest airport is Thessaloniki airport "Makedonia" (SKG). The amount that we cover for travel expenses, regarding the distance calculator, for each country and for each participant is:

Italy: up to 275 € pp



Romania: up to 275€ pp  
Poland: up to 275€ pp  
Portugal: up to 360€ pp  
Spain: up to 360€ pp

From Thessaloniki airport we will arrange you the transfer to the venue by minivan. Total cost per one-way route is 60 euros (for 6 people). Don't forget to include this cost in the budget of your travel plan.

\*\*Please be aware that the 25th of May is the arrival day and 2nd of June is the departure day of the project.

\*\* If you would like to stay more days in Greece by your own expenses, you could book your ticket MAX 2 days before the project or MAX 2 days after.

\*\*Please send us your travel plan before your final booking, in order to confirm it.

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