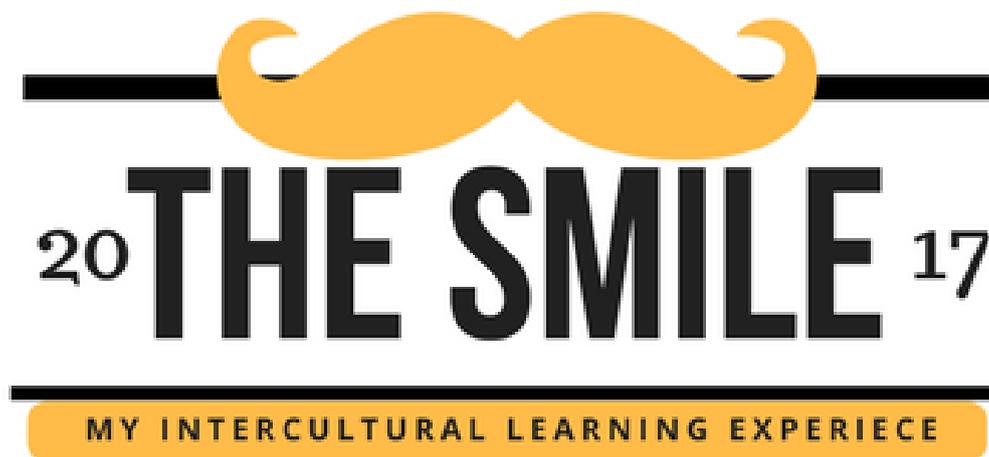


**The SMILE –
My Intercultural Learning
Experience**



**Európa Ifjúsága Egyesület
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Pákozd, Hungary**

TOPICS - The SMILE - My Intercultural Learning Experience

What is a smile?

It's a physical reaction? An intercultural symbol of happiness? The smallest distance between two people? The first step to get in connection? The first step to solve conflicts? Its an old-new way of intercultural learning?

Europe has to face a new dimension of interculturality. Via migration, people from different cultures have to learn how to live in peace next to each other. They have to learn to open up to other cultures, to understand and accept differences and similarities, to solve their misunderstandings and conflicts.

We believe that humor can help to build down some walls. We can release stress and fears with the help of smile and laughter. But what is funny in different countries? Is humor international or it has limits? Can something be funny in one culture and defending in an other?

We search answers on questions like this on the youth exchange. We will explore similarities and differences of our humor languages. We will explore how useful it can be in conflict resolutions, how it can help us to connect to other people and how it can help to reflect on our own cultures.

We will use different humor technics, clowning, visual story telling, cooperative games and simulations to work on our topic. Our aim is to explore, understand, learn, share and create with FUNNY. We have smile on our face and we are not afraid to use it.

PARTNERS

Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Italy, Poland, Spain and Hungary

6 participants + 1 leader / country

The gender ratios important!!!!!!

VENUE / ACCOMODATION:

Pákozd is situated 50 km from Budapest, in the direction of Lake Balaton, next to the Velencei-tó (Velencei-lake).



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The restaurant in the venue is youth exchange. With us should contact our organisation if special diet needed for someone in the group.

The venue offers a myriad of options: ping-pong, foosball, darts, badminton, volleyball, football, canoeing, garden chess and mill, jacuzzi, sauna.

Rooms are equipped with: all modern conveniences (hot and cold water, shower, toilet).

More information:

<http://www.pakozdi-ingoko-vendeghaz.hu/nyaralo1.html>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ry4_tpkWFTg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DT4L5Qxstp8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nCsauYAYJE>



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INSURANCE / MEDICATION

The organisers do not provide any health insurance for the Individual participants. We would kindly ask you to organize your own travel insurance for the whole duration of the training course. If you arrive from an EU country make sure you have your European Insurance Card with you!

Please bring the medications you may need as well. We have pharmacies here but if you need prescription medication you cannot buy them over the counter without a prescription. If participants have any allergies especially to food this needs to be expressed in the participant registration form, changes to the menu will not be possible once the project starts.

WEATHER

In late summer daytime temperatures reach 25-30°C, but sometimes quite higher. In most of the time is dry weather with sunny spells, although sometimes heavy Thunderstorms can occur at the end of the day, so don't forget your raincoat or umbrella.

You will probably need swimsuit and suntan lotion as well we plan to go swimming.

More information:

<http://www.accuweather.com/hu/hu/budapest/187423/july-weather/187423>

TRANSPORT TO AND FROM THE VENUE / TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

Please do not forget to keep originals of all tickets, boarding passes, etc. It will be needed for reimbursement.

The organizer covers 100% of travel costs to the venue and back based on the agreed budget limit for each country. The reimbursements will be done either by bank transfer or in cash by the last day of the workshop and only upon the presentation of all travel documents (invoices, receipts and boarding passes...). Please note, that you MUST keep your boarding passes and tickets. After the event you will be kindly asked to post it back to us. In case you arrive by train, you will need to post us your original tickets.

Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance of the training activities and presentation of the original travel tickets with boarding passes, receipts and invoices. Car travel and taxi



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are usually not eligible for reimbursements. If the participant paid for the ticket with a credit card, s/he is requested to hand out the confirmation of payment (i.e. credit card slip and/or bank statement).

Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will then be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate of the month when the agreement was signed with the Hungarian National Agency, as stated in the official European Commission web-site at <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/>

Travel costs (your place of residence to youth exchanges venue!!! there and back) maximum:

Just do it	Poland	180 Euro
Future World Association	Bulgaria	275 Euro
Asociación Cultural y Deportiva La Hoya	Spain	275 Euro
ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE EUFEMIA	Italy	275 Euro
Change it!	Czech Republic	275 Euro
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Participants are required to arrive at the venue of the project no later than 15:00 on 04/09/2017 and depart no sooner than 15:00 11/09/2017. Participants arriving before the project start date or leaving after the project start date need to arrange and pay for their own accommodation, the host organisation can assist in finding accommodation if needed. *Participants are allowed a maximum of 2 days extra either before the project or after the project or one day before and one day after the project dates.* If the participants will be staying more days in the host country the host organisation needs to be informed of this and needs to approve this.

The association rents a bus because it is the easiest and least expensive of the trip. The bus can transport the participants September 04th from Budapest (Liszt Ferenc Airport) to Pákozd, and September 11th from Pákozd to Budapest (Liszt Ferenc Airport). **This cost is 12 - 16 euro / person (total). This amount will be deducted from the amount of travel.** Therefore it is important that everyone arrive on September 04 in time.

We will meet at the airport! The exact time of the meeting agreed upon later.

MONEY

The Hungarian currency is Forint (HUF). The exchange rate between Euro and Forint: 1 Euro = 313 HUF (more or less). You can exchange money at the Airport or in the city centre (Budapest). We suggest you to change only the amount you need to get your tickets to get to the hotel. The rate is much better if you change money in the city centre than in the airport. You may also use cash machine to withdraw Hungarian



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Forints. You can find one inside the terminal building at the Airport, but also around the train/bus stations. Please note, that there is no money exchange possibility around the hotel! But there is cash machine in settlement. Almost everywhere you can pay with your credit card, so you not necessary need to change currency.

PREPARATION

What to bring:

- Materials, brochures, pictures to present your organizations during the youth exchange;
- Swimming suits, towels just in case :)
- You will need to bring your own shampoo, soap, tooth brush and tooth paste and any other personal hygiene items you need.
- It can happen that we make a bonfire. If you want to make music, you can take your instruments with. Please be reasonable we don't have place for a piano :)
- One laptop and photo camera pro country would be nice;
- Traditional drinks, delicatessen, promotional materials to present your country and hometown during the intercultural evening. Let's have a real intercultural event every evening!
- Information about your home country (Participants will be requested to present the main trends in participating countries concerning culture and integration). You are more than welcome to also share personal experiences if you feel like it.
- At the end of the exchange we will organise a See You Soon! - party. But who will e the DJ? Of course You all! Please take your favorite music with You! Should we have a topic of the party? Maybe crazy party? What do You think, can You bring some funny cloths?

Tasks:

We will SHARE responsibilities in the program, please prepare with your national group.

- Each team have to present the stereotypes of their own countries, humor stories about their culture, and viewpoint about migration.
- The effects of the stereotypes to their county and to themselves, pros and cons.
- The teams must be prepared energizer / refreshing games.
- What does flashmob mean? Know it!! ;)



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FACEBOOK GROUP (please, join! 😊)

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Please Note! It's NOT a camp. It is a YOUTH EXCHANGE! We will work, think, learn, share and we will have fun in an international group!

See you soon! 😊