



Erasmus+

## Erasmus+ KA1 Youth Exchange

**36 Participants (5 young people +1 leader) 6 Countries**



**06-14 September Muğla / Milas, TURKEY**

## Project information:

As 'Ekoturim Gençleri' (Ecotouristic young people) we are trying to raise awareness on ecotourism which means sustainable, safe, responsible trip, respecting local cultures, nature and the environment in our precious world through non governmental and civil society organisations and our university workshops we take part in.

The aim of our project is to give support ecotourism efforts in Milas and motivate both local people and participants from other countries on ecotourism through new, applicable, creative, sustainable tourism. We would like to inspire both locals and participants according to the benefits of ecotourism trying to let them aware the disadvantages or destroying effects of mass tourism which will give long term destruction to the environment. And we will make them realise if we continue like that future generations will face dreadful results. Therefore our project on the theme of ecotourism will take place in Milas, the town of Muğla who is the leader city of tourism in Turkey. We are aiming at raising awareness of ecotourism in both our town and all around Europe besides the world.

Our project activities will be carried out in Muğla Milas-Bodrum under Erasmus+ K1 youth programme. It will last 8 days including the arrival and the departure days. The project date will be 06-14 September 2015.

While carrying out our project we will be in cooperation with Project participants and use nonformal and informal training methods. We will use some activities such as simulation games, drama, role plays, workshops, teamwork groups, outdoor activities, presentations. Throughout our project we will have workshops on ecotourism. We will try to arrange a path called ecotouristic way between two villages.

Under the frame of Erasmus+K1 programme, we are aiming at showing the negative effects of mass tourism while giving information on alternative sustainable tourism which is called ecotourism for our region considered as just for sun and beach holiday to participants and the local non governmental organisations through collaborating with international organisations who have much experience in that topic. We would like to show our opportunities of our region to them except beach holiday resorts.

Our project is aiming at the inspiring the new alternative idea of ecotourism in Milas and it will reach its target and be a new opportunity for the new generations and people living there and around the world.

### **Participants profile and Language:**

There will be partners from Poland, Spain, Italy, Greece, Hungary. There will be 30 European participants and 6 Turkish participants. 36 young participants will work for our project altogether. Every country will send 5 participants + 1 leader.

**Language** will be English but the participants can participate without knowing the English, the only must about language is leaders should be able to speak English and if there is a participant without no language ability, leader should be able to provide translation for that participant!

## Information about the place:



**Muğla- Milas airport**



**Bodrum**



### **"Mazi Village" where our project will take place**

**Muğla- Milas** (ancient Greek *Mylasa* *Μύλασσα*) is an ancient city and the seat of the district of the same name in Muğla Province in southwestern Turkey. The city commands a region with an active economy, and the region is very rich in history and its remains, the whole territory of Milas district containing a remarkable twenty-seven archaeological sites of note.

**Bodrum** is a world renowned holiday and entertainment peninsula, Bodrum is a paradise for its climate, sea, natural beauty, magnificent coves and history, as well as for its modern nightlife.

**Mazi Village:** The village of Mazi Bodrum

Mazi is a virgin cove just near Bodrum with extremely clean water. It has not yet been opened up to construction, has a very green character, with monumental trees and stones.

You might wonder how it could have stayed untouched in comparison to other coves and yet being so close to Bodrum.

The village of Mazi was opened up to tourism 25 years later than elsewhere, after its road was asphalted. We want to protect that place from the effects of mass tourism.

The main income of the village comes from Carpet making. Eco tourism can be beneficial for the locals in this heavenly place.

## Accommodation and Food

We will stay in tents next to a pansion on the Mazi beach. We will eat at the restaurant of that pansion in the photo below. Don't forget to bring your *tents, sleeping bags, camping mattress, towels, sun cream, hat, torch, comfortable shoes, slippers, mosquito repellent.*



## Health Insurance:

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in Turkey are quite high.

## Visa requirement

Turkey is not yet in the EU so please bring along your passports! Some of you may need visa. You can get visa in airport. Please check the board before the passport control if you need visa or not.

## Arrival to Milas Bodrum

Bodrum Milas-Airport is one of the medium-sized airports in Turkey. It is an international airport with more than 3.6m passengers per year (incoming, outgoing and transit). There are also busses to Bodrum and Mazi. It is 50 km from airport to Mazi.

If you arrive at İstanbul airport you will need to take the bus to İstanbul to Bodrum. It takes 10 or 11 hours. Pamukkale, Metro, Varan etc. are the bus companies.

## Travel Costs

If NA give the grant to us, we will reimburse all travel cost during youth exchange.

**! Note: Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done**

upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes. Please print before all documents, which are related to travel expenses. This means that once home after the training, participants will be asked to send the originals of all return documents and boarding passes. Please remember to bring the original invoices - there will be no reimbursement without the original invoices and tickets with indicated Names of travellers, description of the journey, indication of cost and currency and date of travel.

Please do not lose your boarding passes; you will need them for reimbursement of travel cost.

**!!!! Note:** Finally, please make copies (or even better, scan or take photographs) of all tickets and invoices and email these to [ekoturizmgencligi@gmail.com](mailto:ekoturizmgencligi@gmail.com) before attending the exchange. This will be very helpful to organisers to begin processing the financial and reimbursement data so that all payments may be made as efficiently as possible.

COUNTRY	ORGANIZATION	TRAVEL	PAX COUNT
Spain	AC Amics de la Biblioteca de la Fonteta	270 euros	6 pax
Italy	Esplora	170 euros	6 pax
Hungary	Tudás Alapítvány	170 euros	6 pax
Poland	Fundacja "Rodowo"	170 euros	6 pax
Greece	Sharp Minds	80 euros	6 pax

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**THANKS** 😊