

KA-1 / Youth Exchange

«War and Peace»

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About Project and Objectives:

Increasing recognition of the essential role of youth in peace building is now beginning to manifest itself in efforts to actualize that role. The future moral, social, and political challenge will be to see whether humanity can mobilize the energy, creativity, and vision of youth in pursuit of peace as successfully as it has in pursuit of war. Given that the international focus on youth and peace building has only emerged relatively recently, the mechanisms for engaging youth in peace building, and the content of that engagement, are still in the early stages of experimentation.

A final important motivation for including youth in peacebuilding largely rejects the idea that youth should be targeted as a result of the threat they may pose and contends instead that youth are actually characterized by specific qualities and features that are particularly conducive to peacebuilding. In this view, young people are understood as unique contributors, indeed the likely leaders, of successful peacebuilding efforts; and they are, in fact, the primary enablers of social change. The traits of creativity, openness to new experiences, and desire for change, combined with the energy and vitality that we associate with youth, are all elements of the distinctive capabilities of youth to build peace.

This is the reason, why we decided to gather young people from 8 countries (Italy, Azerbaijan, Romania, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Spain, Bulgaria, Croatia and Slovakia) to exchange the experiences about the democracy, peace building and about war in their countries in past or in present times. Especially in connection to the rise of populist extremism and radicalization in Europe,

we would like to debate with youngster from different countries about this phenomenon that challenges our European values and democracy. Remember – prevention is better than cure and we have to learn from the past.

For who is it?

Participants are expected to fall under the following criteria:

- Totally 5 people from each country
- age of **18 – 25** Years old
- Able to work in simple English
- Highly motivated and willing to actively participate during the whole project.

Partner countries: Italy, Azerbaijan, Romania, Macedonia, Spain, Bulgaria, Croatia

Accomodation

Military Base - Military Technical and Testing Institute “Záhorie”



Travel

- Will be organised after the selection of the participants

Financials

- Food, board and the exchange activities are covered by the EU Programme for education, training, youth and sport **Erasmus+**.
- Regarding travel costs, participants pay the travel tickets and after the project there will be reimbursement. There is a fixed amount to be reimbursed for each country which is for both arrival and departure. For Macedonia maximum reimbursement per person is **170 Euro**.
- Participation fee is **80 Euro** per person. This should be payed in Macedonia .