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Invitation to

A 3.1.1 Youth Exchange << INCLUDE US - EMPLOY US! >>

When?

Date: 19-26 April 2014
Arrival: 18 April 2014
Departure: 27 April 2014

Where?

Location: Cristuru Secuiesc, Romania
Venue: Kolping Center

Who?

Partners:

Armenia - Armenian National Students' Association
Croatia - Association of the Deaf and hard of hearing Nova Gradiška
Estonia - Estonian Association of the Deaf
Hungary - Beszédes Kezek Kulturális és Oktatási Egyesület
Italy - Work in Progress
Spain - Galician Confederations of People with Disabilities
Ukraine - Mosaica

Participants: 5-5 participants from each country

How?

Working Language: English

Short Summary of the Project

The Youth Association from Transylvania will organize an **8 day** youth exchange in Cristuru Secuiesc between the 19th and the 26th of April 2014, which will have the topic of **employability** among youth who are **deaf** or who come from **difficult social backgrounds** (from poor rural or urban areas, with social, economical difficulties). At the project will participate **40 youngsters from 8 different countries** (UE, EECA): Romania, Hungary, Armenia, Ukraine, Estonia, Italy, Spain and Croatia. Each group will include deaf youngsters and youths coming from vulnerable backgrounds.



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The project will focus on **discussing, learning and expressing** through art about the situation of employability for deaf and other vulnerable youth in each country, on non formal activities that give new skills and competencies to the participants (competences which will facilitate their employment and competences needed to organize similar projects in the future) and a set of thematic workshop for awareness raising on topic of the project.

For this workshop, we will create 3 groups which:

- will **write a song** on a topic related to youth employability
- will **make a musical performance** (with singing and instruments)
- will **make a video** of the song where the central part of the visual content will be the not only with voice performance but also in sign language performance

These videos will be promoted via internet and through a video projection in the city centers of Cristuru Secuiesc and Sighisoara.

The scope of the videos is to **raise awareness** of the public on the importance of assuring equal conditions for people with difficulties and on the importance of avoiding discriminative attitudes and comportments.

The project will include a wide range of **non-formal working methods** during which the participants will tackle problems related to labor market (especially problems related to disadvantaged people): theatre forum, world café, role-play activity, brainstorming, etc. Beside these, they will take part in free time activities, visits to neighboring cities and villages to discover the culture of Transylvania, an Intercultural night, and cultural nights for each country present.

At the end of the exchange the participants will receive detailed **Youthpass** certificates with details on what they learned and how they developed their skills, competencies and attitudes as a result of the project.

Participant Profile

Each Group has **5 members**, 1 group leader and 4 participants.

- **Age of the group leader** can be between **20-40**
- **Age of the participants** has to be **18-25**, with a few exceptions until 30.
- **1 person HAS** to be able to communicate in International and National Sign Language;
- **2 or 3** of the participants have to be **deaf**;
- **2 or 3** of the participants have to come from **difficult** social or economical or geographical **backgrounds**;
- Exception from these criteria is **Ukraine**, who will have to bring 4-5 participants with experience in filming and or editing videos.



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How to Prepare

- When selecting Participants fill in their information, on this list:

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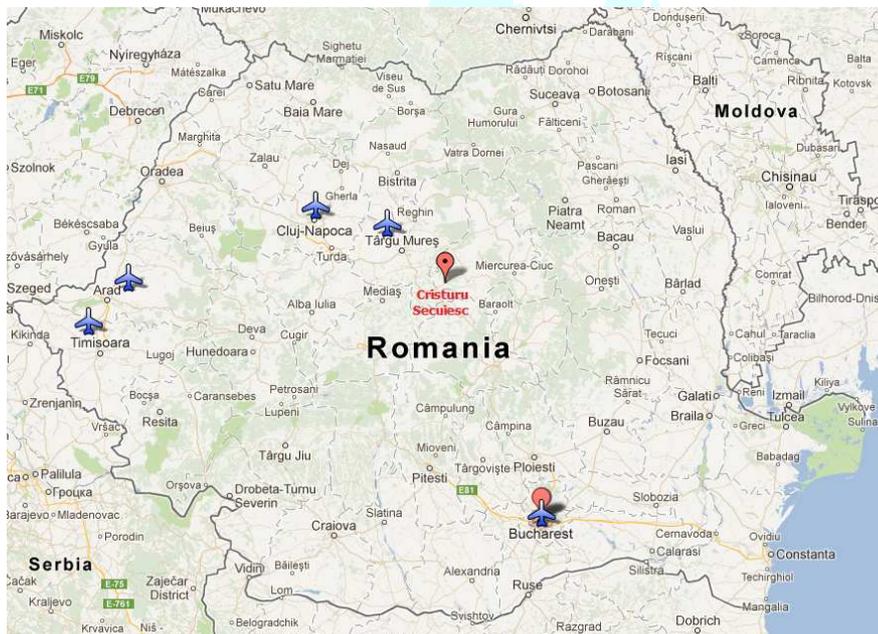
The young participants should prepare the following:

- creative presentation of their **country**;
- creative presentation of their **sending organization**;
- creative presentation of the **situation of the deaf** in each country;
- creative presentation of situation of **employment** in each partner country;
- preparing short moments of learning from each country's **language and sign language**;
- bring **materials** (food, drinks, pictures, movies, music, etc) for intercultural night;

Finances and Travels

The Youth in Action program covers all the costs of this exchange **100%**. This includes accommodation, food and organization.

70% of travel costs is covered by the Youth in Action Programme, while 30% has to be covered by participants or sending organisation.



Each Partner should search the lowest means of transport to arrive in Romania, this means low cost airline tickets and second class bus, train tickets. **All tickets, boarding passes and bills must be kept and sent to ATA, the host organization.**

For arriving in Cristuru Secuiesc, You should manage the travels in your own country and the flight. We will manage your travel from Airports in Romania. When

choosing your Flights, be sure that You find **Wizz Air** connections from your country to Airports like **Tirgu Mures** (very close) Cluj, (close), Arad, Timisoara and Bucharest (far).

Before Booking any Airline ticket or any other travel means, send your plan to nagy_g_attila@yahoo.com and office.ata@gmail.com for a confirmation. Please buy tickets as soon as possible.



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Accommodation

We will be hosted in a Renting Home in Cristuru Secuiesc. The building is owned by the Catholic Church and managed privately. It can host 45 people at 1 time and has rooms with 2 to 5 beds. Participants will be randomly selected in rooms, in order to ensure a multicultural division everywhere.





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Working Spaces

The conference room, where we will have some of our meetings, discussions, workshops and debates is also in this building. During some days we will have activities in parks or green spaces around the city.



Food

Most of the time, we will have breakfast in the restaurant of the renting room. Lunch and Dinner will be in a restaurant in the city. We will also have outdoor cooking if the weather permits it.

Most of the food will be traditional Romanian, Hungarian and Seckler food.

If there are participants who are vegetarian, with a special diet, or other eating needs, please let us know in advance and we will try to prepare for this



About the Town

Cristuru Secuiesc (RO), Székelykeresztúr (HU), is a town in Harghita County, Romania. It lies in the Seckler Land, an ethno-cultural region in eastern Transylvania where the majority of the population is Seckler, who are a Hungarian ethnic group which speak a distinct dialect of Hungarian.

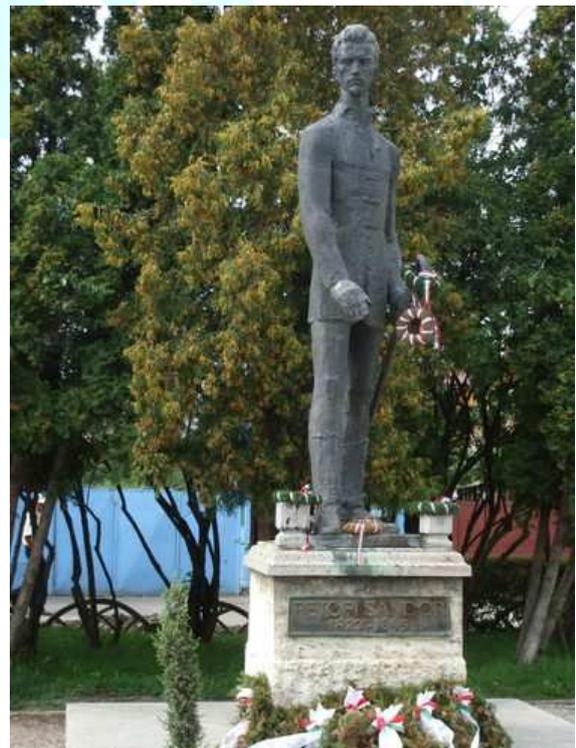
The population of the town is 9672, from which 96% are of Hungarian ethnicity, 3% of Romanian while 1% belongs to other groups.



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Historically the region, with the whole of Transylvania was part of the Hungarian Kingdom and later, of the Austro Hungarian Empire. After the Trianon Treaty which ended World War 2, ut became part of Romania, and since them (with a period of change during the beginning of World War 2) it is part of this country.





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A bit of informal Romanian and Hungarian before you arrive

English	Romanian	Hungarian
Hi! / Hello!	Bună! / Salut!	Szia! / Hali!
Good morning!	Bună dimineața!	Jó reggelt!
Good day!	Bună ziua!	Jó napot
Good night!	Bună seara!	Jó estét!
Welcome!	Bine ați venit!	Üdvözlöm.
My name is...	Numele meu e...	A nevem ...
Thank you!	Mulțumesc!	Köszönöm
I need help.	Am nevoie de ajutor.	Segítség.
I'm sorry, I don't speak Romanian/Hungarian.	Î-mi pare rău, nu vorbesc Românește / Maghiară.	Sajnálom, nem beszélek Románul/Magyarul.
Do you speak French/German/English?	Vorbești Franceză/Germană/Engleză?	Beszélsz Franciául, Németül, Angolul?
Excuse me!	Scuză mă!	Bocsánat
Yes	Da	Igen
No	Nu	Nem
Maybe	Poate	Lehet



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