



# #allDifferent

**Arad, Romania**



## **OBJECTIVES and ACTIVITIES**

Research has shown that pupils in Arad, coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, are more likely to be excluded by their peers, to have lower achievements in school and to suffer both at personal and professional level. Moreover, on the medium term, Arad is likely to become a city where asylum seekers will be relocated, given that this was already presented on the city's public agenda and there is already the accommodation infrastructure in the proximity of the city.

We envision Arad as a community in which youngsters are fully supported to achieve their unique potential, by developing personally, professionally and socially, irrespective of their status. We have decided to act for reducing the marginalization and aggression of young people based on them belonging to different vulnerable. For this, our objectives are to:

- increase with 30% the inclusion of marginalized youngsters from Arad, with a special focus on the following groups: Roma, Muslim (especially asylum seekers), persons with disability.
- reduce by half the percentage of pupils who would bully their colleagues based on them being "different" than the others.

Following our needs analysis, we have contacted three long term EVS partners: VCS Skopje FYROM, Arbalet Turkey and Attiva Mente Italy. Mille Cunti from Spain joined after we promoted our initiative.

The project will take unfold between 30.06.2017-30.06.2019.

**2nd flow: from 01-08-2018 to 01-03-2019, for the school year 2018/2019**

For each stage, 8 volunteers, 2 from each of the countries: FYROM, Turkey, Spain and Italy

Activities and working methods for each stage:

\* introductory training: discovering the local community/ discovering the project/ mastering the non-formal programmes for diversity and anti-discrimination education: Bookmarks, A World of Difference, Peace Jam and Peers For Inclusion/ learning how to administrate the project blog and website/ communication/ tools for assessing the impact of the educational programmes.



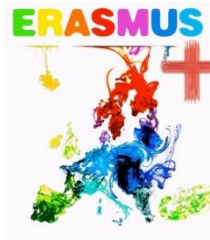
\* specific educational activities for combating exclusion of vulnerable groups and bullying in schools:

- Peer education workshops for reducing bullying and promoting diversity
- Activities for counteracting hate speech
- Advocacy and social activism campaigns for promoting diversity
- Peer education workshops for inclusion of persons with disabilities
- Peer education workshops on analysing the dissemination of fake news
- Volunteering for NGOs in Arad and Timisoara that are working in the field of social inclusion

\* closing the activities, reporting, Youthpass, evaluation.

Volunteers will be working most often in teams of two, and will be assigned to different schools or organisations working with youth and vulnerable groups. They will be empowered to plan and implement the activities, using non-formal anti-discrimination methods, inspired by the 4 programmes, but also methods that they will identify themselves. The project will rely on their autonomy in the implementation of the activities.

Overall, the project will promote social inclusion and solidarity in the local community, opening it to diversity.



## ERASMUS + PROGRAM:

The new program consists of three different 'key actions':

### **1) Learning Mobility of Individuals, including:**

- Youth exchanges;
- European Voluntary Service;
- Training and Networking of youth workers.

### **2) Cooperation for Innovation and the Exchange of good practices, including:**

- Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth;
- Capacity-building in the field of youth (cooperation with partner countries from outside Europe).

### **3) Support for policy reform, meaning:**

- Structured Dialogue.

### European Voluntary Service:

- Only for organizations from program countries and neighboring countries;
- Minimum age: 17;
- Travel costs are now funded based on the travel distance of the volunteers;
- Volunteers can get 'online linguistic support' (assessment and learning) from a European Commission online platform.

### **PROFILE OF THE VOLUNTEER:**

- Between 18-30 years old;
- Resident of the sending country;
- Interested in the theme of the project;
- Willing to participate in a non-formal intercultural experience;
- Having difficulties in choosing a career;
- NEET youngsters;
- Without employment options due to lack of practical experience.

### LOCAL COMMUNITY:

## Arad



Arad is situated on the West part of Romania, 50 km far from Hungarian border, being the 13th biggest city of Romania, with around 200.000 citizens. In the past Arad was called "little Vienna"

because the architecture from the center of the 2 cities were quite similar. The river that runs through the city is called Mureş.



### IMPORTANT ASPECTS:

**Accommodation** – rented apartments, 2 persons/room, with access to bathroom (common), kitchen (common) and other utilities.

**Meal** – you will receive a monthly food allowance so you can arrange your own meals.

**Local Transportation** – you will receive a monthly tram ticket valid on all tram lines.

**Internet** – you will have access to internet at the accommodation place.



### LUGGAGE – WHAT TO BRING:

It's not necessary to take a big luggage, because you will have the possibility to wash your clothes. Take whatever you consider necessary. Bring your own:

- Towels;
- Hair-dryer;
- Clothes Iron;
- Laptop (if you have one);
- Medicine (if you are on a specific treatment).



## HOW TO GET TO ARAD:

Your destination is the city of ARAD and you have several possibilities to get here:

**1. TIMIȘOARA AIRPORT**

- Situated 60 km from Arad;
- In case you arrive here a member of the association will be in the airport waiting for you and will take you to your accommodation place.

**2. BUDAPEST AIRPORT**

- Situated 260 km from Arad;
- In case you arrive here, a driver will wait for you and take you to Arad, to your accommodation place where one of the members of the association will wait for you. The driver is from a company specialized with airport transfers, so they are professionals.

**3. ARAD TRAIN STATION**

- You also have the possibility to arrive to Arad by train from Budapest or other Romanian cities.

**4. ARAD BUS STATION**

- You can come to Arad by bus if you are traveling from countries such as: Spain, Italy, France, Germany etc.

**SEE YOU SOON!**

