



DIFFUSE - Digital Inclusion for Further Use



Mobility of youth workers San Giorgio Albanese 26/07 - 02/08/2019

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THE PROJECT

San Giorgio Albanese is an Albanian ethnic and linguistic enclave in Southern Italy, with its peculiar traditions and customs, that have been handed down and preserved for centuries.



In Europe, there are many other linguistic minorities, originated by whole communities, that migrated to new countries and brought with them not only their language, but also their customs and traditions. To be preserved, these communities need to be included into the multicultural mosaic that is now becoming Europe, through a process of intercultural growth: this is the first step not to be afraid of differences and to realize that, in fact, they aren't an obstacle but, on the contrary, they give an added value to the society. Furthermore, the town is experiencing an interesting experiment: they are hosting families of refugees in abandoned houses of the city center, as a diffuse hotel, providing accommodation and training to find a job.

Given these premises, the Municipality of San Giorgio Albanese has decided to develop **“DIFFUSE - Digital Inclusion For Further Use”**, a project aiming at improving the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities in their communities, through the use of digital technologies for educational purposes.



OBJECTIVES

- Promote the acquisition of digital skills of youth workers needed to improve their work with groups at risk of social exclusion in the 9 involved communities.
- Gain a better understanding of the relationship of the youth with media and digital devices, in order to use them as a tool for non formal education activities and local lab, refreshing the interest of youth in participating in educational and leisure activities
- Generate discussion, dialogue and exchange of good practices among youth workers to contribute to their personal and professional development, to bring this comparison and awareness online with a social campaign to bring it to the public
- Learn methodologies mediated by digital technologies to promote inclusion, giving voice, through the action of youth workers, to different target groups so that they are the protagonists of the possible solutions that improve our communities and their condition, with a wide and positive impact
- promote the Erasmus + program in the communities involved, in order to make known the opportunities for mobility, open the minds of young people and contribute to a more positive development in the construction of "our Europe".

PARTICIPANTS

- Must be at least 18 years old - there are no age restrictions;
- Have an adequate knowledge of English;
- They have to be youth workers, .i.e. social workers, people working with youth at local level, social educator, animators, trainers, NGO staff, volunteers already running their activities with young people
- Are strongly interested in the topic and in improving their intercultural skills;
- Respect gender balance.



ACTIVITIES

The topics covered by the project will be:

- information and experiences on European Union inclusion policies to give an international perspective but also knowledge of local young people in relation to media and technology (thanks to the questionnaire being prepared)
- good practices of organizations involved in the youth sector
- Methods of pedagogy of the oppressed (photovoice, participatory video), creative social campaigning, methods of education to contrast the language of hate online (No Hate Speech Movement), experiential use of film technologies
- Knowledge and sharing of local good practices of each organization
- Preparation of educational materials with digital tools, which can be used in non-formal education projects
- new projects under the Erasmus + program
- information on organizations, local partners, cultures involved and the condition of different groups at risk of exclusion

[PARTICIPANTS NEEDS TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY conducted in the involved communities by the partner organizations. Ask your sending institutions for help!](#)

Methods for the activities implies:

- Presentation of the partners, Erasmus+, networking and follow-up project development
- Visit to the SPRAR and to the Fabiana Center Antiviolenza
- Role-playing games and simulations from Salto-youth, the COMPASS manual and the Bookmark of the No Hate Speech Movement Campaign.
- photovoice and development of a video for a social campaign to be launched at the end of the training
- daily, individual and group reflection, evaluation moments, debriefing etc
- Intercultural and informal moments. This project is a great opportunity for discovery and intercultural learning, as well as contact with the local community.
- Connection with daily work. The activities will be managed to give participants the opportunity to verify how to implement the results of the workshops in their daily work.



SAN GIORGIO ALBANESE

San Giorgio Albanese is a small village in the province of Cosenza (Calabria) located on the hills close to the Sila tableland. From the centre, people can enjoy an awesome landscape: all around red hills and, in the distance, the Pollino Mountains, the Jonio Sea and its shores. The peculiarity of San Giorgio Albanese is the presence of an ethnic and linguistic Albanian minority – the Arbrëschë people – who settled in Southern Italy between 15th and 18th century, when they escaped from Ottoman Empire's invasion of Balkans. Arbrëschë communities managed to preserve their Eastern Catholic religion, their traditions, customs, gastronomy and *Arbrëresh*, an old variety of Albanian spoken in southern Albania. Also the architecture and the city planning of the centre have preserved some typical arbrëschë characteristics, such as the narrow streets around the so called *sheshi* squares, . Here the convivial atmosphere of the *Lagitonia* (literally "the neighborhood") combines urbanism and social life, where neighbors, sitting on the steps of the stairs (the so called *te sjeti*), chat, tell anecdotes and stories of the past, while crocheting or weaving baskets.

BOARD & ACCOMMODATION

The participants will stay in a complex composed of four houses. Each house can host up to maximum of 8 people and is provided with cosy rooms and shared bathrooms.

The activities envisaged by each session of the exchange will take place in spaces provided by the municipality.

Meals will be prepared and served three times a day, based on local food.

In case of special needs and food allergies, a communication from the organizers will be required.



EXPENSES & TRAVEL COSTS

Board and accommodation will be fully covered by **ERASMUS + Programme** , but we recommend to bring with you a pocket money for any extra expenses.

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to the maximum amount established by the European Commission, only if **YOU PRESENT ALL THE ORIGINAL TICKETS and BOOKING EMAILS:**

Greece € 275

Romania € 275

Macedonia € 180

Turkey € 275

Bulgaria € 275

France € 275

Portugal € 360

Spain € 275

Keep original invoices and tickets, e-tickets and boarding passes. Price, currency, name of passenger, date of purchase and travel should be clearly visible on all documents; otherwise we will be unable to reimburse the travel costs.

ITINERARY

The closest **AIRPORT** is Lamezia Terme but you could also check the flights to the International airport of Naples, the International Airport of Bari or at Fiumicino or Ciampino airport in Rome.

- **From Lamezia** : you can get from Lamezia terme Aeroporto to Corigliano Calabro by train.
- **From Rome** : both from Ciampino and Fiumicino you can reach Roma Termini taking a [Terravision](#) Transfer and from there you can take a train to Corigliano Calabro .



Otherwise you could find a bus. In this case you should get to Roma Tiburtina by metro (MEB Rebibbia) and there you will find the bus to Corigliano.

- **From Naples** : outside the airport you will find the bus stop Salita Viaggiatori . Take the line ALIB Acton-Beverello to Piazza Garibaldi-Milano and then walk to Stazione di [Napoli Centrale](#) . From there you can find a train to Corigliano Calabro . Another option is taking a bus from Metropark (Piazza Garibaldi) to Corigliano.

- **From Bari:** you can get to Largo Sorrentino by train (FR2) and from there take a bus to Corigliano Calabro

From Corigliano Calabro train station, we will inform you about how to reach San Giorgio Albanese.

You can buy tickets on [Trenitalia](#) website while you can check busses on [IAS Scura](#) or [Simet](#) websites.

[Please contact us before to book tickets, sending us a travel plan or a screenshot of the plane you wanna catch, so we can make sure that there are available transports to San Giorgio Albanese at that time.](#)

WEATHER

Summer is usually very hot but don't forget to take with you some warmer clothes for the evening or in case of bad weather!

Contacts

If you need any further information, don't hesitate to contact us!

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