

**EUROPEAN
YOUTH
EXCHANGE
PROJECT**

DESIGN AND SHARE YOUR CITY!

**15 - 24
APRIL 2022**

JURMALA



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"The freedom to make and remake our cities and ourselves is, I want to argue, one of the most precious yet most neglected of our human rights".

- **DAVID HARVEY**

Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Geography, Graduate Center,
CUNY

THE CONTENT OF THE EXCHANGE

THE PROJECT COMPRISES 2 YOUTH EXCHANGES: IN BERLIN AND RIGA WITH THE LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PHASE AND HAS THE FOLLOWING GOALS:

- to give young people the opportunity to reflect on their current situation in home cities/countries and the role of youth in their development
- to develop social, intercultural and project-related skills of the participants.
- to provide young people with space to think about common European values (democracy, security, peace, tolerance and social cohesion).
- to give the participants the opportunity to realize their own urban project ideas and also to strengthen their participation.

Within the project, participants learn concrete strategies for action: how they can optimize their immediate surroundings, e.g. street, (school) yard, sports or playground, bike paths etc. in their cities with low-cost measures and make the public be aware of existing problems.

Young people will experience various non-formal methods and approaches: e.g. tactical urbanism, case studying, project development etc.

Project ideas of the participants are to be implemented in cooperation with the local communities, also during the local implementation phase. Thus they should also benefit from the exchange project.

Participants are invited to implement the strategies, acquired during the youth exchange, for their further personal and professional projects.



CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- Age: 18 - 30 y/o
- Willingness to work together with all participants
- Full-time involvement in the program
- The interest in the topic and ideas/methods to contribute to the program
- being fully vaccinated.

The accommodation, food, travel costs and exchange activities will be covered by the organisers in Germany and Latvia.

The project is funded within Erasmus + Programme



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TRAVEL BUDGET

PART 2 IN JURMALA (FOR BOTH WAYS)

- Latvia 275 Euro
- Ukraine 275 Euro (participants from Ukraine, who are currently living in the European Union can take part in the project, but the travel costs should fit the amount of 275 Euro)
- Germany (up to 180 Euro per participant)

PLEASE keep in mind that the minimum of **90%** of the program has to be attended.

Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops is not permitted and may cost you your travel reimbursement.

To make sure that you will receive your reimbursement, **please preapprove your travel plan with coordinating organization** from your country **before buying any of the tickets** as there are some restrictions that has to be followed.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

21

= 7 from each participating countre

**THE INSURANCE (FOR THOSE WHO NEED VISA) IS ONLY COVERED IF ISSUED FOR A GROUP*

PLEASE, DON'T FORGET TO SAVE ALL THE ORIGINALS OF ALL TICKETS AND RECEIPTS. WITHOUT IT WE WON'T BE ABLE TO MAKE THE REIMBURSEMENT.

THE VENUE

The project will be hold in the hostel **Vasaras Hostelis Jūrmalā (Vasaras hostlis Kaija)**.

The address of the hostel is:
**Dzintaru prospekts 54,
Jūrmala, LV-2015, Latvia**

Within non-formal education we find it reasonable to foster community-based living, so please be prepared to take care of your space staying clean and nice to be at (no room services will be provided).

You will have 3 times meal during the day served at the hostel or in the city (depending on where the sessions will be held): breakfast, lunch and dinner taking into account vegetarian and vegan needs.

Important - It is not allowed to drink alcohol in the hostel.





*Arrival day is **15.04.2022**, official check-in starts at 15:00. No activities are planned for the first part of the day (only small getting to know each other after dinner), so you are free to explore the city. *Departure day is **24.04.2022** check-out before 10:00.**



"In order to do something big, to think globally and act globally, one starts with something small and starts where it counts.

Practice, then, is about making the ordinary special and the special more widely accessible with vision and common sense...

It is about building densely interconnected networks, crafting linkages between unlikely partners and organizations..

It is about getting it right for now and at the same time being tactical and strategic about later".

- NABEEL HAMDI



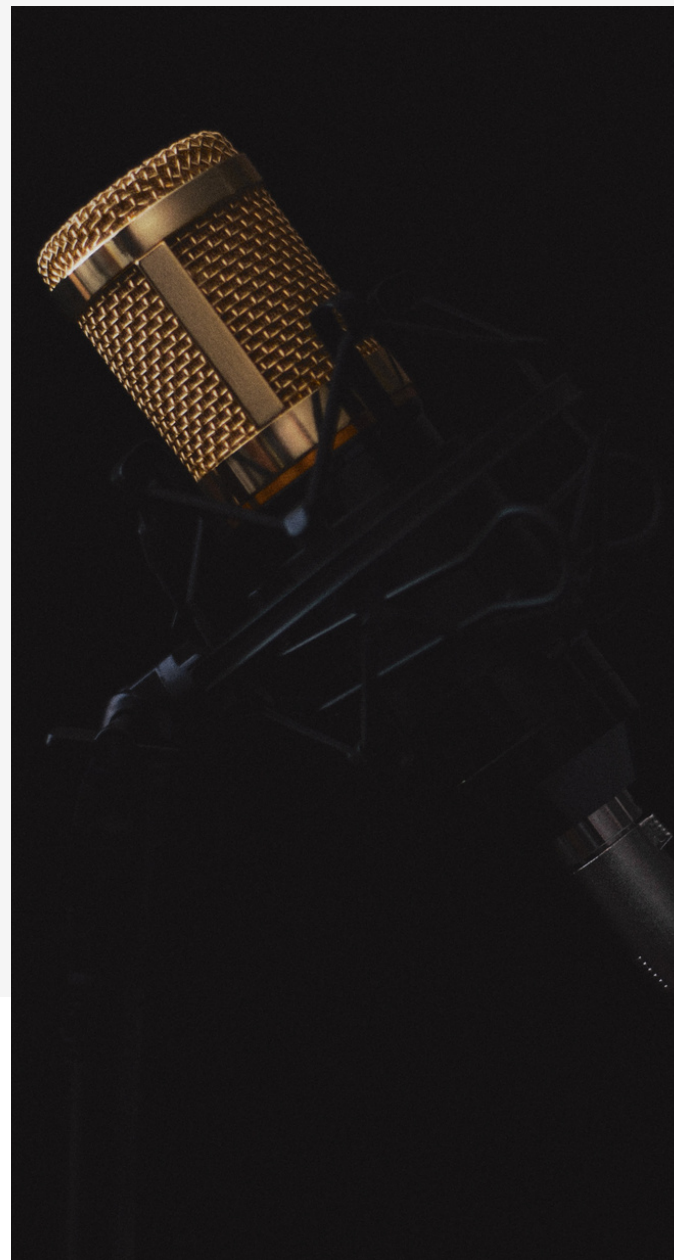
PREPARATION

THE "TALK SHOW"

in the programme you'll find the "Talk show" session which is a space for each country group to share their perception on urban realities in their cities/countries and internationally. Discussion panel will concentrate on the questions like:

- *What would you like to change in your city and why?*
- *What campaigns / initiatives /youth organisations you know in your city/country, that are advocating for the urban development?*
- *What administrative regulations (if any) do you have in your country concerning urban interventions?*
- *Worldwide examples of citizen-led development/community projects of the city?*

* Please prepare those questions in your country groups before the arrival. Try to make it as ease and fun (BUT informative) as possible. We want to know your opinion, it is not for academical score.



COVID 19 RELATED INFORMATION

To be able to travel to Latvia and take part in the project, you need to be fully vaccinated. To monitor the rules to enter to Latvia, use this website:

<https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/information-travellers-latvia-provisions-preventing-spread-covid-19>



INTERCULTURAL EVENING

For the intercultural evening please bring traditional food/sweets/snacks/drinks or anything you might think of which represents your culture (musical instrument or a piece of clothes). It can also be just a nice interactive presentation or quiz, anything that you can/want to share with us (dance moves/games/ useful vocabulary), be creative, no limits for self-expression.

CHECK-LIST

A valid passport.

Make sure to inform us/your sending organisation about your travel details BEFORE you buy the ticket.

Make sure you pack sensible clothing. It is a youth exchange and non-formal. Wear what you find comfortable. We recommend you bring some sneakers or other flat shoes (in case of outdoor activities). The umbrella seems like a nice idea too.

Please bring your personal hygiene items, masks and sanitizer.

OPEN SPACE

Is the opportunity for you to share your knowledge/skills/experiences, anything that you'd want to add to the content from yourself. The program is driven by your contributions, let's make it count!

For that you'll have 45 minutes within the program, you can plan workshop/ discussion/ small presentation, any format you can think of.

Things to help you plan:

Topic:

Materials:

Optimal group size:

Outcome:

We invite you to think of it in advance. It would be nice to connect the topic to the frames of the program, but it is not a must.



IMPORTANT: PR OF THE PROJECT

Before the project:

We invite you to not only share (with friends, colleagues, fellow students) where and why you are going, but also ask other people what they think on the topic

**it is always nice to be aware of the changes you might want to bring*

During the project

We will provide the space to share your impressions, acquired experience and exchanged learnings, via blog, posts on your social media pages and meetings with local community.

After the project:

We expect you to share the results of the project and the information of Erasmus + program with your friends, colleagues, local communities, off- and online. It can have any form/length/format no limitations. You can:

- have an informal meeting at your University/Organisation;
- create a small video (while the program or after it) and let it flow through the internet;
- create an event and invite people over (don't forget to share the pictures, we want to enjoy it with you, at least digitally).

This is how the change happens and sustainability finds its way. Please mind your place in the program and be serious about its goals.

We are more than open to your Ideas and actions on how to spread the word about Erasmus + and opportunities that the program provides for young people



"The lack of resources is no longer an excuse not to act.

The idea that action should only be taken after all of the answers and the resources have been found is a sure recipe for paralysis.

The planning of a city is a process that allows for corrections; it is supremely arrogant to believe that planning can be done only after every variable has been controlled".

- JAMIE LERNER

Architect former mayor of Curitiba, Brazil



LINKS TO GET SOME INSPIRATION

[Great idea: Tactical urbanism](#)

[Tactical Urbanism Materials and Design Guide](#)

[From Pop-Up to Permanent: Five lessons in tactical urbanism](#)

[Street Plans](#)

[The Transformative Power of Tactical Urbanism in the Global South](#)

[7 principles for building better cities](#)

[The Official Guide to Tactical Urbanism - CityLab](#)

[Jeff Speck: 4 ways to make a city more walkable](#)

[Tactical Urbanism](#)

ORGANISERS

CHANCE INTERNATIONAL (GERMANY)

- is the international department of the non-profit educational organisation CHANCE BJS gGmbH, that carries out educational and cultural projects between Germany and Eastern Europe as well as other countries: <https://chance-berlin.org>.

SOLIS TUVĀK (LATVIA)

- organizes various charity and Social projects: health day, activity days for children and charity campaigns to support people with special needs. The organization works closely with the municipality of Kekava and has one Cooperation agreement signed.

CENTER FOR EUROINITIATIVES (UKRAINE)

- is a non-profit organization whose aim is to post the Reformation of Ukraine to support European standards, introduce democratic values and civil society in Ukraine using educational and informational methods to develop.

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