

MOBILITY OF YOUTH WORKERS

Passion for Volunteering



21 - 29 AUGUST 2022 | ERASMUS+ TRAINING COURSE IN SAULKRASTI, LATVIA

Brief Description of the project

By volunteering, individuals acquire incredible expertise, learn about different know-how and innovative skills. Anyway, in several cases, skills and experiences, gained through volunteering activities and events, not always decently credited and identified. Enhancement of skills through volunteering can be utilised for expansion of employment rate of individuals or for personnel growth, but this opportunity is rarely used. Occasions and activities of non-governmental organisations usually stay on the participation of volunteers and youngsters who want to invest their time, energy, passion and initiative.

When it is well accomplished, volunteering is a success for all engaged stakeholders, including:

- volunteers gain soft and hard skills fostering qualification and self-confidence for the labour industry;
- non-governmental organisations obtain extra performances and support, that wouldn't be achievable without the volunteers' dedication and loyalty;
- as well as local community get perks in many different ways associated with the particular activities performed by the volunteer.

Goals and Methods

Non-governmental organisations from the EU engaging in this project designed a partnership to find a solution on how to perform voluntary work more effectively on national and European level. Even if volunteers are happily involved in civil society projects, or even their foremost power and leading implementer, very often these emphatic and positive examples don't approach a broader audience because visibility measures for promoting these success stories are not in the place or only have restricted reach. The overall purpose of this partnership is to emphasise the significance of volunteering as a successful gateway for skills improvement and into employment. It should be declared, that in our communities there is undergoing a political transformation process directed to progress to more democratic communities based on social responsibility and active citizenship and positive examples of active participation and energetic and committed individuals is necessary.

Therefore, the objectives of "Passion for Volunteering" are to:

- Conceptualise with the project partners their approaches to volunteering in their work context;
- Foster individual and organisational competences in planning, implementing, mentoring and evaluating local and international volunteering projects;
- Develop organisational solution for inclusion of young people in volunteering projects;
- Develop organisational schedule and strategy for the most indispensable moves in volunteering projects.

Profile of participants

Age limit of participants and profile:

Participants with age limit 18+ from each participating partner. Preferably, newcomers to Erasmus+.

Selection criteria:

- Have disposition to engage into a mutual learning process in a highly intercultural context;
- Have basic understanding of concepts of volunteering in EU;
- Have disposition to being involved in further activities with volunteers in order to benefit and transfer the learning outcome;
- Have work experience as a volunteer or staff member of an organisation working on volunteering on local or international level;
- Have decent level of English language to follow the training course and to contribute to its success.



CONSORTIUM

- Bridging Europe e.V. (Germany)
- Latvijas jauniešu attīstības centrs (Latvia)
- ASOCIACIJA TAVO EUROPA (Lithuania)
- 2Europa (Spain)
- Active Youth for Europe (Italy)
- ASSOCIACAO INTERCULTURAL AMIGOS DA MOBILIDADE (Portugal)
- ASOCIATIA GEYC (Romania)

**AT THE END OF THE PROJECT
EACH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE
A YOUTHPASS CERTIFICATE.
THROUGHOUT THE PROJECT,
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN THE
OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW AND
IMPROVE THEIR SKILLS IN THE
FOLLOWING 8 KEY COMPETENCIES
AS DEFINED BY YOUTHPASS:**

- 1. MULTILINGUAL COMPETENCE**
- 2. PERSONAL, SOCIAL AND LEARNING TO LEARN COMPETENCE**
- 3. CITIZENSHIP COMPETENCE**
- 4. ENTREPRENEURSHIP COMPETENCE**
- 5. CULTURAL AWARENESS AND EXPRESSION COMPETENCE**
- 6. DIGITAL COMPETENCE**
- 7. MATHEMATICAL COMPETENCE AND COMPETENCE IN
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING**
- 8. LITERACY COMPETENCE**



Dates and venue

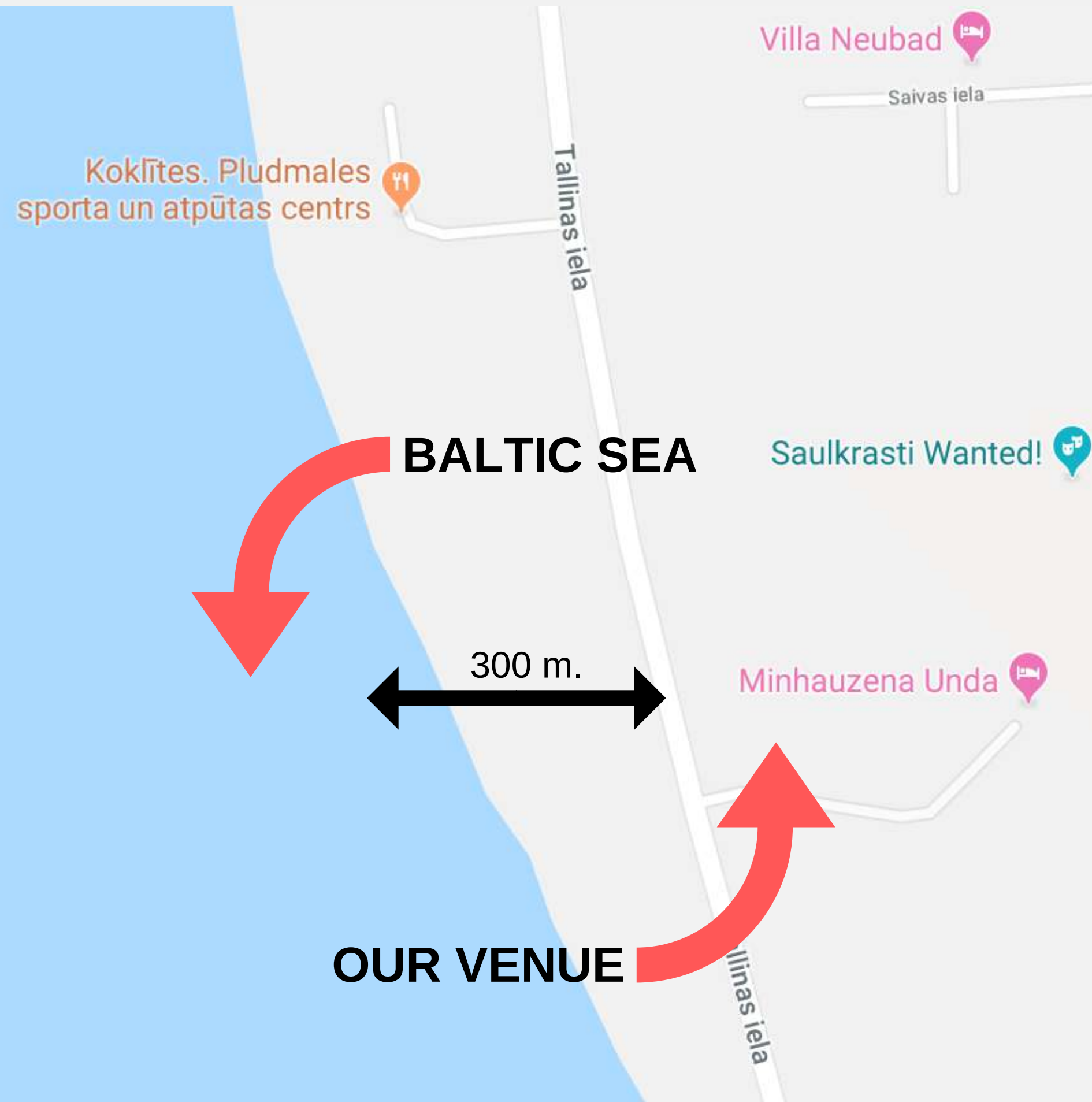
Arrival day: 21 August 2022

Departure day: 29 August 2022

Venue: Hotel "Minhauzena Unda",

City: Saulkrasti, Latvia

Please note that organisers are not responsible for participants' accommodation, food and transport for extra days both before and after the project dates.



Accommodation

Venue: 3* Hotel "Minhauzena Unda".

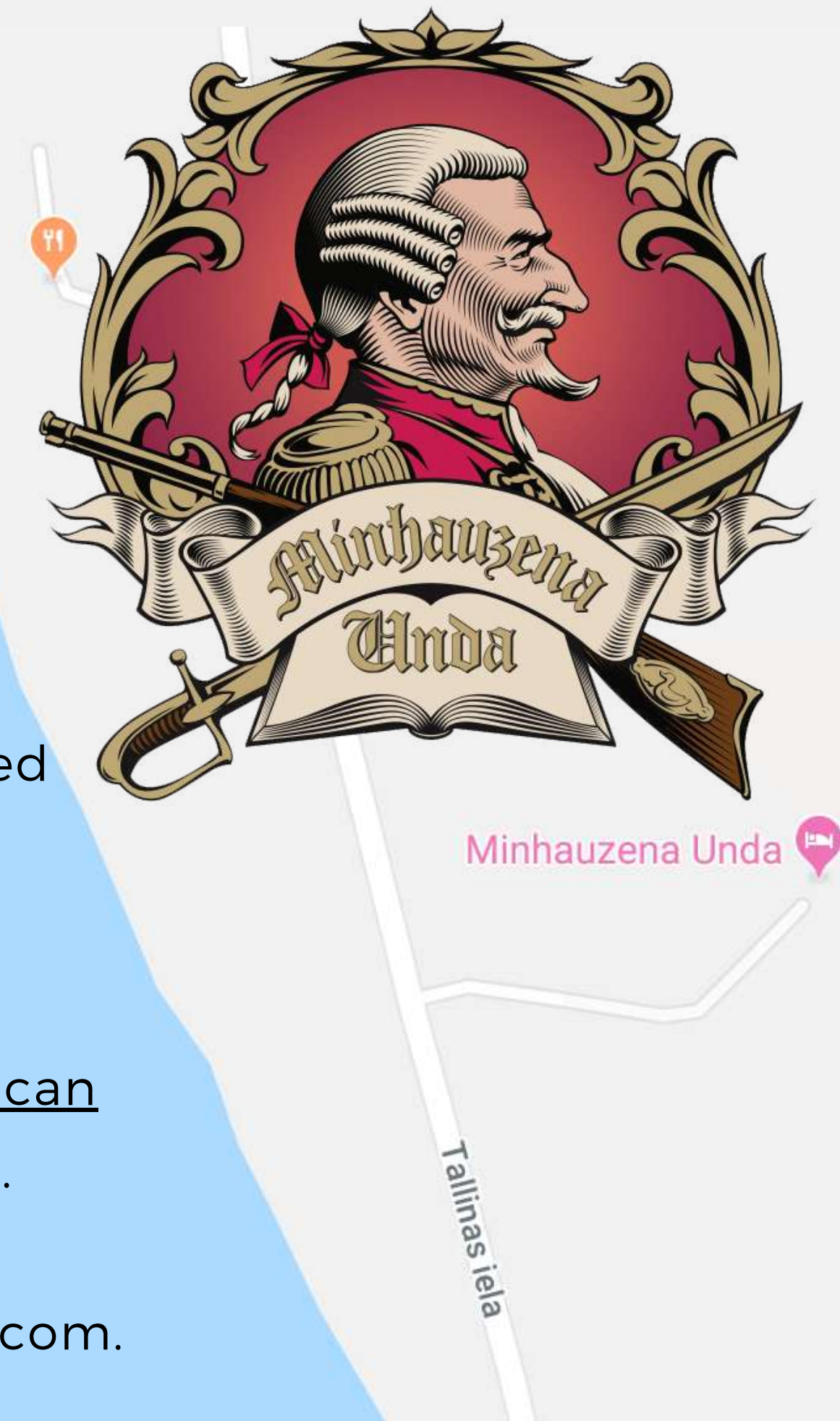
Participants will share gender-separate rooms.

Each room of the venue has separate beds, provides bathroom (toilet, shower cabin). Participants will be provided with 3-times meals and a coffee break per day. A special menu will be prepared for vegetarians, vegans, etc.

The venue provides bedsheets, towels and free WIFI.

Please be aware that due to high amount of people WIFI signal can be unstable. For personal use please take a 4G backup, if needed.

For more details, please visit its webpage or check it on Booking.com.





INTERCULTURAL EVENINGS

We will have intercultural evenings where you will be able to present your country.

Each country will have up to 20 minutes for presentation, divided into 2 parts:

- The first part will involve quizzes, Kahoot, dancing, songs, videos, or anything else - at your discretion!
- The second part will involve a table with food and drinks. Bring something that represents your country, which we would love!

And, of course, your table will look brilliant with your national flag - bring it if possible!

How to get to the venue with public transport

Take bus or minibus 22 from Riga Airport to the city center and get off at the "**Autoosta**" stop.

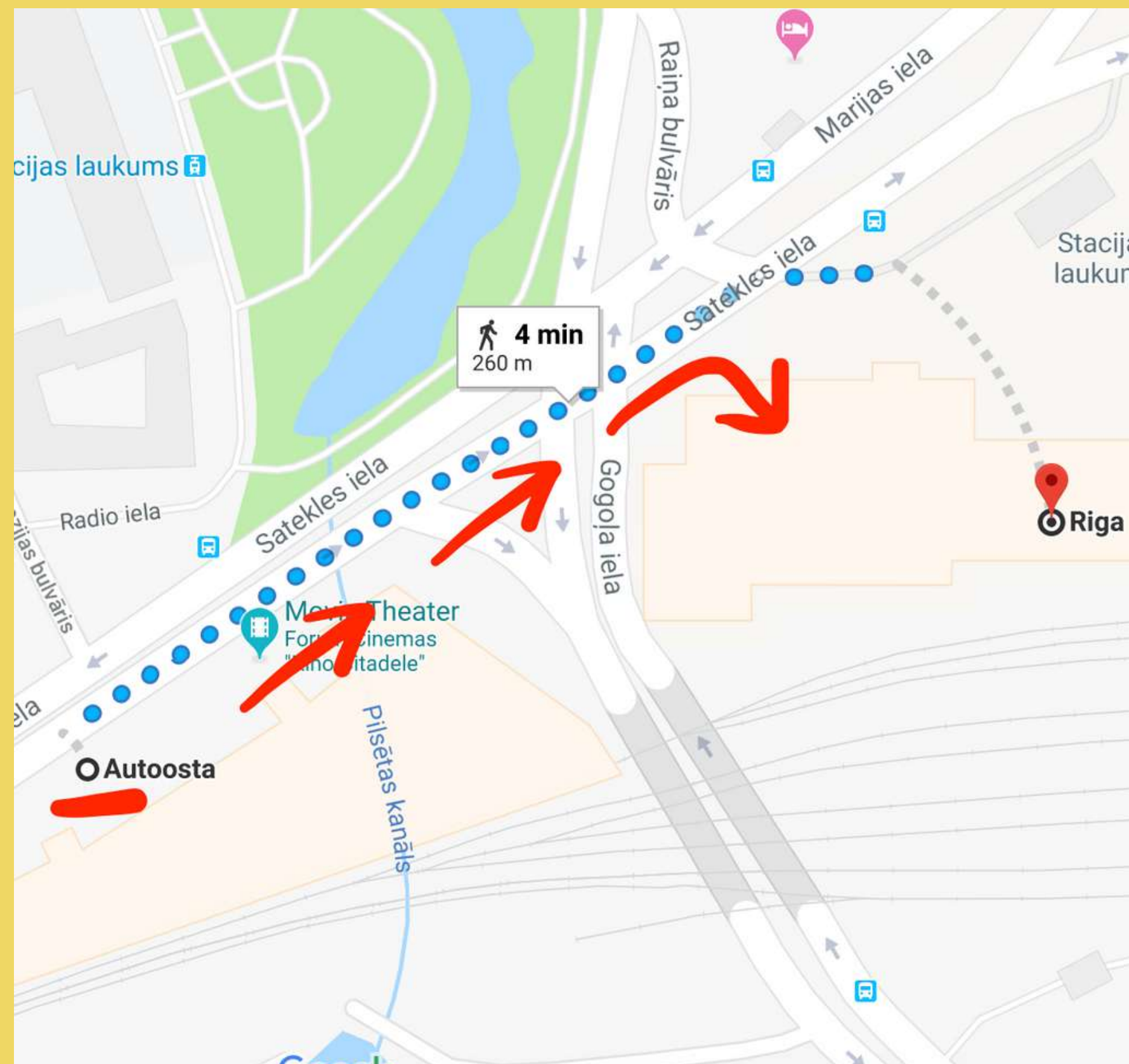
Ticket price: 2 EUR / person

From the bus stop "**Autoosta**" walk about 4 minutes (260 m) to the **Central Railway Station "ORIGO"**.

At the station you buy a ticket to **Saulkrasti**. Trains run every hour, so you do not have to wait long. And the travel time will be about 1 hour.

Ticket price: 2 EUR / person

Attention: Let us know **when you depart**, so that we are ready to pick you up from the Saulkrasti train station and take you to the project venue.



Travel Reimbursement

International travel expenses can be reimbursed **ONLY** upon presentation of **ALL ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS** stating your travel information and costs, namely:

1. Boarding passes (For round trip),
2. Tickets (Also e-tickets),
3. Receipts (In case the tickets are bought by cash),
4. Invoices and card payment history (In case the tickets are bought by bank card),
5. Payment checks / Bank statements.

Participants are requested to bring with them all mentioned documents, likewise, any other payment bills, checks, tickets and payment prove that they will get during the travel. Regarding way-back tickets and boarding passes, they should be sent by international post service to "Bridging Europe e.V." in GERMANY (example: check-in at airport) or by e-mail (if they were issued through online check-in). **SCANS / PHOTOS / SCREENSHOTS ARE NOT ALLOWED!!!**

Because of Erasmus+ rules, unfortunately we cannot reimburse Taxi costs.

Reimbursement for ALL COUNTRIES will be done by BANK TRANSFER after we have all original tickets and relevant documents.

Reimbursement Limits

per participant

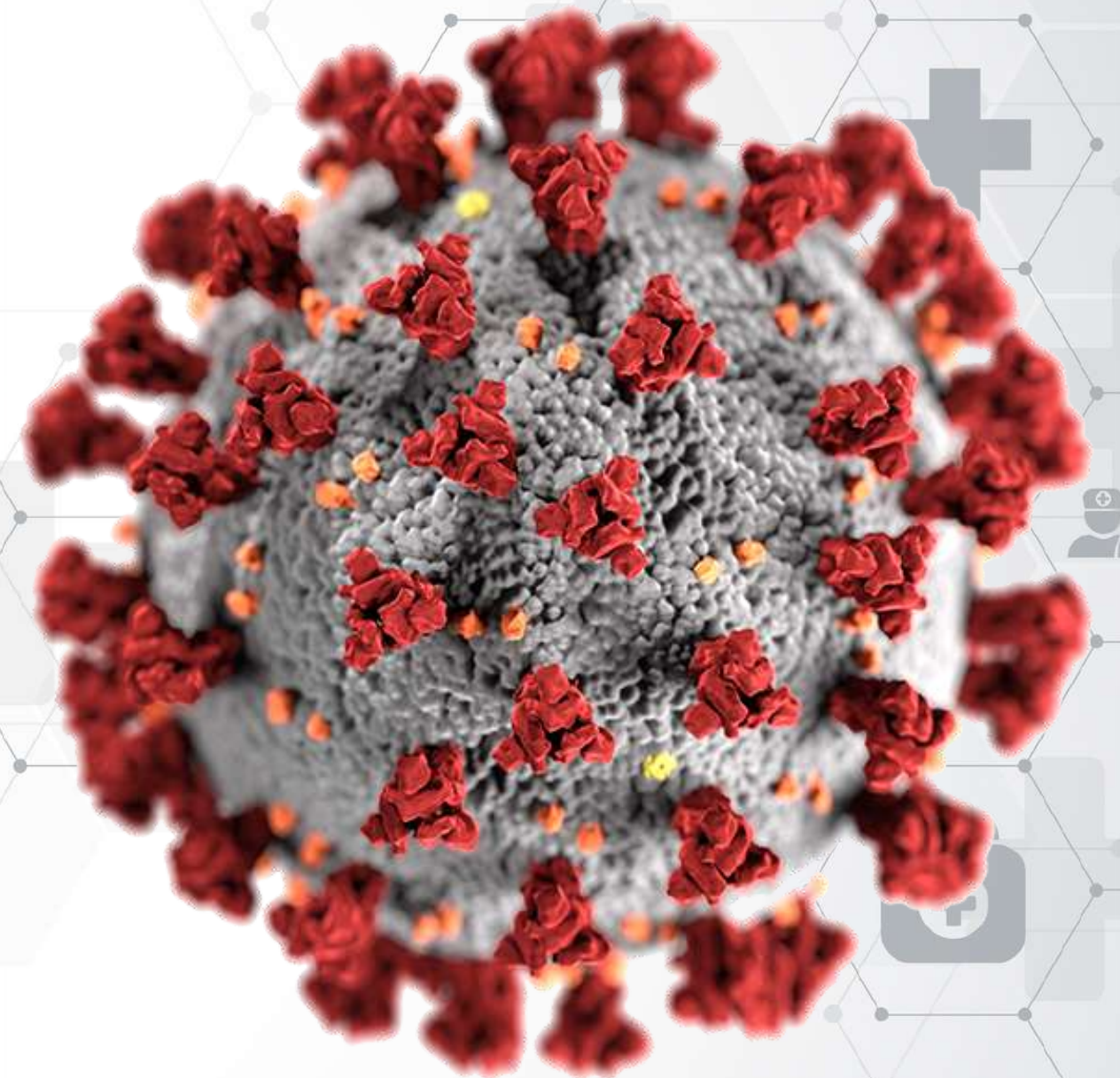
- LATVIA 23 EUR
- LITHUANIA..... 180 EUR
- GERMANY..... 275 EUR
- SPAIN..... 360 EUR
- ITALY..... 275 EUR
- PORTUGAL..... 360 EUR
- ROMANIA..... 275 EUR

COVID-19 RULES

PLEASE READ THE FULL INFORMATION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LATVIA: [HTTPS://COVID19.GOV.LV/EN](https://COVID19.GOV.LV/EN)

PLEASE NOTICE THAT EACH PARTICIPANT HAS TO ASSUME ITS OWN EXPENSES FOR COVID TESTS.

PLEASE REMEMBER ABOUT TRAVEL INSURANCE WHICH COVERS COVID-19 RISKS, ILLNESS, PERSONAL LIABILITY, CANCELLATION, THEFT, ETC. FOR THE WHOLE DURATION OF THE PROJECT VALID IN LATVIA.



THINGS TO BRING

- Valid passport for travel, residence permit, etc.;
- All required travel documents;
- Travel insurance which covers COVID-19 risks;
- COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate;
- COVIDPASS.LV QR-CODE;
- Comfortable shoes or sneakers, outdoor suits & raincoats which can be needed during outdoor activities;
- What could entertain participants during free time, eg. games, music, musical instruments, etc;
- Group activities and new ideas are welcome;
- Traditional food, drinks, music, dances, songs, etc;
- Medicine you may need, etc.





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