



# Agros Environmental Group Youth Exchange

Project title:

# EuroArts



# *INFO PACK*

13-21 October 2023, Agros- Cyprus

Hello dear friends and partners,

We would like to welcome you to our project titled "**Euroarts**" that will be hosted in Cyprus by Agros Environmental Group in cooperation with partner groups from Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Lithuania and Spain. In this INFO PACK you can read all the details of the project.

## **Project Summary**

"Euroarts" is a youth exchange of Agros Environmental Group that will be organised in Agros between 13-21/10/2023. In the project will take part 36 young people and group leaders from 6 EU countries.

Nowadays, many talented young people are undervalued. They don't get decent salary. That's the reason why they do not know what they should do during their lives, which path to choose and how to evaluate their work in a proper way. Although our organization works with talented young people, they ask for support to have information about realising their talents. We started researching what is the root of the problem.

We made a questionnaire among unemployed young people with whom we work with focus on those who would like to express themselves through art or who already work in this field.

We discovered the following problems and challenges:

- lack of understanding of the art labour market;
- lack of the criteria of the art market;
- lack of knowledge how to realize potential;
- lack of knowledge about different programs, which can help youth to promote themselves;
- limited access to resources such as informational, material, communicational;
- lack of support and encouragement.

After analysing the problems we used a problem and solution tree and formulated aim and objectives. The main aim of the project is to increase the amount of young people who are self-employed or work in the art industry and who want to get decent payment for their work.

Creative and talented people can change the world in a better way but in the beginning they need support which we can provide.

## **Aim**

Increase the amount of young people who are self-employed or work in the art industry and get decent payment for it. The aim of this project is to bring together young people who are interested in art and culture of their countries. We will try to combine different arts, cultures and civilizations through presentations of each country's culture, history, arts and workshops, communication, teamwork, creative thinking and innovation for idea generation and problem solving.

## **Objectives**

1. To increase knowledge and awareness about the situation of art professions among participant countries.
2. To improve the level of key competencies of young artists.
3. To increase self-esteem of young artists.
4. To raise knowledge and awareness about opportunities for young artists.
5. To create materials (videos, brochures, etc) to support young artists develop their talents.
6. To promote Erasmus+ and non-formal education.
7. To create a safe environment for young artists where they can develop themselves.
8. To Celebrate the European Year of Skills 2023

## Details of the project

Venue: Agros , Cyprus

APV meeting : **will be announced soon**

Youth Exchange Dates: **13-21/10/2023**

APV participants : 1 group leader

Youth Exchange participant No: 5 participants+ 1 group leaders. Total 6 persons per group

Age: Between 16-30 years old. No age limit for group leader

Participant countries: Bulgaria, Denmark, Greece, Cyprus, Lithuania and Spain

Language: Project will be run in English.

Emergency contact from Cyprus: Vasilis - 00357-99473782

**DEADLINE for partners to select participants: 31 August 2023**

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## Participants

Participants should be *responsible youngsters*, aged between 16 – 30 years. They should have an interest in the topic and be willing to learn and be motivated to share experiences with others. They should also be able to work in English since the working language of this Project will be *English*. Gender balance and group diversity in terms of different social and cultural backgrounds should be taken into consideration.

## Reimbursement

Unit costs of your travel expenses (see table below) will be covered by the organizers with the support of ERASMUS+ programme. In order to receive this money for transportation, please keep ALL original invoices, tickets, boarding-passes or any other transport document. The money will be reimbursed after submitting all the original documents via bank transfer, upon completion of the Mobility Tool+ by group leaders. There is a participation fee of 20 EUR to cover for extra costs and 2 day trips to other cities of Cyprus and other organizational costs

No	Country	Max amount per person in Euro
1	Bulgaria	245
2	Lithuania	330
3	Spain	500
4	Greece	245
5	Denmark	330

Travel costs from home to the venue of the project and return. Please note: only cheapest means of transport/fares are subject to reimbursement. All amounts are expressed in Euros. The above amount is 30 euro less than the official travel costs of ERASMUS+. The reason we deducted this 30 EUR is because in the travel cost we should calculate the transfer from the airport to the venue, which costs approximately 15 EUR each way. It is a private coach hire, and depends also on the arrival/departure time, waiting time in case of a delay etc

### **Important!!**

If you want you can come to Cyprus 1-2 days earlier or leave 1-2 later after the end of the project or on APV. Of course you have to cover this extra cost for accommodation and food by your own.

### **Very Important!!!!**

**ALL** participants must travel from their home country to Cyprus. We can not host people who come from a different country and not from their home country. Of course you can flight from a different country but your trip must start from your country. As an example a person from Romania can go to Greece by bus or train and take a flight from Greece to Cyprus. But we need also the bus or train tickets which confirm that he start he's journey from he's country.

### **Partner groups**

<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>
Hosting organization	Filodasikos Syndesmos Agrou	Cyprus
Sending organization	Danish Youth Team	Denmark
Sending organization	Sdruzhenie Alternativi International	Bulgaria
Sending organization	Praxis	Greece
Sending organization	2Europa	Spain
Sending organization	Mano Europa	Lithuania

### **European Health Card**

It is the participant's responsibility to have a travel health insurance or a European Health Card. The European Health Card is accepted in every country within the European Union, can be obtained for free and is valid for 1 year.

More info at:

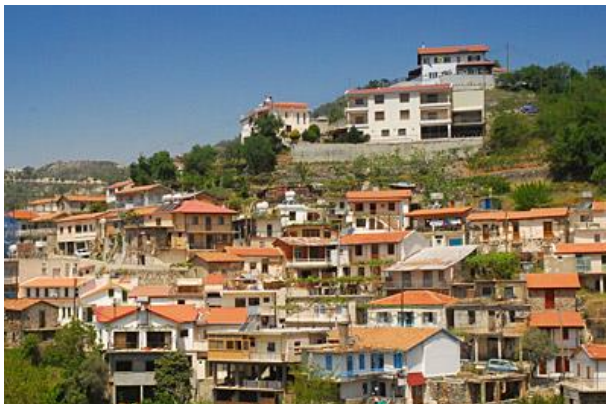
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>



## Agros village

Participants will be lodged in Vlachos hotel, centrally located in Agros, a beautiful village in the heart of Cyprus. Agros is a village in Limassol district, built amphitheatrically among high mountains. Its population is 800 people and it is one of the most interesting villages in Cyprus and Pitsillia area. Historical and cultural sites are kept in a natural environment of extraordinary beauty with the village maintaining the customs and its traditional character. The love for work and the progressiveness characterise its inhabitants. The village's modern roads make it a connection point between the cities of Nicosia and Limassol and the mountain of Troodos. Its main production line consists of grapes, garden products, fruit of excellent quality, soutzoukos, traditional type smoked products (sausages, lountza, choiromeri), traditional sweets and marmalades. Its inhabitants are also into tourism business (hotels, tourist apartments, inns, traditional coffee shops, taverns and bars.). More info at [www.agros.org.cy](http://www.agros.org.cy) Agros is called the "ROZE village" as you can find a special kind of beautiful and fragrant roses. The locals use them to produce the famous rose water.

Rose water is produced from "rodi damaskini" which is a special cultivation of roses. These roses have a beautiful scent and they are the most adequate for the production of rose water. Every May in Agros we have the "Roze Festival" at the peak of roze blossom. The festival offer a choice of functions, activities, displays and demonstrations that delight anyone appreciating nature's beauty.



## Accommodation

Participants will be lodged in Vlachos hotel in the centre of Agros, a beautiful village in the heart of Cyprus ([www.agros.org.cy](http://www.agros.org.cy)). The hotel is very close of 2 supermarkets and offers free Wi-fi, Toilet and Shower in room (also sheets, towels), 2-3 beds in every room, Balcony in each room

So the only things you can bring is for your personal cleaning. And maybe some adaptors in order to charge your mobile phone or PC.

Participants will be lodged in youth hostel in Agros, a beautiful village in the heart of Cyprus ([www.agros.org.cy](http://www.agros.org.cy)). The hostel offers double and triple rooms, bathrooms and balconies offering views to Troodos Mountain.



## Climate

The average daytime temperature in October is around 25°C and you are advised to bring warm clothes as during the night, the temperature drops down, During October the weather is fresh.

### *Entry to the island*

Larnaca airport is the nearest to the venue. Cyprus has a second airport situated in Paphos, however transportation between Paphos and the venue is more difficult.

### **IMPORTANT:**

Ercan is an airport in the Northern part of Cyprus, which is occupied by Turkey, and it is considered to be an illegal airport, not belonging to the Republic of Cyprus. Therefore, the European Union cannot cover travel expenses between any country and that airport. This is not our personal opinion, but a policy of Cyprus Republic that we have to respect. Therefore, we are asking you to book your flights with the cheapest flights from one of the 2 legal airports of Cyprus.

## Coming to the venue of the project (Agros village)

When you arrive in Larnaca or in Paphos airport, we will arrange a bus to pick you up from there and bring you to Agros village. The trip from airport to the venue of the project will take about 1.5 hour.



### What to bring:

In order for everybody to have a really good time, we would like you to bring some things which we believe are important for the participation of all the participants and for the success of the Youth Exchange.

- ✓ Necessary documents such as passports, travel documents, etc.
- ✓ Comfortable clothes and shoes
- ✓ Towels for the beach
- ✓ Personal care products, such as shower gel, shampoo, comb, etc.
- ✓ Hair dryer
- ✓ AC power (Power adapter)
- ✓ cameras, laptops and other equipment making life and work easier;
- ✓ information about your country (books, brochures, posters, postcards, video, PowerPoint presentation, music, etc.);
- ✓ information about the organization you come from (brochures, PowerPoint presentation, video, etc.);
- ✓ Some traditional stuff - a typical taste: food/drink, music, flag of your country for the intercultural evening
- ✓ Medicine, if you regularly take any
- ✓ Money (Some of the partner countries of the project are using euro)
- ✓ And above all bring joy and lots of positive energy !!
- ✓ Endless amounts of good mood and motivation for work and leisure!
- ✓ Positive attitude, desire to learn and meet cool new people!



## **COSTS:**

- The project is funded within the frames of ERASMUS+ program. So all costs are covered:
- Travel cost up to the travel limit according the distance calculator of EU
- Food and accommodation

We encourage participants to be an active part of this project, embracing responsibility and enjoy the cultural side of this experience! And now, pack your bags, fill your heads with ideas and come meet us in Agros. Together we can make a change!

We hope that you find the Project worth participating in and we look forward to meeting you on October 2023!

Please do not hesitate to contact us on email [vasilis@cing.ac.cy](mailto:vasilis@cing.ac.cy) or by phone at **00357-99473782** if you have any more questions!

See you in Cyprus!

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## **Useful information about Cyprus**



✓ **Weather:** check it out e.g. on <http://weather.yahoo.com/>

✓ **Electricity:** Cyprus has the 240 Volt/ 50 Hz 3 pin electricity plus – so you will definitely need adaptors. Make sure you bring at least one with you.



✓ **Cyprus Time Zone:** UTC (or GMT) +2

✓ **Cyprus currency:** the Euro. You can use your credit card (VISA, Mastercard etc.) almost everywhere.

✓ **Cyprus International Dialing Code:** +357