

Info-Pack
Youth Exchange
“Arty way to Activeland”





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Bakuriani, Georgia



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About Bakuriani:

Located at 1,700 m in the Borjomi region of Georgia, Bakuriani is nestled in the shadows of the breathtaking Caucasus Mountains, only a three-hour drive from Tbilisi. Home to dozens of alpine slopes and cross-country trails, it offers some of the most spectacular skiing and snowboarding in Europe.

Originally developed as an Olympic training facility, unsurprisingly, Bakuriani is Georgia's most popular winter sports and recreation destination. Enjoy the downhill ski runs, cross-country trails, horseback tours, sledding or simply take long walks through beautiful snowy forests.

Weather in Bakuriani is generally favorable with most precipitation occurring during the ski season. Temperatures in summer can reach highs of 25 degrees with lows of around 15 degrees. Highs in winter may vary but are usually between 0 and 5 degrees.

Bakuriani is an annual pilgrimage destination for those seeking refuge from intense Caucasian summer weather. The dense coniferous forest surrounding the resort is home to spruce and other species of trees which emit therapeutic particulates known for healing respiratory ailments and boosting immunity. Tourist activities include horse riding, mountain biking, hiking, and fishing.

Bakuriani attracts lovers of hiking, trekking and climbing in late summer and autumn. Easier single day routes include Mount Kokhta (2,155 m), and the climb up to Sekvelomta towards Lake Tabastkuri. Attractions along the way such as the 11th century Timotesubani monastic complex, and mineral springs at Mitabari.

Lake Tabastkuri is an ideal fishing spot just outside Bakuriani between Borjomi and Akhaltsikhe. The volcanic lake's deep blue waters are stocked with trout, carp and barbell. The surrounding lunar landscape is equally impressive and is a favorite day camping spot in warm summer months.

Longer routes move down along the Borjomi Gorge where you can find the village of Daba with a mysterious chapel hidden inside a large cave. Nearby is an ancient yew said to be over 2000 years old. Mineral springs with healing properties in the small village of Tsagver are in close proximity.

Tatra is a favorite hike for those in the know. The trek up the hill provides some of the best vantages for photography in Bakuriani. The panorama is unique and the diverse morphology of the area is apparent when viewed from several scenic overlooks. Hikers also enjoy exploring the abandoned ruins of a soviet spa camp at the top of the bluff where it is rumored that mystical voices of the past are

heard in the wind late in the day. Some visitors skip the hike altogether and rent an ATV from a kiosk next to Joyland Park.

Transport in and around Bakuriani is as convenient as in the rest of Georgia. Bakuriani is a small resort village and travel by foot is the most popular means. Bicycle and ATV rental is affordable and easy to find in the town center.

Taxis are less frequently hailed but easily ordered by phone for slightly cheaper.

Coaches arrive from all major hubs: Tbilisi, Gori, Batumi, Kutaisi, Borjomi, and Zugdidi.

The Kukushka tramway, often jokingly referred to as the “Cuckoo Train”, travels a scenic mountain route which departs from Borjomi once daily.

Tbilisi, Batumi and Kutaisi airports are the closest ports of entry for air travel when visiting Bakuriani..

About the project:

The aim of our Youth Exchange is to combat youth marginalization and discrimination through creating the comics, using it as a tool to express our own views publicly in a creative way and encourage young people for more inclusion and participation in civic life.

During the project we will create comics drawings and digital ones, will provide youngsters with opportunities for involvement in the international and intercultural environment, will improve participants basic competencies in comics plot development and make them understand how to use comics as a tool of self-expression, will create the comics frames about the problematic social issues of young people in rural areas and will support the development of future Erasmus + projects with full involvement of youth.



Participants:

 In the youth exchange there will be involved **7 participants** from each country: **1 Group Leader + 6 Participants per country.**

 A **participant** has to be 18-30 years old and A **Group Leader** aged 18 and above

 Each country group must try to keep a gender balance for participants.

 Each participant and a leader has to fill a google doc **APPLICATION FORM:**
<https://forms.gle/KoiWcEKM8VhGjxHk9>

 Each participant and leader has to add themselves into **FB Group:**
“ye arty way to activeland” <https://www.facebook.com/groups/379651442838963/>

A participant can be a person, if and only if she/he:

- has basic drawing skills
- **has never participated in any kind of Erasmus + projects**
- is interested in comics and visual art and at the same time comics plot writing
- has good communicative English skills (this is very important since the project includes comics plot writing too)
- has a creative thinking of way what helps him/her to invent short stories;
- **is ready to fulfill a given 2 SMALL TASK FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS (See below)**

A Group Leader can be a person, if and only if she/he:

- has a strong command of English;
- is experienced youth worker, group leader, has participated several times in E+ projects and knows well its structure;
- is ready to answer all of the questions participants may have

- is ready to make clear participants' motivations, fears and contributions in order to get rid of the confusion and the relevance of their interests to the project;
- is ready and has a time to work with project organizers during the project preparation period;
- is ready to work with project organizers during the project implementation period: attend leaders' daily meetings, help organizers when there is a need to support delivering the activities and etc.
- is ready to send a photo a very short daily information during the project implementation period on partner's native and English languages in order to be shared it on social media facilities;
- is ready afterward of the project to share gained experience among youngsters in his/her community;

Tasks to be fulfilled:

TASK FOR EACH PARTICIPANT (INCLUDING A LEADER) – Each participant has to make a research about the comics in general, get familiar with its idea and then:

- 1) invent the comics hero, name it, invent hero's super power, create the logo for it.
- 2) invent the story which will be about **THE YOUTH MARGINALIZATION PROBLEMS** or **THE PROBLEMS ABOUTH YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DECISION MAKING PROCESS** or the story may involve both of them.
- 3) Story has to be at least about one page of Word document (more is welcomed) and must include:
 - A) Problem description:
 - what causes the problem?
 - Is it well-known in society or it is hidden?
 - Does anybody pay attention to be solved this problem?
 - B) Show in your story how Your Hero may fight against the problem?
 - C) Invent other personages, your hero's friends/supporters you may think they can help your hero.
 - D) Invent the personages who you consider may be the enemy of your hero (they may be people, system, country, legislation or anything you think it causes or increases the problem what you have chosen)
- 4) Bring it with you on a project

National Group's Task

- Prior the arriving on the project all groups from each partner organizations have to investigate together information through answering the questions below and make a creative presentation:
- how is developed and popular comics in their countries?
- where (social media, printed media, comics books etc.) are mostly spread comic stories?
- which topics are arisen in comics?
- which are the most popular comic artists based in their countries

Please note: These tasks are extremely important for the project success and strongly demanded to be done before arrival on the project and duly!

HEALTH INSURANCE:

It is a mandatory requirement for all participants to provide their own health insurance.

This should cover you for the full duration of your time in Georgia. Insurance is not refundable.

T R A V E L I N G

We will send you an excel document “Travel Plan for Confirmation”

Before buying the tickets, you must fill in that excel providing all details of your TRAVEL PLAN and send us for verification and approval to email:

tcyecomunications@gmail.com

Subject of email must be: “YE Arty Way to Actveland - Travel Plan for Confirmation”

Any ticket purchased without confirmation will not be reimbursed.

(If you have not received that excel by chance please write us on above mentioned email)

Travel Budget:

United Kingdom - 530 EUR, Finland – 360 EUR, Italy - 360, Ukraine – 275 EUR, Armenia – 180 EUR

TRAVEL days:

- If you want to explore Georgia, you are allowed to arrive maximum 2 days before and or depart maximum 2 days after the project dates.
- In case you decide to use that extra time, bear in mind that all kind of costs you may need will be on your own.
- If your stay is longer than 2 days before and after the project, we are NOT able to reimburse your travel costs.

CONDITIONS OF REIMBURSEMENT !!!

- 1) WE WILL REIMBURSE YOUR FLIGHT TRAVEL COSTS ONLY IF YOU HAVE DIGITAL BOARDING PASSES, SO DO CHECK-INS FOR EVERY SINGLE OF YOUR FLIGHTS ONLINE!

On the project you will have possibility to do check-ins and print them for your flights from Georgia, as regards flights to Georgia you have to do online check-ins at your home country and as soon as you have them SEND TO OUR E-MAIL:

email SUBJECT “ BOARDING PASSES FOR FLIGHTS TO GEORGIA ” :

tcyecomunications@gmail.com

- 2) Buy online BUS / TRAIN tickets where available
- 3) You must travel in the most cost-efficient way available to you. Only economy or low class of Air tickets and public transports will be reimbursed.
- 4) Taxi costs will not be reimbursed
- 5) You must attend all the sessions and commit yourself fully to the activities.
- 6) Travel reimbursement for ALL COUNTRIES will be done by BANK transfer approximately in 4 months after the activity, based on full travel documents from all the Groups and participants.



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SUGGESTION FOR YOUR Traveling:

- Buying the travel tickets in EURO may be the better option for reimbursement issues since we must convert all the travel expenses into Euro which are purchased in other currency than Euro and there can be a big difference after this calculation depending on E+ rules using <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/graphs/inforeuro.html>

Travel Inside Georgia TO AND FROM THE PROJECT VENUE:

- Participants arriving to and departing from **TBILISI** (Capital) will be provided by transport from TBILISI to BAKURIANI & from BAKURIANI to TBILISI .
- Participant arriving in Tbilisi will be picked up from the MEETING PLACE in TBILISI on 21st of October and taken together to Bakuriani, Project Venue. Exact time will be announced later after completing the whole group.
- Participants departing from Tbilisi will be taken together from Bakuriani to TBILISI on the 30th of October. Exact time will be announced later after completing the whole group.
- Participants arriving to and departing from **KUTAISI** may use this information to reach Bakuriani <http://www.visitkutaisi.com/en/travel-kit/transport/busmarshrutkas>
(information may need update so always check it through writing them by email or any before decide to use this)

(More tips will be provided later when we know your flight details)

What should you bring?

- ✓ Each country group must bring at least 1 laptop which is essentially needed for work.
- ✓ AGAIN! TRAVEL INSURANCE!
- ✓ Digital/online Travel tickets and Digital/online boarding passes,
- ✓ A valid passport/ ID;
- ✓ Please, bring reasonably comfortable and suitable clothes for every kind of weather
Please, check the weather before you leave and pack;
- ✓ Medicines if you use any or basic usage ones;
- ✓ National food, drinks and if its possible clothes for intercultural evening;
- ✓ Towels, toiletries: a soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

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Please, regarding to the project issues contact to the project's team email:

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(Always put the name of the project in e-mail subject in order to figure out about which project you are contacting us)