



INFO PACK YOUTH EXCHANGE

IMMIGRADE

STORIES OF INTEGRATION, SOCIAL
COHESION AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT



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ImmiGrade is a Youth Exchange that will be focused on migrants integration in widespread reception contexts. With several active experiences, like social theater sessions, participants will share their opinions about good practice of integration and lack of communication between migrants and the local people that often generates prejudice.

This project wants to give space to free youth discussion aimed at raising awareness that prejudice, hatred and discrimination are harmful to communities and how integration can become an important social improvement opportunity for all Europe. And calls for reaching awareness among young people that immigration can be an additional ally to address some of the main national and European emergencies.

WHO?

6 participants (18-25 years old)
1 group Leader (no age limit)

WHEN?

From 2 till 11 April 2022

WHAT?

Youth exchange for young people from the following countries: Italy, Greece and Spain
(other 2 partners to be confirmed)

WHERE?

[At the Ostello dei Balocchi, Casalino di Ligonchio, via Popolare 140, 42032](#)

HOW TO PARTECIPATE?

For Italian participants click here and fill the:

[Application Form](#)

For all others participants, if you've been selected if you have been selected by your organisation fill in the:

[Registration Form](#)

REFERENCE AIRPORTS + ARRIVAL INDICATIONS

The reference airports are Milan and Bologna.

The meeting with the rest of the group is:

Saturday 2th of february at 5.00 pm (date&time to be confirmed) in

[Piazzale Europa \(Bus Station\)](#)

We will reach Casalino di Ligonchio and the Ostello dei Balocchi all together with a private bus (Green Pass is mandatory).

1. OBJECTIVES AND THEME OF THE EXCHANGE

ImmiGrade aims to stimulate participants to reflect on the opportunities that the widespread reception models of immigration may be able to generate both, from a social and economic point of view, with particular focus on the problems inherent to the lack of communication which often causes prejudice.

And it is precisely from prejudice that serious stereotypes are nourished, which are the basis of deep divisions within the population. No community, large or small, can benefit from fear and discrimination. Therefore, it becomes strictly important to work on multiple levels to improve and increase integration and social cohesion. In this project we want to trigger reflection that is useful for developing concrete opportunities for youth and work participation, starting precisely from the analysis of the environment that surrounds them.

2. SPECIAL EXPERIENCES IN THE EXCHANGE

- Social theater activities; always helped by a grid of targeted exercises, students will develop a series of liberated improvisations in a ludic and poetic way, facilitating sharing and expression within the group.
- By a silent donkey trial, we will create a situation representative of the communicative relationship between a hypothetical host community (represented by the participants) and migrants (played by the donkeys). Participants will be asked to lead the donkeys along a path without receiving any indication from the staff regarding the ethological knowledge.
- Participants will have the opportunity to meet and discuss with some representatives of the Coop. Soc L'Ovile of Reggio Emilia. This cooperative welcomes foreign citizens seeking international protection and is committed to create connections within public administrations, the Third Sector and sports and cultural associations, with the aim of building paths of real integration and social inclusion of the applicants.

3.5 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

ITALY: LEGAMBIENTE LIGONCHIO - GREECE: EKO - ESTONIA: YOUTH CLUB ACTIVE
SPAIN: CON RUMBO PROPIO ASOCIACION - CROATIA: ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK CAKOVEC

4. PRE- DEPARTURE

TO EACH NATIONAL GROUP WILL BE ASKED TO PREPARE :

- few energizer;
- a presentation of their country for the intercultural night;
- preliminary research on the theme of project. Collection of interviews (quiz)


ONLY FOR THE ITALIAN NATIONAL GROUP

We foresee 2 meeting:

- 1) 17 February (time and date to be confirmed)
- 2) 17 March (time and date to be confirmed)

In those meeting we will talk about:

- present the group
- present the project, the objectives and the timetable
- preparation of the pre-departure materials
- logistic info



5. INFO LOCATION :

The Ostello dei Balocchi is located in Casalino di Ligonchio, at 1000 meters above the sea level, in the municipality of Ventasso, province of Reggio Emilia. We are about 65 km away from Reggio Emilia, Parma and Modena. A few kilometers from the borderline between Emilia and Tuscany in the heart of the Appennino Tosco Emiliano National Park and the UNESCO Appennino Mab Area.

Our donkeys can enjoy wonderful natural scenery during the whole year, but you should know that in a mountain area there are pretty cold temperatures in the winter (min 0° max 8°) . This is why we recommend comfortable, “layered” clothing to be ready for any eventuality. In your suitcase, warm jackets and clothes must not be missing!!!!

In the structure we do not provide Wi-Fi access, but we are sure that you will not miss it as there are plenty of things to do here!!!

 *Welcome to Ostello dei Balocchi!!!*

6. WHAT TO BRING :

Bed sheets or sleeping bag
Towel and soap
Slippers and / or sandals to stay inside of the
hostel
Canteen
Raincoat and umbrella
Comfortable heavy clothes
(In the mountains the temperature can go down
quickly!)
Hiking boots
Vaccination Green pass

7. COVID REGULATION

1. In Italy, a new decree has come into force, which introduces the obligation of a "Super Green Pass" (VACCINATION GREEN PASS) in order to be able to participate in our activities.
(D.L. no. 172/2021 published in the Official Gazette no. 282 of 26 November 2021)
2. At the meeting point in Reggio Emilia, all participants will be subjected to a quick covid test (do-it-yourself) before the departure of the bus. An additional one will be made in the middle of the project. All covid tests will be provided by the organization. In the event of a positive result, provisional isolation will be arranged pending the result of an additional test conforming to Italian standards.
3. In case of confirmed positivity, the participant will have to independently arrange and manage the quarantine period in Italy. For this reason, each participant is strongly advised to take out a dedicated personal insurance.
4. The organizers will measure the body temperature of all participants at the meeting point. People with a temperature above 37.5 ° and with respiratory symptoms (cough, cold, etc.) will not be allowed on the bus. Body temperature measurement will be repeated every morning.
5. Participants must keep a safety distance of 1 meter between them.
6. The use of a mask is mandatory inside the building. This provision will change according to the regulations in force on the date of the activities.
7. Each room will be equipped with a disinfectant gel dispenser that must be used by the participants at the beginning and at the end of each phase of the day (activities, meals or group tasks).
8. Each room in the structure has a private bathroom. For this reason, the bathrooms for common use will be closed and it will only be allowed to the participants to use the bathroom located in their room.
9. Each day the participants will have to clean the toilets for private use in each room while groups will be organized in rotation for the common areas. To carry out this operation, the use of personal protective equipment (mask, gloves) and the use of disinfectant products provided by the organization will be mandatory.

8. ABOUT US


Ostello dei Balocchi, is a EEC (Environmental Education Center) of Legambiente.

The "Ostello dei Balocchi" project was created with the aim of providing an example of sustainable development in the tourism and environmental fields. We are the only structure within the National Park of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines that offers a new and original tourist formula; "donkey" tourism. The donkey animal is completely linked to the traditions and culture of our territory.

When haste and superficiality move us away from the essence of life, the slow donkey, confident in its equal steps, leads us to look with calm and penetrating eyes at what is essential around us and gives well-being to existence. It is the discovery of the little things, nature, landscape and environments that make every trip spectacular. .

Similarly, the didactic-artistic workshops offered by the Ostello dei Balocchi also aim to underline and stimulate reflection through experience. Despite the fact that they look apparently distant and linked to two different worlds, the donkey and the ancient artistic-expressive techniques have many values in common. Just as in the approach with the donkey, also there are no buttons, instructions or commands given in the discovery of expressive languages. In both it is necessary to conquer the final result through the understanding of a process, commitment and personal sensitivity.

Ostello dei Balocchi's programs are divided into **weekends** and **initiatives dedicated to the whole family** in the months of spring, autumn and winter and **the summer is entirely dedicated to residential and itinerant summer camps** for children only. Additionally, for several years, through Erasmus + and beyond, we have been offering **projects and activities aimed at young people from our territory and beyond.**

 **Ostello dei Balocchi - Chi siamo?!!**



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10. DEEPENING (VIDEO)

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REinVENTA project: Natural art and community

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