

## Discover the Caucasus – 10 Years After Study Visits exploring the youth sector in the Caucasus

### AZERBAIJAN (08 JULY - 15 JULY 2023)

#### What?

This Study Visit to Azerbaijan is part of the larger program, “Discover the Caucasus - 10 Years After”. Between 2011-2013, European Intercultural Forum and its local partners in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia explored the youth sector in the Caucasus, discovering a wide range of possibilities. 10 years later, we are inviting you to revisit the youth field in the South Caucasus zooming in on youth participation, active citizenship, and the state of volunteering of young people.

How the Caucasus connects with the EU, especially in the context of Erasmus+, is an essential element that we will explore together with the local youth organisations by looking at their practices for community development, youth empowerment and participation, local and international volunteering.

The study visit to Azerbaijan is the third and last in the frame of the “Discover the Caucasus” series.

The programme is composed of two educational activities:

- A preparatory 4-week online course in June 2023 with a weekly workload of no more than 1,5 hours
- A 6-days study visit across Azerbaijan (08-15 July 2023) focusing on Baku and Ganja

#### *What can you gain from this study visit?*

The study visit is specifically designed to provide an insight into the youth sector in Azerbaijan by exploring the needs of youth and local organisations working in the youth field, the existing landscape of non-governmental youth stakeholders, and the youth support structure framed by public youth stakeholders.

The study visit offers the following:

- A wide range of meetings with private and public youth stakeholders in Azerbaijan to learn about their context, practices and successes
- The opportunity for an exchange of practices, approaches and ideas on youth participation and youth-driven community development
- Building project-based international cooperation between organisations that are based within the EU and within the Eastern partnership region on youth participation, community development and international volunteering
- Establishing links between like-minded organisations that allow for a knowledge transfer from which youth work can benefit all across Europe on the local level

## When?

The study visit is composed of two educational activities:

- A preparatory online course: **4 weeks in June 2023; launch on June 05 2023**
- Study visit in Azerbaijan: **08-15 July 2023**

## Where?

The study visit takes place in **Baku and Ganja, Azerbaijan.**

The study visit starts with three days in Baku and ends with three days in Ganja.

## For whom?

We seek participants with the following **profile**:

- Be actively involved in youth empowerment work – as a youth worker, educator, project manager, volunteer etc. - on local level in their communities
- Have a basic understanding of community development approaches and practices as well as of youth participation and empowerment
- Good knowledge of the community development challenges and the situation of young people in their community
- Curiosity and willingness to understand the youth sector in Azerbaijan from a grass-root perspective
- Commitment to engage into international partnership as a follow-up of the study visit
- Willingness and readiness to engage into an intense and highly intercultural learning process
- Ability to communicate in English
- Willingness and availability to fully participate in the project activities

The programme is only open to people residing in one of the following countries: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Estonia, Germany, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Lithuania, Moldova, The Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine.

## Conditions

The course is implemented in the frame of the Erasmus+ Programme.

Accommodation, food and learning activities are fully covered by the organisers. **No participation fee is expected from the participants.**

**100% of the travel costs to the venue and back will be reimbursed up to the maximum of the amount indicated below.**

Reimbursement will only be done for travel costs (cheapest means of transportation, only economy class, no taxi) upon presentation of original tickets and invoices (and boarding tags for flight tickets).

The reimbursement budget per person based on the country of residence:

- Azerbaijan: 50 EUR
- Belarus: 320 EUR
- Bulgaria: 320 EUR
- Estonia: 320 EUR
- Germany: 500 EUR
- Georgia: 80 EUR
- Greece: 320 EUR
- Hungary: 320 EUR
- Italy: 500 EUR
- Lithuania: 340 EUR
- Moldova: 250 EUR
- The Netherlands: 500 EUR
- Spain: 500 EUR
- Turkey: 250 EUR
- Ukraine: 250 EUR

Expenses for eventual visa costs will be reimbursed upon presentation of the respective invoice and visa.

*Please note: At the border control in Azerbaijan, foreigners are required to present a COVID-19 passport (either a document confirming complete vaccination against COVID-19 or a document of immunity gained by recovering from COVID-19).*

## **Application process**

If you want to join the study visit, please apply **until April 20 2023 using this [application form](#)**.

*Our international team of partners will assess all applications, and we will inform all applicants about the results on April 28 2023.*

## **Contact details**

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## Tentative Programme

Time	Day 1 - July 08	Day 2 - July 09	Day 3 - July 10	Day 4 - July 11	Day 5 - July 12	Day 6 - July 13	Day 7 - April 28	Day 8 - April 29
8 AM	Arrivals	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9:30 AM		Welcome - Ice breaker	Visiting youth stakeholders in <b>Baku</b>	Visiting youth stakeholders in <b>Baku</b>	Travel to western Azerbaijan ( <b>Ganja</b> )	Visiting youth stakeholders in <b>Ganja</b>	Follow up planning	Departures
10 AM		Framing the course: methodology & expectations					Partnership building & discussing next steps	
1 PM		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
2:30 PM		Team building - exploring <b>Baku</b>	Visiting youth stakeholders in <b>Baku</b>	Meet-ups with active youth and youth workers in <b>Baku</b>	Visiting youth stakeholders in <b>Ganja</b>	Exploring <b>Ganja</b>	Evaluation + closing ceremony	
6 PM		Daily reflection	Daily reflection	Daily reflection	Daily reflection	Daily reflection		
7 PM	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
8 PM	Welcome evening	Night of Cultures	Free evening	Free evening	Informal Youth meet up	Free evening	Farewell Party	

*Please note that this is a tentative programme.*