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Partnership Building Activity for beginners

23rd - 30th September 2024

(Including traveling dates)

BENICÀSSIM (Castellón) - Spain

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1 Who we are?

Coordinating/hosting organisation **XERACION VALENCIA** (xeracionvalencia.org, [Xeracion](#)) is a youth cultural non-profit with offices in Gandia (Valencia) and Narón (Galicia) with the main aim of empowering youth to develop themselves and their critical thinking in order to become active citizens who will improve our society.



We promote and practice values of tolerance, human dignity, inter-culturalism, cooperation, social justice, gender equality and integration, as well as a sustainable development, healthy life styles and an active protection of the environment.

We organise Youth Exchanges, Training Courses and host, send and coordinate European EVS/ESC volunteers from different countries in environmental, social, entrepreneurial and educational projects.

2 Summary of the project & objectives

This **Partnership Building Activity for beginners** aims to connect organisations and their staff working with youth (unexperienced or newcomers in Erasmus+ field) in order to meet potential partners to create a trusted network and new projects under the Erasmus+ program.

Therefore this project is targeting youth workers and other staff member of youth organisations who wants to help their youth organising Erasmus+ activities, as well as youth who are eager to start their own non-profit youth organisations or non-formal education activities who can profit from this activity. The objectives are to:

1. Empower organizations and their staff members, youth workers or youth leaders by giving them the necessary skills and knowledge to start working with the Erasmus+ Youth program.
2. Enhance the development of youth policies with non-formal education by training youth workers with tools and competences to improve the quality of their work with young people.
3. Create a community and trusted network of youth workers and organisations for cooperation in the future that can support the quality of projects and activities for youth under the Erasmus+ Youth program.

For the process to be effective, we are going to work with a methodology based on non-formal, active, dynamic and participatory education, experiential and reinforcing a process that is both for groups and individuals.

This activity will take place from the 23rd until the 30th of September 2024 (including travel days) in the town of Benicàssim in the province of Castellón. There will be a total of 25 participants with no age limit including 10 European countries.

3 Profile of participants

The ideal participants for this project are youth workers, youth leaders, staff members:

- eager to help youth organising their own non-formal education activities;
- looking forward to start their own projects and to meet other partners to do projects together (with little or no previous experience);
- with experience or interest on the topic of sustainability (at all levels) and social inclusion ;
- with an open mind, adaptable to changes and ready to be out of their comfort zone;
- who enjoys meeting new people from other countries to co-live 24/7 in intercultural environments.

NOTE: preference for participants with fewer opportunities.

4 Accommodation and location

Accommodation will be in Albergue Juvenil Argentina in Benicàssim: <https://reaj.com/albergues/juvenil-argentina/> in double and triple rooms.

Located close to the city of Castelló de la Plana, this seaside destination boasts great weather, historic heritage, beautiful landscapes and extensive experience in hosting small and large-scale events.



Benicassim's beaches are full of life. Along the coastline, you can spot ancient watchtowers and marvel at elegant 20th century villas, such as at [Playa de Voramar](#). The town is dedicated to making its beaches accessible to absolutely everybody, particularly [Heliópolis](#) and Almadrava

beaches.

The historic centre of Benicassim is bursting with charm so make sure you take the time for a leisurely stroll. Just a couple of kilometres outside the town is [Montornés Castle](#), a tower that is part of a 10th century defence system constructed by the Muslims on the site of Roman remains. This fortress sits in an area that is also well worth a visit: [Desert de les Palmes natural park](#). This mountainscape flanks the coastline, straddling a number of surrounding municipalities, and offers countless trails that are a pleasure to walk and cycle.



The climate in the region is Mediterranean-subtropical with very mild temperatures during winters (10- 20°C) and very hot summers (25-35°C). **The temperature is expected to vary from 15°C at night to 28°C during the sunny days.** You can also expect a lot of humidity, quite some sun and some rains, therefore be ready for mosquitos 😊

[More info about Benicassim here](#)

5 Travelling & insurance

100% of the travel costs will be reimbursed (up to one month after the end of the activity and after we received all the required documents) [flights, trains, buses, carpooling but

NO TAXIS] up to the maximum amount indicated by this [distance calculator provided by the EU](#) as it follows, calculated from the city of Valencia:

- Locations from less than 500kms >> 56 EUR (Spanish participants)
- 500kms to 1999kms >> 309 EUR (Most EU countries)
- 2000kms to 2999kms >> 395 EUR
- 3000kms to 3999kms >> 580 EUR

In order to get your reimbursements you must keep and send us:

- TICKETS/INVOICE (on paper/email for trains/buses with the price on it)
- BOARDING PASS (for both ways)

NOTE: TAXIS CANNOT BE REIMBURSED! (only exceptions, please ask us before if you have doubts)

Following the guidelines of the E+ program the travel must be within a maximum of 2 days before or after the project (arrivals not before the 21st September & departures not after the 2nd October).

We offer our full support booking flights and bus/train connections so please let us know if you need any help. You can book flights to any of the following airports:

- >> Valencia or CASTELLÓN (EASIEST AND BEST OPTIONS)
- >> Alicante, Madrid or Barcelona (ONLY IF ITS YOUR BEST OPTION, ask us before booking it)

Do not book your departure flight from Valencia airport on the 30th of September before 13:00 h. Please let us know if you don't have other option.

HEALTH INSURANCE: Please remember to bring your private or European Health Insurance Card

6 PROGRAM

Day 1: ARRIVALS. Visit to Valencia City. First Dinner together.

Day 2: Welcome, presentations; getting to know each other at personal level.

Day 3: Getting to know each other at professional level - NGO Market -

Day 4: Erasmus+ Youth and other opportunities for youth and youth workers - Networking

Day 5: Working in groups by interests and reinforcing our network.

Day 6: Presentations by groups of the work done and the alliances

Day 7: Evaluation and closing, feedback, reflections, next steps.

Day 8: Last breakfast together. DEPARTURES.

DAILY SCHEDULE:

Morning sessions from 10:00h to 13:30h

(Breakfast starting at 9h with a 30 mins. coffee break at 11:30h)

LUNCH from 13:30h to 15:00h

Afternoon sessions from 15:00h to 18:30h

(Coffee break at 16:30h and self-reflection at 18:00h)

DINNER will be around 20h

VERY IMPORTANT: Please take this into consideration BEFORE APPLYING:

- THIS IS A NON-FORMAL LEARNING ACTIVITY

for youth workers, staff members and youth leaders/coordinators
funded with European public money.

It is NOT an Erasmus students experience for youth.

- 100% NO ALCOHOL POLICY during our activities at the venue.

PLEASE DO NOT COME

if your plan is just PARTYING and DRINKING

or VISITING SPAIN! Thank you! 😊

7 MEETING POINT

In case you would like to visit Valencia as you arrive to the city, we will make a late **MEETING POINT** on the 23rd of September around 20:00h to go all together by bus to **BENICASSIM** (it takes one hour by train/bus to arrive from Valencia city). We will go all together with a private bus. More detailed info will be sent later.

There are lockers at the train station and around, so you could leave your luggage if you want to visit the city before our meeting.

Please make sure to book your flights in order to be in Valencia city on the 23rd of September before 20h and let us know if you cannot make it!

Thank you!

8 What to bring?

- TOWEL (for bath and swimming pool) and TOILETRIES.
- DON'T BRING bed sheets or covers/sleeping bags.
- Swim suit (there is a swimming pool in the venue).
- Your own bottle of water/cup to refill (metal, glass or hard plastic).
- Mosquito repellent and sun cream.
- A lot of good energy and a positive attitude.

9 Application process

Applications will be accepted until the 15th of August 2024 through [THIS FORM](#).

10 Contact info

If you have any doubts, questions or suggestions please feel free to contact us at xeracionvalencia@gmail.com or via WhatsApp at +34 626905529 (ion).