

INFO PACK

For the partners and participants of the project

“Transition to Entrepreneurship”

(2017-2-RO01-KA105-037610)

Dear partners/participants,

This info pack aims to provide you with necessary information for your preparation. You will find two basic parts: Part 1 – Information about the Project and Part 2 – Technical Information and Preparation. Please read them carefully.

Until the main activity (**02-11.09.2018**), we will need to keep in contact. So, please check your emails regularly. For questions and further information, contact Simona Gherasim through simona.gherasim@creedromania.ro , or for urgent situations, through +40 741577975.

Best wishes,

The Organizing Team



PART I – INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

THE ORGANIZER: CREED Romania

CREED is a nonprofit organisation that appeared as a result a Youth in Action, 1.2 National Youth Initiative project in 2009. Established as an organization in a poor rural area, CREED is dedicated to reaching community sustainable development, and we do that by implementing social inclusion activities, help young people understand active citizenship and active participation. We are involved in youth activities ranging from sport to environmental protection, interculturality, media, cultural and promotion of voluntarism in general, and this has lead into making CREED to be the most active youth organization from Neamt county, and the catalyst for civil society intervention in the community.

The mission CREED assumed is to contribute to sustainable development, in the economic, social and cultural fields, with an accent on education for increasing social and civic responsibility, active citizenship, tolerance, intercultural dialogue, entrepreneurship and active involvement in local communities. For that, CREED is involved in educating young people and adult through formal and non-formal activities, and we develop in class training programmes addressed to young people that need personal and professional development.

The values that CREED believes in and promotes are volunteering, political non-affiliation, quality, transparence, performance and flexibility.

C.R.E.E.D. Romania organizes formal education activities, represented by lectures, seminars, workshops, conferences, trainings, internships, tutoring, and mentoring, as well as non-formal education activities, through youth exchanges, youth activities, mobilities and placement or volunteering programs:

- I. Internships/ Mobilities for high school students, college students and graduates;
- II. Volunteering placements abroad within partner organizations;
- III. Trainings on various topics (project writing, project management, non-formal education, training of trainers in youth and childrens' education, etc.);
- IV. Participation in international projects on various topics (sports, cultural education, childrens' rights, inclusive education, etc.);

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V. Training courses, seminars, workshops and non-formal education activities addressed to all those interested in aspects of personal and professional development (including language courses: English, Turkish, etc.).

For this, we have gathered a team that consist of 6 founding members, 5 associated members and 15 volunteers which are working with us for more than one year. In projects, we also involve people from the community. The expertise we have in our association ranges from project management, comunity development, social work, training and education, to intercultural management, law, theology and finance.

CREED is member in one national Romanian Federation called VOLUM and we are very well known on the local market like a strong non profit organisation that works in the comunity for sustainable development.

CREED is available online on facebook at CREEDRomania with more that 3000 LIKES, on the websites www.implicare.eu, www.asociatiacreed.ro and blog www.creedromania.wordpress.com

SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

The **main objective** is to stimulate the involvement of young people with few opportunities in the life of society.

The youth exchange will bring together 25 young people and 7 group leaders and accompanying persons for 10 days, on the theme of social entrepreneurship.

During the youth exchange we will organise sessions that will have theme subjects as: What is social economy and entrepreneurship, Benefits of social entrepreneurship, Social needs identification in the community, Ideas to resolve them by using social entrepreneurship, Work on a social enterprise business plan, Best practice models of social entrepreneurship among the world, Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs, Be empathetic! What can I do to help others?, Active citizenship, Volunteer! Invest in yourself!

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The sessions will be based on non-formal education, the learning process of participants being an easy, creative and fun one.

The expected impact is represented by an increased awareness and knowledge on the topic of social economy and social entrepreneurship, increased sense of initiative and entrepreneurship, ability to realize a social enterprise business plan, increased awareness about their active role in social inclusion, increased empathy, tolerance, understanding the feelings and views of others, ability to respect and socialise with people from various environments, improved communication in English etc. among the participants.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

1. Raising awareness and promoting positive attitudes towards social entrepreneurship among 25 young people with fewer opportunities during 10 days.
2. Developing entrepreneurial skills among 25 young people with fewer opportunities from Romania, Spain, United Kingdom and Slovenia, during 10 days.
3. Raising awareness among 25 young people with fewer opportunities about their active role in social inclusion during 10 days.

PARTNERS

The 4 partners of our project are:

- Amigos de Europa Association (Spain)
- Eurocaleta (Spain)
- Tinevo Development Limited (United Kingdom)
- EPeKa (Slovenia)

PART II – TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND PREPARATION

PROJECT DATES

The main activity within the project is represented by the **international youth exchange Transition to Entrepreneurship!**

The youth exchange takes place between: **02 - 11.09.2018**

Arrival of participants: **01st of September 2018** (check in after 14:00 o' clock)

Departure of participants: **11th of September 2018 (after lunch)**

PROJECT VENUE & ACCOMMODATION

Location and transportation: The project will take place in **Piatra Neamt**, capital city of Neamt County.

To get there you will have to follow the next steps:

From the airport, ground floor at Arrivals (follow the signs), there is the bus 780 that goes to Gara de Nord (North Train Station). The price is around 8 RON (aprox 2 euro for 2 journeys ticket) you have to buy the ticket from the ticket machine, before going in the bus. The journey is aprox 45 min - 1 hour, depending on the traffic.

From Gara de Nord you will have to take a train to Piatra Neamt (price is around 80 lei, aprox 20 Euros). You have to buy the ticket from the train station, before going in the train. The journey to Piatra Neamt is aprox 6.5 hours. Depending on the train departure, you will have to change or not in Bacau.

You can also take a bus from Otopeni (the airport) or from Bucharest to Piatra Neamt, depending on the hour your plane arrives.

You will need to have Romanian money - lei (RON) to pay for tickets, so you could change a very small amount in the airport (the exchange rate is not very good).



Accommodation:

The project venue is **Aris Meridian Motel**.

Address: Strada Fermelor, nr.75, 610252, Piatra Neamț





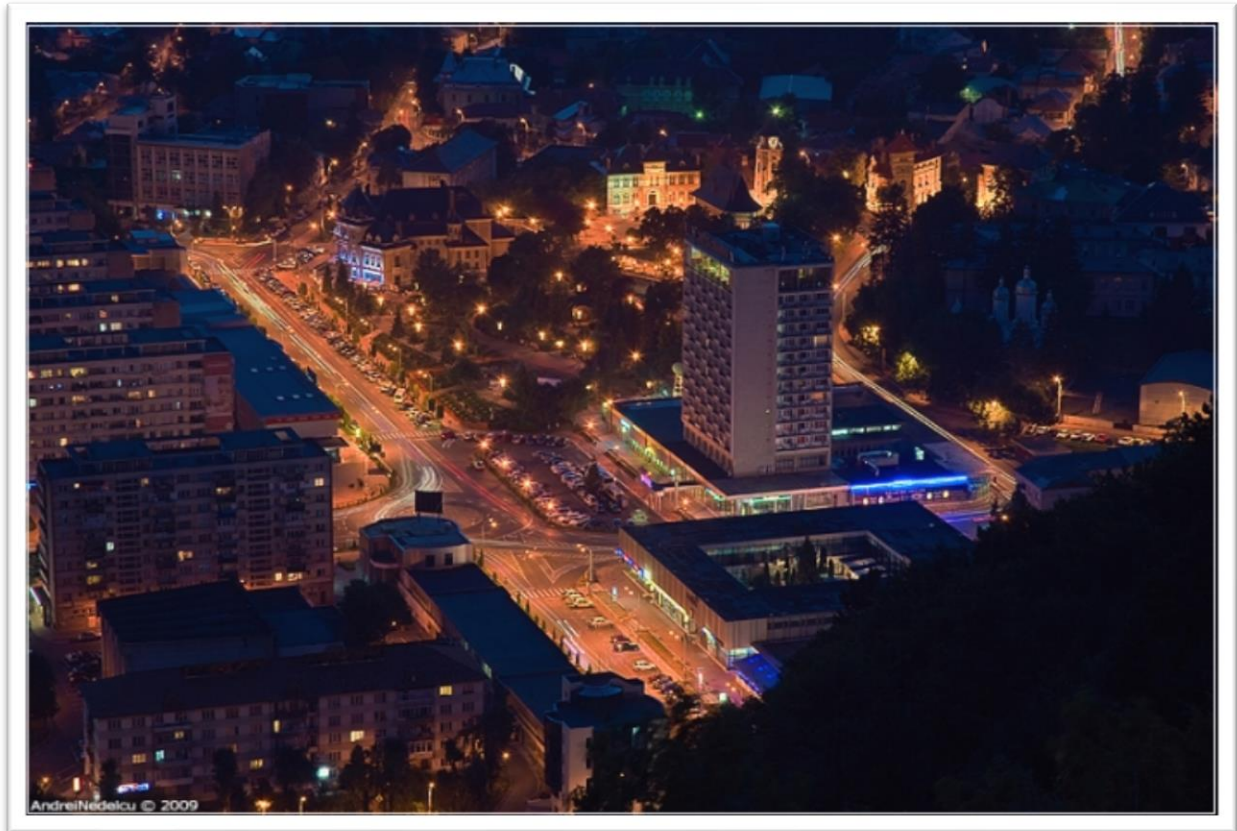
For acomodation, the following conditions will be provided:

- Participants will stay two / room
- Rooms will have proper heating and a shower
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided as well as coffee breaks
- Sessions will be held in the same place

Area:

Piatra Neamt is the capital city of Neamt County, in the historical region of Moldavia, eastern Romania. Because of its privileged location in the Eastern Carpathian mountains, it is considered one of the most picturesque cities in Romania.

The hotel is in the center of the city. After intensive training sessions, you will have the opportunity to have short visits to beautiful places in the surroundings.



FINANCIAL CONDITIONS & TRAVEL

No participation fee will be charged.

Costs of accommodation and food will be covered by us.

All other costs related to the activities under the project will be covered by us.

Travel costs will be completely covered by us as long as they do not exceed the unit costs determined by the European Commission. Maximum amounts allocated per participant is determined according to the country of the participant (calculated by the “Distance Calculator” supported by the European Commission):

Spain: 360 Euro

UK: 275 Euro

Slovenia: 275 Euro

Romania: 0 Euro

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Note: The travel of the participants must be between the country of their sending organization and Romania.

Reimbursement procedures:

The participants (or the partners) are expected to purchase their travel tickets, and the actual costs will be reimbursed by us **after the youth exchange (bank transfer)** upon the presentation of relevant justifying documents. These documents are obligatory for the reimbursement of travel costs:

- A **fiscal invoice** showing the amount paid and name of the participant
- If you pay by card we need a **statement from the bank** (the original one); if you pay cash we need a **receipt/confirmation of payment** (the original one)
- **E-tickets/Booking confirmation**
- **Boarding passes**
- **Train/ Bus tickets**

Regarding the boarding passes for the way back, the participants will first need to scan and send them to us through e-mail and then send the original boarding passes/tickets by post.

Costs of local transport in participants' own countries will be also reimbursed (on the condition that total travel cost does not exceed the specified maximum amounts). **Taxi costs will not be reimbursed.**

Only the original travel tickets will be reimbursed!

You are expected to participate fully in all activities, unless you are ill. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops is not permitted. If less than 80% of the programme is attended, it will not be possible to reimburse the international travel costs.

Final note: The participants must provide medical insurance for themselves in order to prevent high hospital costs in case of a possible sickness.

<i>WHAT TO DO</i>	<i>DEADLINE</i>
Partner organizations to determine the participants and send their names to simona.gherasim@creedromania.ro	10 June 2018
Participants (or partners) to send their preferred flight details and wait for confirmation	15 June 2018
Participants (or partners) to purchase the travel tickets and send them (e-tickets or scanned tickets) to simona.gherasim@creedromania.ro	20 June 2018
Participants to join the Facebook group to be created by the organizers and start to follow it until the training	30 June 2018