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Arkhe

Road to Villages

4th to 13th of September
Youth Exchange



El Piélago Camp, Toledo, Spain.



Summary of the project

The idea for this project arose from three young workers, who after their experiences in European projects wanted to bring Europe to the rural areas where they belong and appreciate the most. The project aims to involve young people from different countries to cooperate and work together while developing intercultural understanding between the participants themselves and the citizens of the Spanish rural areas that are visited during the youth exchange days.

The creation of the program of the youth exchange will be based on co-planning, through which the participants will propose different activities, dynamics, workshops, etc. depending on their knowledge and preferences.

- **DATES:** 4-13 September 2023
- **LOCATION:** El Piélago Camp, Toledo, Spain
- **PARTICIPANTS:** 5 per country (4 participants + 1 group leader)
- **COUNTRIES:** France, Bulgaria, Italy, Germany and Spain.



objectives

- Promote intercultural exchange and understanding, creating spaces for collaboration between the population and local rural entities with young people from European associations.
- Reinforce European values in rural environments and break down prejudices regarding these by showing European realities in environments with difficult access to Erasmus+ projects, favouring the participation of young people with fewer opportunities.
- Generate spaces for participation and creation in which to share activities and projects that can be put into practice and replicated in other countries with similar rural realities.



Who are we ?

ARKHE association is a non-formal organization which was created in 2004 in Toledo by youth workers, with the aim of training new professionals in the field of non-formal education to carry out a wide range of activities for children, teenagers and young people at a national and international level.

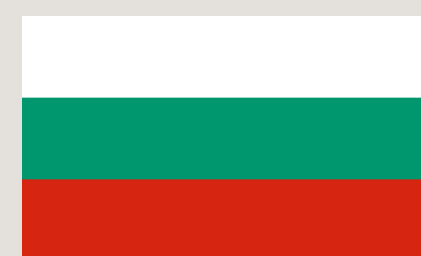
In the last 15 years, we have been developing the line of international work with the realization of Fields of Work on the environment, recovering and signalling areas of the Sierra de San Vicente (Location of the camp). In addition, since 2011 we are an accredited entity within the Erasmus Plus program, carrying out different youth exchanges, meetings of good practices and training for youth workers, focused on the inclusion of people at risk of vulnerability in leisure and free time activities and the improvement and updating of the tools of these non-formal education spaces.

We have a wide network of collaborators and partners among which at the public level, the Castilla La Mancha Community Board, Toledo Provincial Council and Town Halls, Educational Centers, and at a private level, Grupo ONCE, Grupo CECAP, Danza Sin Fronteras, Fundación Secretariado Gitano, among others.

Profile of participants



- +18 years young, 6 participants of each country (1 team leader + 5 youngsters).
- Eager to share their own culture and get to know others.
- Interested in developing activities with young and elderly people.
- Lovers of nature and understanding of co-planning work.




The participants should be filling the form before the 25th of July.
<https://forms.gle/7XgNCx9AsSAhJfme9>



ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD

The youth exchange will take place in four different locations, first at “El Piélago Camp”, where participants will carry out icebreaker activities, team building, etc. and later in the towns of Almendral de la Cañada, La Iglesuela del Tiétar and Navamorcuende. After three days in these locations, the group of young people will go back to the camp to close the activity.

📍 The youth exchange will be developed in the camping “El Piélago” (Toledo). The place is in “La Sierra de San Vicente” (Toledo). We will be hosted in cabins of 4 people. Three meals per day and two coffee breaks will be provided in the venue.



This camp is a rural area, in the mountains, without dangerous animals or insects, but bugs and cows are common there. Also, it's important to keep in mind the weather, because despite Spain is hot on summer, in this place during the night temperatures drop and can be cold .

During the weekend we will visit three small towns around the camping. There are some small shops, in any case, try to bring all that you need with you .

What to bring

- Comfortable hiking clothes
- Warm and summer clothes
- Comfortable footwear
- Sleeping bag
- National food or products for coffee breaks
- Towels and your own toiletries.
- Flip flops.
- Swimsuit
- Your European health card.
- Medications if you need it.
- A backpack to carry your things from one town to another



Budget

Financial rules

The maximum travel cost to be reimbursed are according the distance calculator from European Commission:

Country	€/person for travel	Green travel
Spain	23	yes
France	320	yes
Bulgaria	360	
Germany	320	yes
Italy	275	

A bus will pick you up in Madrid on **4th of September**, when planning your trip **make sure you will arrive before 18:00**. On **13th** the bus will take you back to Madrid airport, **your flight/train/bus should not depart before 12:00**.

The travel expenses include only public transport. Before buying tickets check it with us; traveling two days earlier and before are allowed.

20€ per person will be reduced from the travel budget to cover the bus expenses from Madrid to the camp and back.

For reimbursement is mandatory to send us all proof of payments of bus, train and/or flights. Also, it will be mandatory to provide original boarding passes (screenshots are not allowed) and/or bus and train tickets, paper or digital. Full participation in all the activities is mandatory to have the reimbursement of the travel expenses.

The reimbursement will be done after team leaders fill out the participants' report.



Flow of the activity

4th of September: Arrivals in Madrid. Arkhe will organise a bus to pick you up in Madrid airport and drive you all together to the camp.

5th, 6th and 7th of September: will have activities in the camp: starting for getting to know each other, to work in the activities to be done in the villages.

8th, 9th and 10th of September: we will go by bus to Almendral for the first day of activities in the villages, the next morning to La Iglesuela and the last village will be Navamorcuende.

11th and 12th of September: We will go back to the camp to rest and evaluate the experience.

13th of September: a bus will pick you up in the morning to drive you back to Madrid airport.

We are waiting for you!!