



**Youth Exchange**

# THE ANIMAL FOOTPRINT

**FROM 18TH TO 26TH OF SEPTEMBER  
2024**



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# KA1: Learning Mobility of Individuals Youth Exchange "The Animal Footprint"

## PROJECT DETAILS

**Project name:** The Animal Footprint

**Project dates:** From 18th to 26th September 2024

**Place:** Iscar (Spain)

**Coordination:** Asociación MediNatura

**ID Number:** E10289028

**Participants:** Participants in the project will belong to 6 different countries from: Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Portugal, Belgium and Spain.

## THE ORGANIZERS

**ASOCIACION MEDINATURA**, we are an organization that works with youngsters in their Total Care Education giving priority to those who are disadvantaged because of unemployment or cultural, social and economical grounds, providing spaces and projects to help them to develop useful social skills and inclusion ideas. We work different topics according to the aims and goals to achieve.

- Participate in Programs and Awareness Development Cooperation with the Third and Fourth World.
- Organize and disseminate actions related to training and information on Health and Prevention.
- To inform, sensitize and manage programs, projects, courses and activities related to the environment, both in its protection, defense and training and information dissemination and education and enjoyment.
- Develop activities such as courses, seminars and training days at Leisure and beyond.
- To contribute to the integral development of people, especially those who present the biggest difficulties (social, cultural, economic, physical, mental, origin...), helping to fully realize their physical, intellectual and social potentials, as citizens and members of the Local Community and / or Regional.
- Develop actions and Social Intervention and Integration Programs.
- Develop Activities, Classes, Camps, Youth Exchanges, Tours, Travel, with and for children and young people in the area of Formal and Non- Formal Education.
- Develop all the activities as Free Time activities and Non Formal Education
- To promote activities, programs, projects and integration activities and fight for the incorporation of immigrants into our society.
- Develop proposals and actions on gender equality, providing positive support to the women, and promoting their inclusion and an equal participation in our society.

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**E-mail:** [animalfootprintproject@gmail.com](mailto:animalfootprintproject@gmail.com)

## SUMMARY

The association MediNatura has the "The Animal Footprint" project proposal for you, is a proposal of multilateral Youth Exchange with participants from Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Portugal, Belgium and Spain, which will take place in the town of Iscar, between days 18th – 26th September 2024, which themes are cultural diversity encompassing social differences, the problem of animal abuse and the importance voluntary associations working how animals can help to deal with people with special needs or health disorders, inclusion of the immigrants, the elderly, etc.

We believe that these issues are themselves natural answer to some of the problems currently affecting the world and particularly Europe: Animal protection on the one hand, that left side lately due to the economic crisis which is immersed the Western world, it should regain its rightful place predominantly through the pressure and public awareness. Promoting the values promoted by another Scouting: multiculturalism, respect, solidarity, service to others, altruism, volunteerism, etc. we understand that are the ones that allow this troubled world and crisis of values not fall into the fierce individualism and "every man for himself".

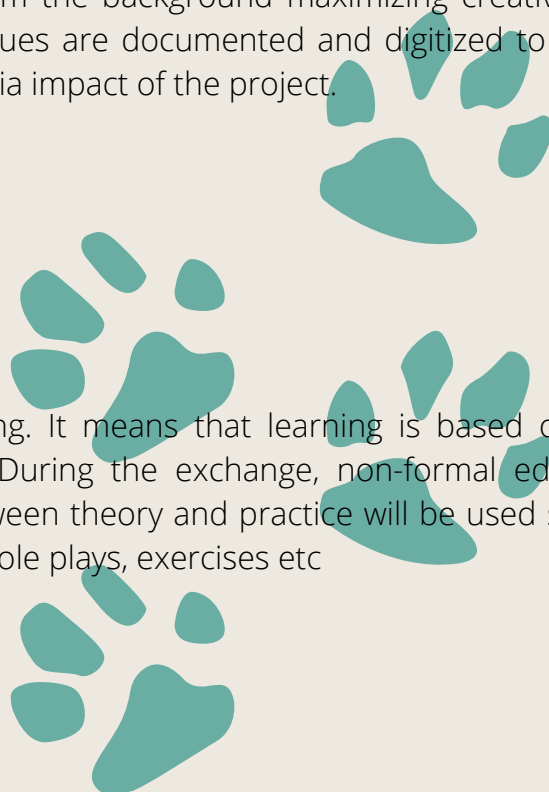
The project objectives are raised on two levels:

- 1) Knowledge and awareness: Knowing the ways of real influence on the community, and the value and consequences of everyday actions on our society and
- 2) Dissemination / awareness: Contribute to the development of awareness of other young people by disseminating promotional material in our environment and in the participants.

The methodology consists of tutoring activities prior presentation or workshop specialists in the subject, then such knowledge to work creatively in multicultural teams while these experts support the work of the Participants always from the background maximizing creativity and involvement of equipment; once worked the issues are documented and digitized to display them in our social networks and maximizing media impact of the project.

## WORKING METHODS

Our Youth Exchange will be non-formal learning. It means that learning is based on your experience, your motivation and your needs. During the exchange, non-formal education methods and methods that assure balance between theory and practice will be used such as presentations, group works, workshops, games, role plays, exercises etc



## PARTICIPANTS COUNTRIES AND PARTNERS ORGANIZATIONS

COUNTRY	ORGANIZATION	WEB
SPAIN	MEDINATURA	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/420234796439694">https://www.facebook.com/groups/420234796439694</a>
BULGARIA	Кирил и методий - 1882	<a href="https://acortar.link/IE32Lk">https://acortar.link/IE32Lk</a>
ROMANIA	EUSS	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/EUSSAngo/">https://www.facebook.com/EUSSAngo/</a>
TURKEY	Gaziantep Local Youth	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/localyouthgroup">https://www.facebook.com/localyouthgroup</a>
PORTUGAL	Wise Planet Associação	
BELGIUM	vzw Edushakers	<a href="https://www.edushakers.eu/">https://www.edushakers.eu/</a>



### NEEDS

**4 participants per country. From Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey, Portugal, Belgium.**

- 3 young people aged 18-30.
- + 1 leaders no age limit.
- Participants need to be aged over 18 years old.

Your task during the exchange:

- Presentation of your country and your organization.
- Information about the situation of your country on the main topic.
- Traditional foods and drinks for the cultural night.
- Flag of your country would be great.

If you find more participants interested in participating in the total number that corresponds to your country, we invite you to that you make a list of participants on hold according to the criteria that we establish: not always you can ensure the participation of the total number of participants in the event because of some unexpected participant's last minute.

## TRANSPORTATION

**Arrival: Madrid Airport, 18th of March (before 14:00, please confirm your flight details).**

**Departure: Madrid Airport, 26th of March (after 15:00 please confirm your flight details).**

You should take a flight to Madrid airport because it is the main airport near our region and you will find planes from your country easily. About transportation from the airport we will inform you after collecting all participants' flight information, because we normally pick up the participants at the airport and bring them directly to the project site, all together, by a private bus.

*No regular Bus to Iscar a at all hours.*

## ACCOMMODATION

Iscar is a Spanish town and municipality in the province of Valladolid and the autonomous community of Castile and León. It has about 6000 inhabitants, although in the summer season the population can grow up to 10500 persons.

It has a wonderful castle with year of creation in 939 which can be visited with a guide and you can see medieval representations.

Iscar's economy is based on agriculture and especially in the production of doors for homes and factories. Iscar at the time became the producer of 80% of doors throughout Spain.



About the HOSTEL where we will stay: This is a very nice, comfortable and with everything you need for optimal project develops. There are free Wi-Fi, big meeting rooms, big dining rooms and also there are some areas where you can breathe fresh air.



Accommodation, local transportation and other activity costs are covered by the hosting organization only during the project's dates ( from 18th to 26th September 2024).

## **COSTS AND REIMBURSEMENT**

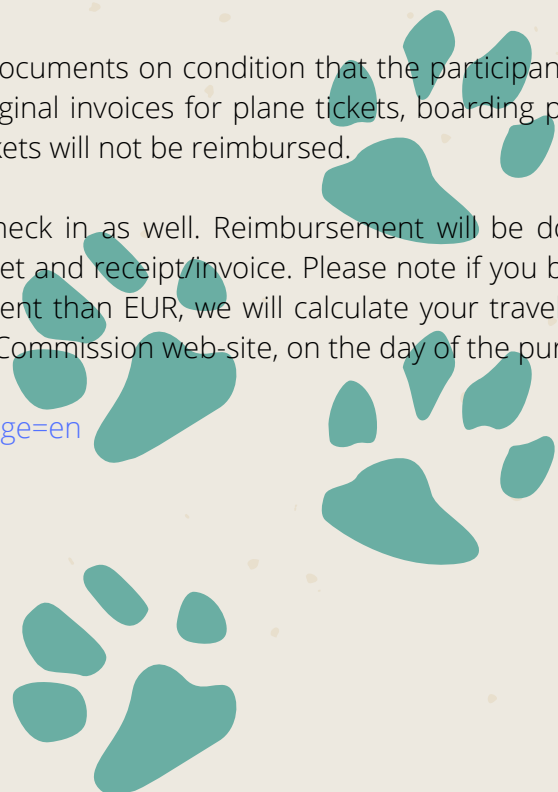
**"The Animal Footprint"** will be a Youth Exchange Project is implemented with financial support from the European Commission and the ERASMUS+ Programme. Accommodation, food, as well as activities costs will be covered from the project budget. It is recommendable to get travel insurance but it will not be covered by the project budget.

**All participants must consult with the organizers on prices & routes (please contact [animalfootprintproject@gmail.com](mailto:animalfootprintproject@gmail.com)), before buying any tickets.**

Travel expenses will be covered after collecting travel documents on condition that the participants use the cheapest ways of transportation and submitted original invoices for plane tickets, boarding passes, train and bus tickets. Private cars, Taxi and first class tickets will not be reimbursed.

Please keep the boarding passes from your airport check in as well. Reimbursement will be done in EURO, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice. Please note if you bought your ticket in your local currency which might be different than EUR, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rates from official European Commission web-site, on the day of the purchase

<http://ec.europa.eu/budget/infocoreuro/index.cfm?Language=en>





Note!!! Please make the copies (better scan or take photographs) of your tickets and invoices before coming to Spain and send us all your travel documents to this email address: [animalfootprintproject@gmail.com](mailto:animalfootprintproject@gmail.com) as soon as you buy them. If you have tickets and invoice, make sure that you e-mailed copies of both.

You can't buy any air ticket or any travel cost before **the 10th of August 2024 without authorization from the organization without authorization from the organization**. If this happens, it will not be refund no amount of money to these participants

### TRAVEL COST

This amount is different for each country and shouldn't be exceed. In case of exceeding the maximum allowed, the refund will be made with the maximum amount fixed for each person by country, never larger.

We will inform you about your travel limit costs once the Project is approved and the countries will be participants. Mileage calculated with the official program tool.

[http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/tools/distance_en.htm)

These are the cost official the new program detailing the maximum cost per participant, but **the obligation of the participating associations according to the criteria of the program is to find the cheapest flight at the right time**.

COUNTRY	Distance in Kimometres from		€ per participant
SPAIN	MEDINA DEL CAMPO		28€
BULGARIA	POPOVO - MEDINA DEL CAMPO	2555 KM	395€
ROMANIA	BUCAREST - MEDINA DEL CAMPO	2536 KM	395€
TURKEY	GAZIANTEP - MEDINA DEL CAMPO	3641KM	580€
BELGIUM	LEUVEN - MEDINA DEL CAMPO	1295 KM	309€
PORTUGAL	FAJOES - MEDINA DEL CAMPO	297 KM	211€

For the reimbursement of the money, you have to bring us all these original documents:

- **Invoices.**
- **E-tickets.**
- **Proof of payment (if you pay in cash you have to bring us the receipt, but if you pay online you have to bring us the bank statement)**
- **Original boarding passes**

We strongly encourage you to buy flights that have the possibility to do online check-in and in this way you will be able to give us the return boarding passes before coming to Spain, without having to send it to us by post mail when you will return home. Of course, if for your airline company is not possible to perform it, you still need to send us the boarding passes by post mail after the project.

It is very important to have all your travel and financial documents with you (for every person of the team), otherwise the reimbursement is NOT possible!

Here you have a VIDEO with the explanation of all the necessary documents for the reimbursement.

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CN6UYF6CVMM>**

**IMPORTANT!**

No Visa is required for EU citizens, participants will need to have only valid ID card (for some countries only) or international passport. Please, check the VALIDITY of the passports before the departure – Passport must be valid at least for 6 (six) months.

**We RECOMMEND bringing your PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD FROM YOUR COUNTRY and PASSPORT and passport if you have it. In case of loss or theft you have 2 different options to be able to return to your country.**

Of course, if you want you can stay 1-2 days before/after the project in order to visit us, our Capital city, but you have to pay by yourself for those extra days



### INFORMATION NEEDED

- List of participants and complete de google form personal application of each participant (APP) **until the 10th of August 2024**.

<https://forms.gle/Kt7idx31wmwPH3LU6>

- The arrival and departure details in order to prepare participants transport from airport of Madrid to Iscar.

- One contact person in your home country (just in case) (e.g. family member); full name and telephone.

If any participant have any special diet that affects your health or have a different alimentary option, must communicate in the personal application before coming to Spain.

### HEALTH AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organizers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance.

### RULES

You are expected to participate fully in all activities. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops won't be allowed. We would really appreciate energetic and active participation. Smoking is prohibited inside of the buildings, so all smokers will have to leave the building in case they want to smoke a cigarette.

### CULTURAL NIGHT

Don't forget to bring some traditional music for the intercultural evenings. We will have one cultural night per country where you can expose your customs, traditional dances and culture. Please !!! All the teams must prepare some presentation of your country in a creative way (try to avoid PowerPoint and movies from tourist agencies). We hope, that your culture means you something more than national food and drinks. Also bring the flag of your country. It would be nice if you bring also some small souvenirs with you (costs are not covered).

### CONTACT AND OFFICIAL GROUP OF THE PROJECT

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**See you soon!!!!**