

# MOUNTAIN WONDERS FROM PRODUCT TRANSFORMATION TO SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

## CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

*European Youth Exchange  
with Estonia, Spain, Italia, Turkey, France.  
From October 21st to November 11th 2017  
South Alps, France*



### CONTEXT

In the heart of the French mountains, les Hautes-Alpes, we have been managing, livening up and renovating the reception center of Le Fai. It's a former agriculture domain, located at an altitude of 1000 meters. From april to december, we organize inclusion projects for local people who are faced with social and professional difficulties and host teenagers and young adults experiencing family, health or professional difficulties in order to give them a possibility to get professional experience.

### ACTIVITIES

The youth exchange is based on the exploitation of the natural resources of le Fai and its surroundings. During 3 weeks we will learn the techniques of transformation: we will harvest, transform, cook, make essential oil of lavender, visit workshops of food processing, discover transformation techniques with professionals. We will also debate on topics such as seasonality, the concept of self-production and local food circuits, and how to integrate into the territory. At the end of the Youth Exchange, we will organize an event to present our productions and discuss with visitors the links between resource transformation, social transformation and «doing together.»

### VENUE

Ferme du Fai, 05400 Le Saix, France  
[www.villagesdesjeunes.org](http://www.villagesdesjeunes.org)  
<https://www.facebook.com/fermedufai/>  
The old buildings of the Fai farm have been developed into group accommodation (with rooms, kitchen, showers etc.). The international projects organized at le Fai contribute to make this place "extra", where people of different ages, from different countries and cultures, employees and volunteers, artists and tourists, live and work together for some days or several months. The association « Les Villages des Jeunes » also presents an artistic dimension, thanks to artists and musicians that come to work in and with this extraordinary place.

### CONDITIONS

Participants should be aged 18 to 30 and come from Estonia, Spain, Italia, Turkey or France. No specific skills are required, just be aware that the exchange will happen in English !  
Transport is supported up to:  
Turkey and Estonia / 360€  
Spain and Italia / 275€

### HOW TO COME

Airports : Paris Charles de Gaulle, or Lyon St Exupery or Marseille Provence  
Cheap flights : [www.jetcost.com](http://www.jetcost.com)  
Train tickets : <https://en.voyages-sncf.com/en/>  
Closest train station :  
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