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## Youth Exchange “YOU(th), ME(dia), trUSt 2.0”

10 - 18 April 2019, Vadul lui Voda, Moldova



This project is the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the “YOU(th), ME(dia), trUSt” project and has the objective to gather the results of local activities made by each national team, after gaining new media skills in the first stage.

The aim of this project is to make young people aware of different kinds of media manipulation. When young people become aware of media manipulation the changes that they recognize the manipulation will be bigger. The general objectives of the project are:

- To develop skills of analyzing articles from mass-media
- To raise awareness among young people, about the necessity of checking the validity of sources and information
- To increase the confidence of young people to talk loud about their ideas
- To raise confidence to create own blog/vlog/media portal
- To raise the level of tolerance and appreciation for diversity in all its forms: culture, opinions, life choices.

The project will follow the non – formal educational approach, the methods will provide active participation of young people, youth leaders and inspire them through creative activities.

This YE gathers 45 participants aged between 18 and 30 and have recently finished one stage of formal education. The participating countries are: Armenia, Belgium, Romania, Estonia, Ukraine, Portugal, Russia and Spain.



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**Working language of the training course: English**

**Participants:**

1 group leader + 4 participants per country (preferably 2 male participants+2 female participants)

Please respect the gender balance :)

**Number of participants to be sent:**

| Name of promoter  | Country            | Nr. of participants | Maximum budgeted p.p.* |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| CODEC wzv   | Belgium            | 5                   | 275                    |
| Youth mix   | Armenia            | 5                   | 275                    |
| Curba de cultura  | Romania            | 5                   | 275                    |
| SFERA Movement  | Russian Federation | 5                   | 360                    |
| ESTYES  | Estonia            | 5                   | 275                    |
| Geoclube – Associação Juvenil de Ciência, Natureza e Aventura | Portugal           | 5                   | 530                    |
| Globers   | Spain              | 5                   | 360                    |
| Creative Youth Centre   | Ukraine            | 5                   | 180                    |

**\* Maximum amount for the international travel in this table is based on the maxim distance for the countries, actual reimbursement will be based on the distance band calculator.**



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**Arrival date:** April 10th, 2019 before 17:00

**Departure date:** April 18th, 2019 after 9:30

**Arrival point:** Chisinau

**Project venue:** Vadul-lui-Voda

“Nick House”

[str. Balneara, 5](#)

Vadul lui Voda



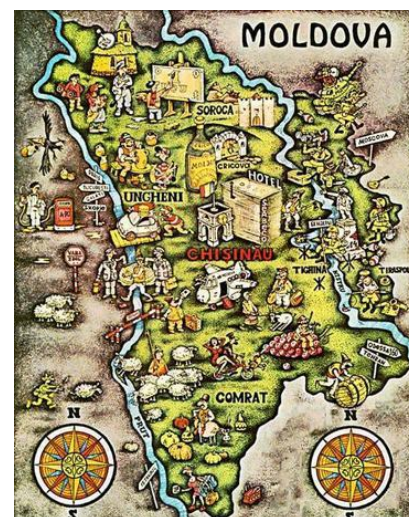
<https://www.facebook.com/MiniHotelNickHouse/timeline>

Participants will be hosted in a cozy and friendly private hotel. The hotel is fully equipped; you will be accommodated in rooms by 3, 4, 5. The hotel is located in a very nice green area. The hotel has a swimming pool and nice cozy chilling areas.

There is free wi-fi access in the venue.

**NOTE: You will be provided with bed sheets and towels, but you have to bring your own toothpaste/shampoos/shower gels or etc. No hair dryers, though, if you need one, you have to bring it yourself.**

Vadul-lui-Voda is a small town on river [Dniester](#) located 23 km from [Chisinau](#), the capital of Moldova (and your arrival point). There are several resorts, small hotels, beach, parks and other things that make this place attractive for locals during the summertime. It is not recommended however, to swim in the river and walking around the area in the nighttime, but we are sure we will be fully satisfied with resting in the hotel area. The town is connected with Chisinau by bus and mini-buses, but we will not recommend you to escape alone to the capital. Just because the public transport schedule is not very regular (as many things in Moldova!) and there is a chance to be stuck in Chisinau if you could not catch the last mini-bus. For those who have not travelled previously to Eastern Europe we recommend to read a little bit about Moldova (do not read the news about politics!) and local reality and... well, get ready for an amazing cultural experience!





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### How to get to the Hotel:

Please note: Participants will have to arrive to Chisinau before 17:00 on April 10th and to arrange departure after 9:30 on April 18th.

Those ones who will arrive later than 17:00 on April 10th and will need to leave earlier than 09:30 on April 18th will need to get to/from the hotel **on their own (taxi)**. If you could not find good travel connection to be on time, please consult the organizers.

The taxi from airport to the hotel costs approximately 200 MDL (10 Eur) and from Chisinau city center 150 MDL (8 Eur). We have also taxis with 6 places (mini-van) and it usually costs 30 more MDL. We have many taxi companies, but the most convenient one is 14222. To order a taxi you need to call 14222 and say where you should be picked up and until where you want to go. You can ask a local to help you.

In the info-pack you will find information how to get to the meeting point from which all of us will go together by bus to the hotel venue. Please note that for getting from the airport you will need to catch the public transport thus be sure you have a small amount of local currency (Moldovan Lei, looks a bit like monopoly money!) before getting to the bus or mini-bus. We would recommend you to exchange a small amount of euro (5 or 10) in the airport.

### Meeting point at 17:30 on April 10th:

**Our meeting point is in front of McDonalds on -  
-> Dacia street at 17:30**



At the meeting place, look for buses or minibuses that have written on them "Pasager.md"

You have two options for the venue from airport to McDonalds (don't worry, it's really easy and not far from the airport!):



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**A.** By trolleybus (easiest and cheapest option)

You should take trolleybus nr **30**. It goes right from the airport arrivals, every half an hour between 06:00 and 23:00. The cost for this is 2 MDL (2 more MDL might be asked for the luggage) and you can pay to the special ticket seller inside the trolleybus. You should get out at station “Bulevardul Decebal”. You will see that there is a McDonalds.



**B.** Take Marshutka 165 (minibus) – if you go out of the airport, turn right. On the (right) corner of the airport building you will find a small parking lot with marshutkas, all with number 165, take one. The ticket costs 3 lei and you have to pay to the driver. In case you have big luggage he may ask extra 3 lei for the luggage as well. While driving, you will notice the “[gates of Chisinau](#)”, after you have passed them, tell the driver to stop by Mc Donalds.



He will understand if you just say “McDonalds”, if you want to be more polite, you can add “vă rog” (Romanian) or “пожалуйста- pojaluiста” (Russian).

**C.** taxi (is not covered by the project budget): once you are out of the airport (or even still inside) the taxi drivers will follow you offering their services, do not say yes! Right in front of arrival gates there is a desk with a lady who can arrange you a cab, the rates for the taxi service are written on the desk, you will need to pay an amount written for Botanica district (not more than 100 Moldovan lei).

You have to get out if you see the **McDonalds sign** (the road is making a curve there). The bus stop is called **bulevardul Decebal**. On this link you can find the map of Chisinau with all the bus and marshutka routes: <http://point.md/ru/map/> or use the Google maps

If you arriving later or departing earlier than the organized pick up you will need to come to the venue by your own.

**! In case you arrive early and want to leave you luggage somewhere, you can leave it in ADVIT office that is on str. Academician Ion Grosul 2, Office 2 or at the train station.**

**Costs:** Board, lodging during the project dates and travel costs will be covered by programme.  
**The insurance to be organized and covered by participants.**



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### Food:



As we expect a rather diverse group, we will make sure both vegetarians and those who prefer meat to something else have what they like however, just to make sure, PLEASE, if there is anyone among you with a SPECIAL DIET (no eggs, no wheat products, or anything not so common) LET US KNOW as soon as possible at [codec.europe@gmail.com](mailto:codec.europe@gmail.com)

### Visa:

If you are holder of the passport of the European Union or Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia you don't need visa to enter Moldova for this activity. Participants will need to have only **valid international passports**.

NB! Please check the validity of your passport before departure – it has to be valid at least for **six months**.

If by any chance you need an invitation for this activity pls ask for it in advance by sending a request with the scan of your passport to [codec.europe@gmail.com](mailto:codec.europe@gmail.com)



### Weather:

April in Chisinau is rather rainy. During daytime temperature should be around 10-20+, nights can be colder. We recommend you to bring with you clothes that you consider as the most comfortable for you.

### Security Advice:

Participants should know not to leave any personal belongings unattended in the streets, as pickpockets are known to operate in the area. You might notice a lot of street dogs and cats, but just pass them by.



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Participants should be very carefully during the crossing streets, as many drivers are not careful and driving very fast. There are no too specific do's or do not's in Moldova, just please use the common sense and be careful as you would usually be on a holiday in a foreign country. When in doubt, please ask the organizers.



### **Money:**

The Moldovan Currency is called MOLDOVAN LEI

Banknotes: ONE LEU; FIVE LEI; TEN LEI; TWENTY LEI; FIFTY

LEI; ONE HUNDRED LEI; TWO HUNDRED LEI, FIVE HUNDRED

LEI, THOUSAND LEI.



Coins: 1 bani; 5 bani; 10 bani; 25 bani; 50 bani. (1 Leu = 100 bani)

If you want to see the specimens of banknotes and coins access the web site:

<http://www.bnm.org/>

Approximate exchange rate:

1 USD = 17,00 MDL

1 EUR = 19,50 MDL

In the Republic of Moldova lei is used for making buying's. In the shops, US dollars and euros are not taken. However, there are many places you may exchange money in. The ATMs are widely spread. However, the interest is taken for cashing if the ATM. Majority shops take cards. In public transport, they take just cash. You can change Euros or other foreign currency into MDL at the airport (a small amount just for travelling to the meeting point) or at the train/bus stations. Do not change too much, as there the exchange rate is usually not good.



### **Rules:**

You are expected to participate fully in all activities, unless you are ill. Unauthorized absence from activities and workshops will not be permitted. We would really appreciate energetic and active participation. Respect the others and be respected!



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**Tobacco:** it is not permitted to smoke inside of the buildings, but you can smoke in the hotel area. Please beware that recent anti-tobacco law does not permit you to smoke in the public areas if there is the non-smoking sign (but sometimes there is no sign while smoking is still not welcomed), on the bus stops, close to open areas for children or public institutions. Simply said better do not smoke on the street as long as you do not see an ashtray nearby.



**Checklist – what you need to bring with you:**

- PROOF OF ALL THE TRAVEL EXPENSES you wish to reclaim: Travel reimbursement will be done in cash (Euro) at the end of the youth exchange upon presentation of the following documents:
  1. Return ticket
  2. Invoice/bill/ticket with the price on it.
  3. Boarding passes

**! In case you will not have with you the return ticket, we will not be able to reimburse you the price for it.**

Moldova is quite well connected with most of the EU countries however the ticket price can be quite high (we do not have many low-costs and most of the flights are operated by Air Moldova company) thus we would recommend you to arrange your travel as soon as possible once you get the confirmation of participation in the course. If you can't find a cheap flight to Chisinau you can check the options to the nearby airports (Bucharest or Iasi in Romania or Kiev, Ukraine) from which you can get to Chisinau by bus or train, but please make sure to organize your travel to the meeting point on time. If you have any problems while planning your trip, please consult the organizers.





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Other Expenses: All other expenses during the activity, such as board, lodging will be borne by the organizers. Board & Lodging will be paid only from the 10<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019. However, all participants' personal costs (like telephone calls, gifts and souvenirs, free exists, etc.) and/or any other cost *not linked to program's events* will be responsibility of the participants and will be settled directly by them on spot;

**Insurance:** participants are requested to arrange their own travel insurance.

Please bring **all necessary identity documents** (social and medical insurance, I.D. etc.) in the case of need.

### Checklist – what you need to prepare in advance:

1. Together with your national group, please prepare 1,5-hour session in which you will present a controversy case/news/fact from your country, and different points of view on that. Your group leader will inform you about the topic of the presentation. Please think of an interactive way of presenting, so that all other participants are involved.
2. You will have space to present your country (traditions, songs, dances, food) during the intercultural evenings. **Please remember to bring along a typical drink/snack/dance/song** snack from your country, which we could share during the “International Evening”.

### Contacts:

If need any other additional information please contact:

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