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Welcome

Dear youth worker, we are enormously happy to welcome you in Kumanovo, Macedonia, where we hope you will have an enriching experience as a youth worker. Please use this infopack as a guide to learn a bit about the place you are coming to, so that you feel confident enough to embark on a new experience. We will do our best so that your learning process and cultural interaction reach the highest level! For any additional questions, we are always at your disposal.



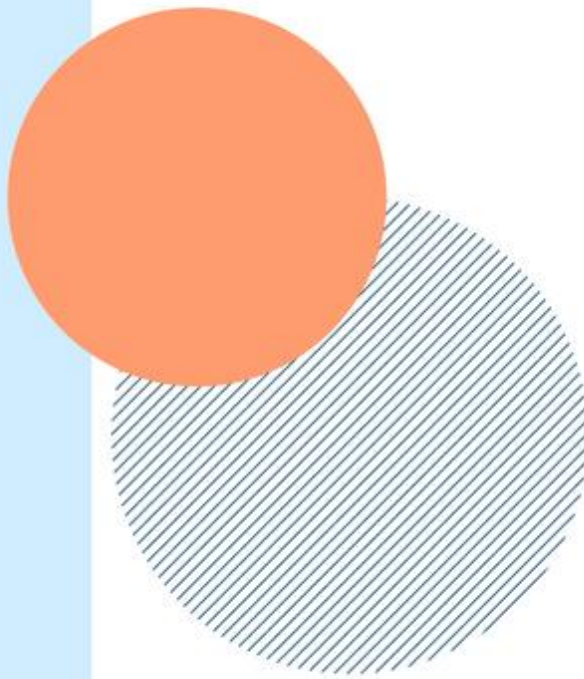
Happy reading and see you soon!

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YOUTH CAPACITY BUILDING

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INTRODUCTION

If you are reading this, you probably have been selected to be a youth worker with Association Center for Intercultural Dialogue in Kumanovo (CID), Macedonia. Congratulations! You made a wise choice. Twelve years of experience in youth work recommends CID as a highly experienced organisation that will do its best to ensure that your experience is meaningful and rich.

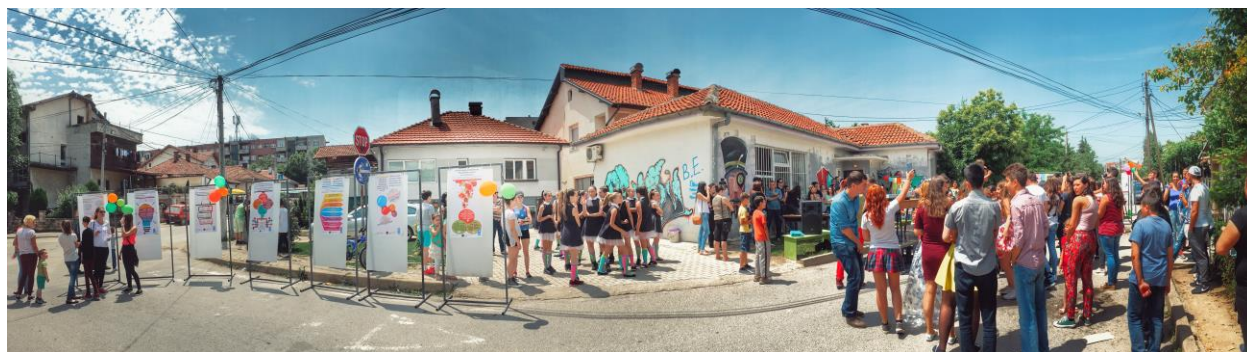
But let's take it slowly. Where are you coming? To the heart of the Balkans. Here is a bit of information about us and about where we activate.



Center for Intercultural Dialogue (CID) is a civil society organisation located in Kumanovo, Macedonia, that works on local, national and international levels in the area of education for youth, peace promotion, community development. CID has 2 active headquarters: the main office and the youth center MultiKulti.

The youth center, opened in 2010, hosts young people on a daily basis, offering them interesting workshops and activities that develop their communication and intercultural skills, public speech, creativity, etc. We have a local volunteer club that develops activities; we send and receive volunteers and offer mobility opportunities around Europe for youth and on a global level. We also work on projects that address social inclusion, intercultural dialogue, gender equality and employability, etc.

More info about CID can be found [here](#), and more information about our youth center MultiKulti can be found [here](#). The website of the youth center is in Macedonian and Albanian language, but with time and practice in our youth center, we promise that with joint effort, you will also learn these languages. 😊



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Supported by: Erasmus + programme

Period: 01.09.2017 – 31.08.2019

Description:

Main aim of this project is to provide an opportunity to emerging youth workers to gain knowledge, skills and practical experience necessary for supporting youth especially those from marginal backgrounds (ethnic minorities, low income families, etc.), vulnerable situations (disabilities, linguistic barriers, etc.) and NEET's (not in employment, education and training). The project will contribute to the professional development of a group of youth workers in education and/or training in Macedonia, Estonia and the United Kingdom through involving them in training and practical working experience in all nations, as well as through developing tools both off and online that they can use in their future work in this field. One of the major aims of the collaboration is the development of accreditation and recognition of professional youth work both in the UK, Estonia and Macedonia as well as Europe and even on a Global context.

More information about the project and the activities can be found [here](#) and on its official website [here](#).

ABOUT THE PARTNERS



Project 2020 Community Interest Company (UK) - Project 2020 is a not-for-profit organisation based in Cardiff aiming to develop innovative community projects and inspire long-term positive change. They work in the areas of Wales and England developing innovative community projects and inspiring long-term positive change. Their mission is to develop innovative community projects and inspire long-term positive change.

Project 2020 CIC is the leading partner in this project and you can find more information about it [here](#).

INVOLVED is non-governmental organization aiming at creating possibilities for life-long learning and fostering development of individuals and different targets on local and international level. Via broadening horizons, developing practical skills and offering information and activities, they aim at more active participation in civil society.



You can read some more information about it [here](#).

ACCOMMODATION

Depending on whether there will be other youth workers hosted in the same period with you, accommodation will be organized in a big house/ flat, where you can get to know each other better and learn to live together and develop friendships. You will have your own bedroom and the



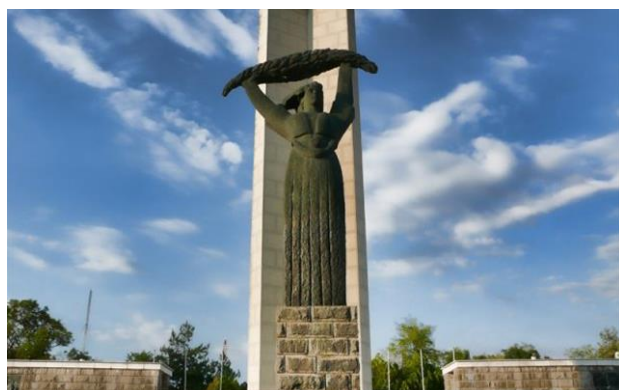
common spaces, such as balconies, dining room, kitchen, bathroom will be shared with the residents in the same venue. It may become a rich experience if you give people the chance to discover you and plan activities together. The accommodation is usually located not more than 20 minutes by walking from the office and from the center.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE VENUE

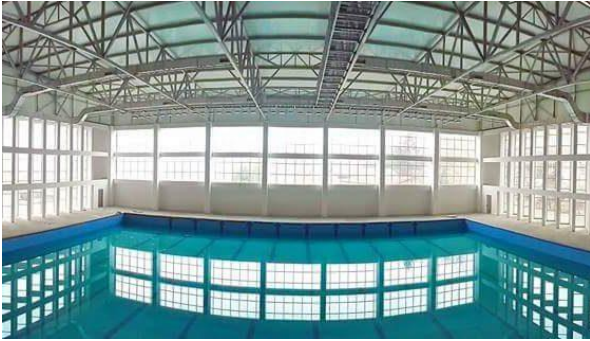
I guess you already googled Macedonia to get a general idea about where you will be travelling and living during your EVS experience.

Well, let me tell you a couple more things. It's a small country located in the heart of the Balkan region. Official language is Macedonian, which uses the Cyrillic alphabet! Its neighboring countries are Serbia (North), Bulgaria (East), Greece (South) and Albania (West).

The official currency is Macedonian DENAR (MKD).



Kumanovo, our town, is located in the North-Eastern region of the country. It is the first largest municipality of Macedonia and it's a very ethnically mixed city that is very rich in cultural varieties. Our offices are located in the center of the city (less than 5 min walking distance from the central square) and the youth center is in the suburbs of Kumanovo (15 min walking distance from the center), but you will also get the chance to visit nearby rural areas.



Since the central part of the city is not that big, you will not need to use local transportation. All the bars, cafes and pubs are located either in **Garnizon** or on the nearby streets. The city has a theater, several small parks and a riverbank suitable for long walks or jogging, basketball and tennis courts, as well as a public indoor and outdoor pool, .

The clubbing choice includes summer and winter clubs.

In *Summer*, the place to be is Space. Located a bit outside of the city, it gathers all the youth of Kumanovo for parties from Thursday through Sunday.

In *Winter*, the choice of clubs includes Revolution, close to the square and Tunel. Besides the regular parties, international DJs come to mix music sometimes, or Balkan bands have gigs.



Bar Cube



Central square

If you are tired of going out in Kumanovo, there is always the option to party in Skopje, which has a more diverse nightlife and more cultural events.

OTHER PLACES TO VISIT

Interesting places to visit around Kumanovo include the medieval church located in **Staro Nagoricane**, a place some 20 km away from the city. Also in that area you can visit **Kokino**, an archaeological place that contains a megalithic observatory and sacred site – the Macedonian version of a Stonehenge (click for info about the [St. George church](#) and about [Kokino](#)).



Staro Nagoricane church



Kokino Observatory

Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, is only 30 km away from Kumanovo. You can use your weekends to go shopping in the big malls, to visit [Matka Canion](#), a stunning place where you can hike, kayak, visit caves or just have a rest from the city. The old town is packed with delicious food and old bars and cafes. Skopje hosts music festivals, cinema festivals, concerts and other national and international events that are worth attending. You can also visit the Kale fortress on the top of a hill, the Millenium Cross which offer a cable car ride to get up there, the city park and a great choice of old churches, mosques, and museums.



Matka Canyon

Skopje Old Town

Finally, around Macedonia there are other cities and places that you should not miss. The most famous one is probably **Ohrid**: Located on the Ohrid lake, it is believed to be the town of 365 churches from different periods of Macedonian history. Besides the beautiful landscapes, the city offers a package of active visiting: boat trips, visiting caves, paragliding, etc. Its population is multicultural, due to its position near to the border with Albania, and it also hosts many visitors, tourists, curious travelers. (more info [here](#)).

In **Tetovo**, you can visit a very special mosque, which has all its murals painted. It is one of the very few mosques in the region that doesn't follow the canon of sobriety in design, thus making it worth seeing. Another beautiful place, located in the south of the country, is the **Dojran** lake. In Summer several festivals are happening there, and it is also a place to go for a short vacation.



Ohrid lake



The Tetovo mosque

They say that the best experiences happen at the end of your comfort zone. Come with an open mind and with enthusiasm to discover and to learn and you will not be disappointed!

For any additional information you can contact us at mila@cid.mk.

Have a safe trip and we will see you soon!

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:



Do not buy or book your tickets before consulting with the hosting organization. After all of the travel arrangements are done and approved by the hosting organization, please send all your travel details to mila@cid.mk when you book them so we can plan all the logistical aspects of your arrival and departure.

Also, please provide us with all original traveling documentation (invoices, tickets, receipts, boarding passes, etc.) upon arrival.

Getting to Kumanovo

Macedonia has two airports – *Skopje International Airport* (former Alexander the Great Airport) and *Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport*.

Skopje International Airport: You can find more information about the airport [here](#). If you arrive at this airport, you will first need to go to the capital, *Skopje*, by bus and you can find more information on the bus schedules [here](#). The final stop of the bus is the main bus station. The price per trip is 180 MKD (3 €). After you arrive at the bus station, you get a bus that will take you to *Kumanovo*. You can find more information [here](#). The price per trip is 100 MKD (1.5 €).

Ohrid St. Paul the Apostle Airport: You can find more information about the airport [here](#). If you arrive at this airport, you can go to the capital first, *Skopje*, by bus. Prices range from 450 – 520 MKD (7-8 €) for a 1 way trip, to 630 – 750 MKD (10-12 €) for a return trip. You can find the time schedule [here](#). After you arrive at the bus station, you get a bus that will take you to *Kumanovo*. The price per trip is 100 MKD (1.5 €). You can also go directly to *Kumanovo*, but about the bus schedules you will need to ask directly at the bus station, as they change depending on the season.

Remember to bring:

- ✓ Appropriate clothes for the season, as summers can be extremely hot and winters can go quite below zero (check www.weather.com)
- ✓ Something that represents your culture, because we would like you to organize an Intercultural get-to-know-each-other evening
- ✓ Any medication that you may require
- ✓ Positive attitude ☺



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Currency: In Macedonia the currency is Macedonian Denar. 1€=61.5 denars (MKD)

Prices:

- Tea, coffee-60 den.(1€)
- Beer-80/100 den.(1.5€)
- Cigarettes- 60/70-100 den.(1-1.5€)



The official language is Macedonian. Before coming this are some important phrases you should know:

English	Macedonian
Hello	ZDRAVO (Здраво)
Can you help me please?	MOZE LI DA MI POMOGNETE? (Може ли да ми помогнете?)
How can I get to___	KAKO DA STIGNAM DO (Како да стигнам до?)
One ticket to Kumanovo, please	EDEN BILET DO KUMANOVO, VE MOLAM (Еден билет до Куманово, ве молам.)
How does it cost?	KOLKU CHINI? (Колку чини?)
My name is:	SE VIKAM: (Се викам)
Sorry	IZVINETE (Извинете)
Left/Right	LEVO/DESNO (Лево/Десно)
Good/Bad	DOBRO/LOSO (Добро/Лошо)
Yes/No	DA/NE (Да/Не)
Coffee, Tea, Beer	KAFE, CAJ, PIVO (кафе, чај, пиво)
Could you stop here please?	MOZE LI DA ZASTANETE TUKA (Може ли да застанете тука?)
Can I call?	MOZE LI DA SE JAVAM? (Може ли да се јавам?)
Thank you	FALA (Фала)