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About "Reason for reasoning" project:

CONTEXT: Throughout the world, young people have become more easy to manipulate, receiving information that they do not know how to filter, both in online and offline environments. A Stanford study of 2016, which evaluated students' ability to evaluate sources of information, described the results as "appalling", "gloom" and "a threat to democracy".

PURPOSE: Empowering youth workers to develop the critical thinking skills of the young people they work with.

OBJECTIVES:

1. supporting the 26 participants in identifying the relevance of critical thinking skills in today's society;
2. involvement, familiarity and supporting the 26 participants in non-formal education activities designed to develop their own critical thinking;
3. facilitating a favorable environment for the 26 participants to develop the ability to collaborate, give, and receive feedback (exchange of best practices).

What will you learn?

1. You will have the opportunity to work directly with the young people in the training, implementing the proposed methods,
2. You will develop your leadership skills and become more competent in working with young people,
3. You will develop your planning and presentation abilities, as well as the ability to work in teams,
4. Also you will improve your communication skills in English, as in the main activity this will be the language used
5. Through reflection on learning and learning planning (initial setting of goals), you will develop your competence to learn to learn, understand the relevance of this process of reflection on learning, and will also acquire the methods by which you can use this process in working with young people,
6. By participating in the project activities, in close connection with finding solutions to current life problems through questions, debates and role play, you will not only use these methods for your own work, but you will

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develop social, civic competences and you will improve your critical thinking skills, analysis and synthesis,

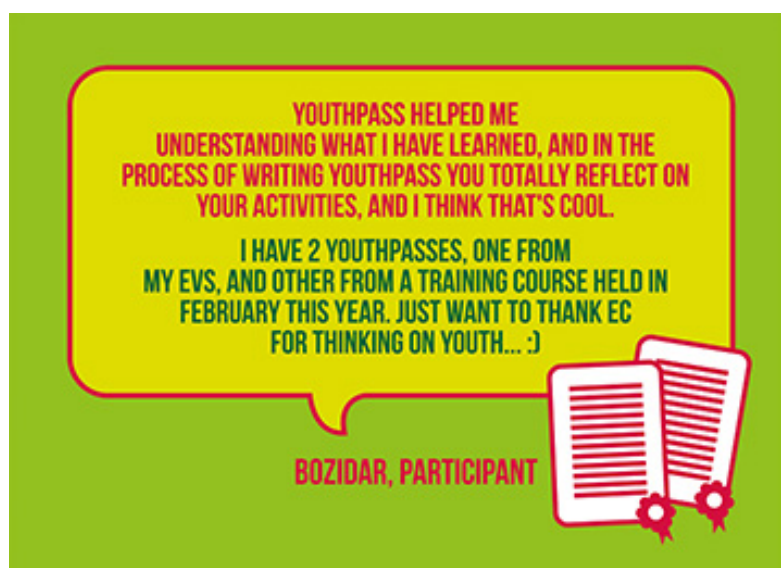
7. By working on concrete tasks together with other youth workers from different countries and different ethnic groups, you will be more inclined to cooperate, develop attitudes of understanding and tolerance, be more open to other ethnicities and cultures, and have a better understanding of European values.



For you to have a clear view of your learning process and self-reflection, at the end of the youth exchange you will receive a Youthpass Certificate.

By putting emphasis on the learning processes and outcomes in youth work, using Youthpass helps to increase the so-called Learning to Learn competence. It will help you raises awareness of learning in a diversity of contexts and help you reflect on your learning wishes and needs. Thus, Youthpass supports the future pathways of the young people.

What young people say about Youthpass...



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Who can participate?

The youth workers in each country are either volunteers or employed within partner organizations, and want to deepen their knowledge in the field of youth work. In particular, there are people who want to get the tools to develop critical thinking skills for the young people they work with. One of the participants has set out to be in the rural area or working with young people in the rural environment in order to increase the impact of the project and multiply on a larger and more diverse number of young people.



If you...:

- are a member (employee or volunteer) in the partner association and understand the needs and realities of the young people you work with,
- have experience or are interested in working with young people to develop their critical thinking skills,
- are motivated to organize dissemination of the project including in rural areas with the support of partner associations,
- are willing to continue working on the best practice guide,
- have English (written, spoken) average level,
- are at least 18 years of age

...join the project!



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Agenda:

21.06.2018 – arrival of participants

Day 1 – 22.06.2018	
10:00-10:30	Introduction about the project
10:30-11:00	Setting the learning objectives
11:00-12:00	About YouthPass
12:00-13:30	Teambuilding activities
15:00-17:30	Introduction to critical thinking
17:30-18:00	Reflection and debriefing

Day 2 – 23.06.2018	
10:00-12:00	Socratic method
12:00-13:00	Brainstorming
15:00-17:30	Role play
17:30-18:00	Reflection and debriefing

Day 3 – 24.06.2018	
10:00-13:30	Educational debates
15:00-16:00	Educational debates
16:00-17:30	Stimulating reflection on the learning process of young people
17:30-18:00	Reflection and debriefing

Day 4 – 25.06.2018	
10:00-13:30	Online resources
15:00-17:30	Exchange of good practices
17:30-18:00	Reflection and debriefing

Day 5 – 26.06.2018	
10:00-13:30	Preparing critical thinking workshops
15:00-16:30	Preparing critical thinking workshops
16:30-17:30	Presentation of the plans
17:30-18:00	Reflection and debriefing

Day 6 – 27.06.2018	
10:00-13:30	Implementing the workshops
15:00-17:30	Implementing the workshops
17:30-18:00	Reflection and debriefing

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Day 7 – 28.06.2018	
10:00-13:30	Implementing the workshops
15:00-16:30	Final evaluation
16:30-18:30	YouthPass Certificates
18:30-20:30	Festive dinner

* the agenda may and most likely will be subject to change according to the participant's dynamics

29.06.2018 – departure of participants

About Timisoara:

Timișoara is a special city. Everybody feels it, those who were born and live here and those who come here and then decide to stay. Timișoara is a city of parks and of heritage buildings, a city both cultural and sportive, a university city, and especially an offering city to those visiting it. Timișoara is the city of freedom, which in December 1989 becomes the first communism-free city in Romania. Whether you choose to walk along the streets full of a fascinating history, or you choose from the rich cultural offer or an agitated night in the clubs or a refined one in some chic restaurant, Timișoara has got many things to offer.



Timișoara is a permanent space of cultural and ethnical interferences that offers the city multiple advantages. Timișoara is a rich cultural city with a particular architectural heritage, which gathers in a relatively small space an impressive heritage from different epochs and cultures, traces of different ethnic communities who have left their identity marks here.



Timisoara, the largest city in western Romania
 The Romans used it as an important crossroads fortress until the Tatars destroyed it in the 13th century. Conquered by Turkish armies in 1552, Timisoara remained under their protection until 1718 when the region of Banat came under Austrian rule for two centuries.

- ❖ Timisoara was the first European city to introduce horse-drawn trams (in 1869) and electrical street lighting (in 1889);
- ❖ Timisoara was built on a swamp;
- ❖ The Metropolitan Cathedral has 5000 oaks supports underneath it;
- ❖ Johnny Weissmuller, Hollywood's original Tarzan, was born here;
- ❖ The first beer factory in Romania was opened here in 1718.

About us:

Timis County Youth Foundation (Fundatia Județeană pentru Tineret Timiș – FITT) is a public utility umbrella organization for youth NGOs and student unions (from 14 different specialties). With 30 member organizations (2000 active young members) and 26 years of activity in the West Region, FITT is the most important, old and unique in respect of activity, legal provisions and its leaders profile, in this part of the country. We focus on youth participation, local and national youth policies and on promoting the European values at local, regional and national level that are so important to youth nowadays.

The Timișoara Youth Center became the **first Youth Center in Romania to hold the Council of Europe's Quality Label for Youth Centers** - for the period 2016-2018. The Youth Center in Timisoara received this certification following an evaluation process where it was noted: its capacity to develop ambitious youth projects, the fact that it has a professional team and also the fact that it has developed and maintained cooperation with the local public authorities .
(<https://goo.gl/B9hqjP>)



Another performance that is considered an asset is the administration of **INCUBOXX**, the biggest business incubator in Romania and the only one specialized in IT. The Municipality owns the building and FITT's Ltd. company is the administrator of the activity. The incubator is run by young people being under the Municipality of the city.



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Working place:

The activities and working session will be in the Youth House, in training and conference rooms with all the facilities you need!



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Accommodation:

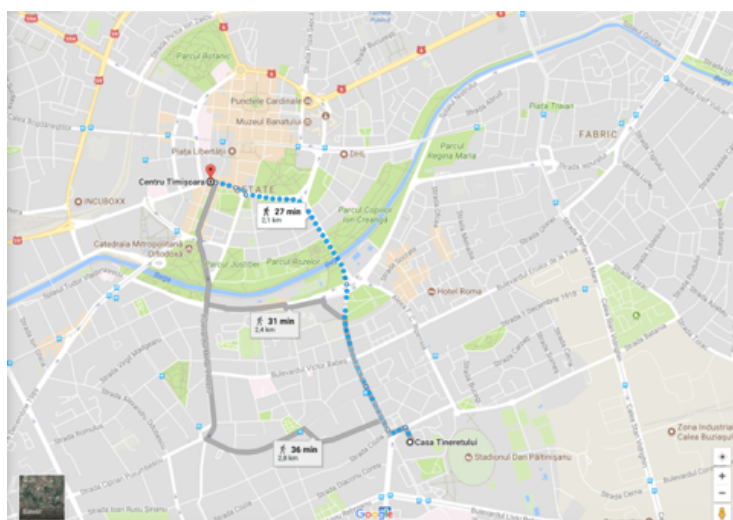
Accommodation will be also at the Youth House! This way you will have everything in one place! Also, every meal will be in the restaurant of the hotel, at the 3rd floor.

For more pictures and information about accommodation, acces this link:

<https://goo.gl/oeN9rq>



Also, the Youth House is close to the city center, around 2 km and a nice 25-30 minutes walk, and is close to the students campus, 15 minutes away.



How do you get to us:

FITT - Timisoara Youth House (Casa Tineretului)

Adress: Str. Aries, nr. 19, Timisoara



If you arrive at the train station:

From the Railway Station CFR Timisoara to the Youth House you can travel as follows: RATT Tram: Line 8 tram stop is in front of the station on the same side of the station, exit the station as the station is positioned to the right. You have to get o at the 7th stop, the one where you have to descend called Cluj station. From the station you turn right and you walk about 5 minutes and on the left is the Youth House. To make it easier for you we attached a link to Google Maps for the exact route: <https://goo.gl/0Je6sR>

If you arrive at the Traian Vuia Airport in Timisoara:

You should take the bus Express 4 (E4) from the Airport and get out at Bastion station (last stop of the bus). From there you will have to take a 5 minutes walk to the Continental Hotel where across the street is a bus station. From there you should take the trolleybus 15 and get out at Cluj street stop (the 3rd stop of the trolleybus). From there you have again a 5 minutes walk straight ahead and on the left side you will see Timisoara Youth House (Casa Tineretului). To make it easier for you we attached a link to Google Maps so you can see the route exactly: <https://goo.gl/YVE62y>

The easiest way to get around in the city is by taxi or Uber.

Tudo Taxi: +40256 945

Taxi Radio: +40256 940

Fan Taxi: +40256 944

Travel information:

When you prepare your departure from home, please bear in mind to **keep all invoices, boarding passes, train or bus tickets** and bring them with you so that we can reimburse you the expenses.

Also, the reimbursement for travel is, **in maximum amount**, as follows, according to the Erasmus+ distance calculator:

Macedonia – 3 participants	180 euros/person
Bulgaria – 4 participants	180 euros/person
Portugal – 3 participants	360 euros/person
Italy – 3 participants	275 euros/person
Poland – 3 participants	275 euros/person
Greece – 3 participants	275 euros/person
Turkey – 3 participants	275 euros/person

Weather in Timisoara:

Summers in Romania, and in Timisoara especially, are very hot, so be prepared!

Expect temperatures between 25-30° Celsius or even more. So, please, check the weather forecast before starting to pack!



Bring with you:

- **all original travel documents!** (invoices, boarding passes, tickets)
- traditional drinks and sweets from your region! We do not have a functional kitchen, so please do not bring things that need to be cooked.
- Last, but not least, bring energy, optimism and motivation!

Looking forward to
meeting you!