



# INFOPACK

## Youth Exchange ToBeOf

*19 June -1 July, 2016*

**Kumanovo – Ohrid, Macedonia**

Dear participants,

The team from Center for Intercultural Dialogue (CID) is eagerly waiting for your arrival and making sure everything will go smoothly. For that purpose, we need you to read carefully this info pack and to inform yourselves about travelling to/from Macedonia, the agenda for the YE, reimbursement requirements, what to bring with you and other useful information.

Happy reading and see you soon!

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## INTRODUCTION

The time for our youth exchange is quickly approaching. We compiled all the information you might need in order to successfully arrive in Kumanovo and be ready for the youth exchange.

First, a bit about the project. This youth exchange is part of the project "[To be or not to be...formal \(ToBeOF\)](#)", approved under the programme Erasmus+ KA2 (Capacity building for Youth in ACP countries, Latin America, and Asia). The hosting organisation is [CID Macedonia](#), a leading youth organisation that provides educational opportunities and capacity building for civil societies on local, national and international levels.

The youth exchange will take place in Kumanovo between 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> of June and in Ohrid between 24<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> of July.

## TRAVEL TO/FROM MACEDONIA

### 1. Arrival

For those arriving at the International Skopje Airport:

Take the shuttle bus to Skopje. Please find the schedule for the shuttle [here](#). Its last stop is at the bus station. From the bus station take the bus to Kumanovo (a 45-minute drive). The bus goes every hour between 6:00 and 22:00. The ticket is 100 MKD (denar), which is around 1,5 euros/2 dollars.

For those arriving at Sofia International Airport (Bulgaria):

Take the underground to Sofia Central Bus Station (taxis are also quite affordable – around 3 euros). From the bus station get a bus to Kumanovo (buses go at 7:00, 15:30, 24:00). The price for the ticket (one way) is 20 euros.

For any other arrival destinations, feel free to contact us for information/help.

### 2. Departure

From the Ohrid bus station take a bus to Skopje bus station. Buses go every 2-3 hours, but tickets have to be booked in advance, due to a significant number of travelers. The ticket is around 10 euros. From Skopje bus station, take the shuttle bus to Skopje Airport (schedules [here](#), ticket price is 3 euros).

## ACCOMMODATION

The participants will be hosted in 2 youth-friendly places in Kumanovo (from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June) and in Ohrid (from 24<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July).

The accommodation in Ohrid will be besides the lake with beautiful surroundings and grounds for outdoor activities.

Meals will be provided for breakfast, lunch and dinner, except for the days with outdoor activities, when lunch-packs will be prepared.

## INFORMATION ABOUT MACEDONIA

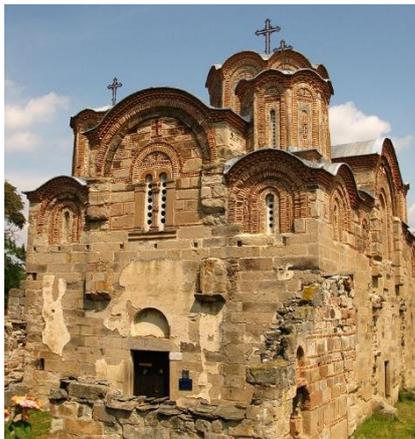
I guess you already googled Macedonia to get a general idea about where you will be travelling this summer ☺

Well, let me tell you a couple more things. It's a small country located in the heart of the Balkan region. The temperature in June will be around 30-35°C. Official language is Macedonia, which uses the Cyrillic alphabet! Official currency is DENAR.

We will be spending our time in 2 cities, located within a 3-hour drive by car (marked on the map).



**Kumanovo** is located in the North-Eastern region of the country. This is where our office and youth center are located. You will get the chance to walk around and to interact with the local community through the activities that are planned in the agenda. Interesting places to visit include the medieval church located in Staro Nagoricane, a place some 20 km away from the city. Also is 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](#)).



**Ohrid** is a historically and turistically important city. 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](#))



## WHAT TO BRING

- bring towels, slippers, shampoo, hairdryer and other things you think you might need, since the accommodation will not be able to provide them.
- It will be swimming season in Ohrid so don't forget your swimming suits!
- We will have an intercultural night so you are encouraged to bring food and drinks typical for your country, as well as games or other interesting stuff.
- Do not forget to bring a warmer clothes (sweater/pants), because at night it gets chilly near the water.

## TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

Please remember to **KEEP ALL TICKETS; BILLS AND RECEIPTS** with you. That includes **plane boarding passes, bus and train tickets, underground and local bus tickets.**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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Below you will find the agenda of the youth exchange and some extra information.

The team of CID is wishing you a safe journey and see you soon!

EXTRA INFORMATION:

Currency: In Macedonia the currency is Macedonian Denar

1€=61.5 denars (MKD)

Prices:

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

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

English	Macedonian
Hello	ZDRAVO
Can you help me please?	MOZE LI DA MI POMOGNETE
How can I get to _____	KAKO DA STIGNAM DO _____
One ticket to Kumanovo, please	EDEN BILET DO KUMANOVO, VE MOLAM
How does it cost?	KOLKU CHINI?
My name is:	JAS SE VIKAM:
Sorry	IZVINETE
Left/Right	LEVO/DESNO
Good/Bad	DOBRO/LOSO
Yes/No	DA/NE
Beer	PIVO
Could you stop here please?	MOZE LI DA ZASTANETE TUKA
Can I call?	MOZE LI DA SE JAVAM?
Thank you	FALA

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Arrival in Kumanovo	Getting to know each other	Intercultural Learning	Visit of the youth center MultiKulti	Creative workshops (street art)	Travel to Ohrid	Outdoor activities
	Getting to know the surroundings		Workshop in the youth center			
Welcome session and intro to the YE	Team building activities	Communication Skills	City challenge (Kumanovo)	Creative workshops (street art)	Getting to know the surroundings Team activities	Midterm creative evaluation
	Reflection groups					
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	
Street games (animation)	Outdoor activities (hiking, kayaking, camping)	Outdoor activities	Ohrid visit and city challenge (Ohrid)	Erasmus+ Info YoutPass	Closing session	
Outdoor activities	Outdoor activities (hiking, kayaking, camping)	Closing up outdoor activities	Free time	Evaluation	Departure from Ohrid	
Reflection groups						