



On-arrival seminar

29/01/2016 - 31/01/2016

Thessaloniki , GREECE

HOSTS

"United Societies of Balkans" (USB) is a Non Governmental Organization, founded in Thessaloniki in 2008 by a team of active young people, socially sensitized, and with rich experience in voluntary programs. The main vision of the organization is promotion of youth mobility, youth involvement in volunteering and their further sensitizing around social issues.

Balkans and Eastern Europe are geographical regions with many cultural features which offer a broad spectrum of actions and youth involvement initiatives. The organization was created as a respond to the pressure of constant changes in the Balkan and Eastern European region and under the need for the creation of a better social environment. Key areas of the organization's activities concern the defense of human rights, the organization of youth exchanges and training courses, which will bring young people from Balkans and Europe together, the organization of local educational seminars and multimedia production.

For more details you can visit our web site: www.usbngo.gr and you can find us also in social media. For extra information you can check our ID <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2Ql1BwGPxkZQUV4b0QtS2N5N0k/view?usp=sharing>



DESCRIPTION:

Aim:

The on-arrival seminar will bring EVS volunteers from North of Greece to Thessaloniki for 3 days (29/01 – 31/01/2016) and organize an unofficial meeting to provide information about the basic aspects of the EVS.

The aim of the seminar is to introduce the hosting country and the projects environment to incoming volunteers and to empower them so that they cope with the challenges that will occur during their stay and activation and also to create a network of volunteers currently involved in EVS program, provide space for reflection and help the volunteers having better idea about their goals during the program.

During the 3 days the participants will be involved into several formal and non-formal education methods in order to acquire new skills, attitudes and gain new knowledge and experience on how to use these methods in order to get the best from the EVS experience and to use the educational achievement for their personal and vocational development.

Objectives:

- to introduce to the EVS volunteers the philosophy of the EVS project and the Youthpass
- Creating an "informal" volunteers' network that will constitute a means for mutual support and exchange of experience during their project.
- The acquaintance between volunteers
- Bringing volunteers in contact with Greek cultural characteristics.
- To provide space and support for reflection on the future of the volunteers in the program (and in the future), and to create an individual action plan for each individual
- To exchange "first" experiences with regards to the volunteers' hosting projects.
- To present to the volunteers the host country and the environment of projects and to empower them to get the best from their EVS experience



ACCOMODATION AND WORKING SPACE:

The seminar will take place in Fix in art, Thessaloniki. Fix in Art is an alternative art multi-space in the west side of the city, not far from the city centre. It is located in a building (an ex-factory with historical value) right next to the concert space of Fix. It houses, concerts, dance lessons, theatre seminars, free movie screenings and a bookstore all under one roof! The participants will be accommodated in a dormitory next to the art space.



HOW TO COME THERE:

Arrival: 29th January 2016

Departure: 31th January 2016

For participants who will arrive at K.T.E.L. bus station, you will have to take take **bus number 31** from K.T.E.L. until the bus stop **FIX** which is the 5th one after K.T.E.L. The Fix in art venue is just in front of the bus stop.





PARTICIPATION COST AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

The participation cost is 60 euro per participant which will cover the accommodation and the food (breakfast, lunch, dinner and 2 coffee breaks) for the whole period of the seminar. The fee should be paid in cash the arrival day.

The participants should participate in an ongoing EVS project in Greece, be an active member of an NGO or informal group, to be over 18 years old and have a basic use of English language.

HEALTH INSURANCE:

Health insurance is not provided by the organizers. All participants are required to have European Health Insurance Card. Please bring the medication you might need.

WHAT TO BRING:

For any further information do not hesitate to contact us.

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