



# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



**MIJARC Europe Summer Camp 2012**

**"Let's talk about diversity!"**

*19-26 August 2012  
Velingrad, Bulgaria*



## ABOUT THE ACTIVITY...

Summer camp is one of the annual activities organized by MIJARC Europe in order to gather youngsters from all over the Europe and give them a space to live together, explore their social and cultural differences and similarities, exchange ideas, best practices discuss on different topics, have fun and pleasant time all together.

This is not the first time MIJARC Europe organises a Summer Camp with the support of the Youth in Action Programme. If you would like to know more about our last Summer Camp you can check it in our Info Europe magazine with small summary and participants' testimonials on the following link: [http://mijarc.net/sites/default/files/files/2011-03\\_InfoEurope\\_English\\_web.pdf](http://mijarc.net/sites/default/files/files/2011-03_InfoEurope_English_web.pdf)

This year we have the pleasure to have **YMDRAB Bulgaria** hosting this activity in the town of Velingrad in the beautiful Rhodope Mountains - one of the biggest multi-ethnic regions in Bulgaria. The title we have chosen for this Summer Camp is: **"Let's talk about diversity!"**

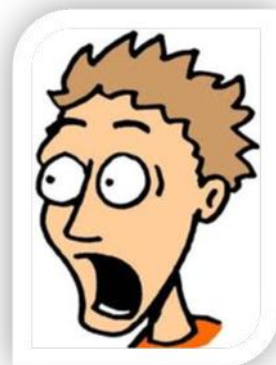
Through this topic we would like to show the importance, significance and role of the religion in the integration of minorities and to rise awareness about multi-ethnic and religious diversity in rural areas in Europe.

### *The main objectives of this youth exchange are to give you the opportunity:*

- to analyse and exchange the realities in our communities and best practices on the topic;
- to raise awareness about minorities and to break mutual stereotypes and prejudices;
- to reflect on your own cultural identity;
- to develop awareness on concepts such as identity culture and intercultural sensitivity;
- to raise awareness about differences and similarities in cultural and religious diversity in Europe;
- to identify ways and to generate ideas to integrate minorities via religions;
- to identify ways to overcome the mutual exclusion and to increase the involvement of the minorities in the social life in local communities and develop projects, based on an intercultural approach.

### **You don't know what this is all about?!? Don't be scared!**

The whole activity is based on non-formal and informal methods such as energizers, icebreakers, field visits, discussions, exchange of realities and best practices, presentations and workshops led by very nice and well prepared team. This sharing of realities and best practices during presentations, discussions and debates as well as during free-time will create a common base of understanding of different cultures. The participants will create their own opportunities for being more participative, active and proficient by learning from each other and sharing new ideas.







## WE ARE LOOKING FOR ...

- ✓ Brave girls and boys aged between 18 and 25 years old (under 18 and over 25 is also possible but there is a limited number of places available)
- ✓ Coming from rural areas of Portugal, Spain, France, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Malta and Bulgaria (gender balanced)
- ✓ Willing to meet and make new friendships with other European rural young people
- ✓ Eager to learn more about Europe, the culture, religion, traditions and realities of each country participating in this youth exchange and more deeply the Bulgarian ones.
- ✓ Available to take part in the full duration of our project:
  - *Before* the Summer Camp: preparing small tasks like games, small presentations about your country, etc. (to be prepared by the whole group of participants from your country).
  - *During* the Summer Camp: with your active participation in our activities
  - *After* the Summer Camp: taking an active role on the follow-up activities (dissemination of material produced with the results of the activity, write testimonial on your participation for publication, fill in a small evaluation questionnaire, etc)
- ✓ Able to communicate in English (please, don't let this criteria to make you give up already! If you are able to understand the information transmitted by this document you fulfill it!)
- ✓ **Not fearing to have fun!**

**We have preference for people that had not experienced our Summer Camps before!**



## WHEN?

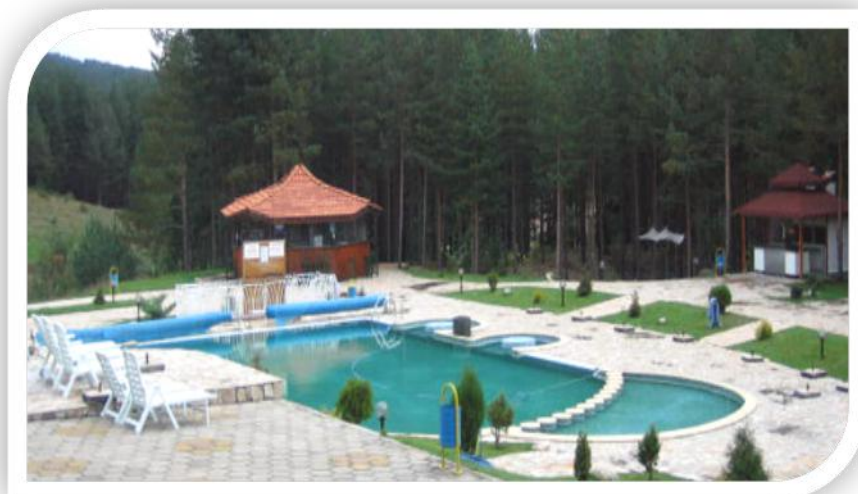
From the **19th** (arrival day) to the **26th** (departure day) of **August 2012**.

## WHERE?

Velingrad – Bulgaria.

This town is situated in the most picturesque part of the unique Rhodopi Mountains.

*Do you know where it is?  
If NO, check the map.*



If you can't wait, you can see the venue here:

<http://www.hotelzora.net/en/index.php>

## WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

➤ **Participation fee:** it has to be paid on the venue, in Euro and in CASH. Please consult the following table in order to know the number of participants per country and how much it is for you:

Country	Number of participants	Amount per person
BELGIUM	5	75,00 €
BULGARIA	8	23,50 €
FRANCE	6	75,00 €
GERMANY	6	75,00 €
HUNGARY	6	23,50 €
MALTA	6	50,50 €
POLAND	6	23,50 €
PORTUGAL	6	50,50 €
SPAIN	5	50,50 €
ROMANIA	6	23,50 €

These fees are per person and were calculated based on the GDP per capita of each country. This system of participation fees was approved and agreed by the general Assembly of MIJARC Europe. **Nevertheless, may you have any personal reason that difficult you to pay the fee attributed to your country please contact the person responsible for the activity from your country.**

➤ **Food, accommodation and all activities since you arrive at the venue** (19th in the evening) **until your departure** (26th after breakfast) will be covered by MIJARC Europe.

➤ **Travel cost from your home to the venue and back:** participants are responsible to find and book by themselves the cheapest way to travel to Sofia Airport or Sofia Central Station and from Sofia Airport or Sofia Central station back home. Due to the strict funding conditions of the Youth in Action Programme these travel costs will be reimbursed to you, or who paid for it under the following requirements:

- Travel must be **economy class and based on the cheapest means of transport to the venue;**

- **Documentary evidence** must be provided for all travel tickets (original ticket plus the invoice or copy of credit card statement). Price in the local currency must be visible on the ticket;

- Electronic flight tickets will only be accepted on presentation of **boarding passes;**

- Participants must attend 100 % of sessions, be on time and actively participate in all sessions;

- **A bank transfer** will be made as soon as we receive all the original receipts/invoices, boarding passes and tickets from your travel and **up to a maximum of 250,00 € per person!** \*

- **ONLY RECEIPTS/INVOICES DATED FROM THE 1<sup>st</sup> OF AUGUST OR AFTER !!!**

**IMPORTANT!** Please try to arrange with your National Travel Agency to book the tickets in advance in order to be as cheaper as possible and kindly ask them to give you the invoice with the date of 1<sup>st</sup> of August or after!

➤ **Some details for the journey:**

- **Arrival:** 19<sup>th</sup> of August, before 6 p.m. (if possible) at Sofia Airport or Central Train Station.

A bus will pick up the participants at Sofia airport at 6 p.m. and take them to the venue. For those arriving after 6 p.m. transport will be also provided!

- **Departure:** 26<sup>th</sup> of August, according to the earliest flight.

A bus will take everybody at the same time to Sofia airport and Central Train Station. From that point, each participant takes responsibility for any extra costs.



**\*If you see that it's not possible to make your journey for less than 250, 00 € contact MIJARC Europe as soon as possible before making any reservation!**

**PLEASE, DO NOT MAKE ANY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS WITHOUT RECEIVING CONFIRMATION TO DO SO!**

Also if you have any problems to manage by yourself the travel arrangements, do not hesitate to contact the responsible person of your country.



## HOW TO APPLY AS PARTICIPANT?

If you still need some more information about the project/activity itself or any clarification about the information presented here OR if you have troubles contacting the national responsible, please contact directly MIJARC Europe by Yordanka Petrova [y.petrova@mijarc.net](mailto:y.petrova@mijarc.net) or Lyubomir Todorov [l.todorov@mijarc.net](mailto:l.todorov@mijarc.net)

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00359 (0)886 381 194 - Lyubomir Todorov

*dial the zero only if calling directly from Bulgaria*

**To apply directly as participant, please contact the person in charge of this project in your respective country:**

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All candidates must apply using the enclosed application form. Applications should be sent to the MIJARC Europe office by email to [y.petrova@mijarc.net](mailto:y.petrova@mijarc.net) with the subject "Summer camp application". Before filling your application, please be sure that you agree with practical terms and conditions for the Summer camp.

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30<sup>th</sup> OF JUNE 2012 AT MID-NIGHT!**

**We are looking forward to meeting you all in Velingrad!**

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