



Melpignano, **14 - 24 October 2015**
Youth Exchange on
#**PARTICIPATION**
and #**CITIZENSHIP**

INFOPACK OF THE PROJECT **SCARABEU**
HOSTED BY THE ITALIAN NETWORK SEYF - SOUTH EUROPE
YOUTH FORUM

THE PROJECT

The project **ScarabEU** will take place in **Melpignano**, a village in the South of the Apulia Region. The activities will be implemented from **14th to 24th october 2015**. The project will involve 40 young people, members of youth organizations from Greece, Italy, Spain, Malta and Poland.

The main theme of the youth exchange is **Participation of Young People**. Through the sharing, monitoring, analyzing, evaluating experiences, knowledge and best practices, the project is going to deal with the new trend of the participatory approach. Thus, the project will focus on new ways of young people best involvement in youth projects, educating them to a stronger sense of active citizenship.

The main objectives are:

- to improve processes participation knowledge, democracy and sustainability;
- to seek alternative / innovative forms for the spread of common values of **democracy and active participation**;
- to **stimulate creativity and talents** of young people involved, (making participants able to use them concretely) with the objective of their concrete use -in their respective daily life;
- provide for the territory an opportunity of comparison with other European countries;
- turn a **disused public space** in a space for young people aggregation, useful for the improvement of their knowledge.

The methodologies used for “ScarabEU” meet the requirements of the **non-formal learning**: the young participants will know the local realities involved in creative strategies for the development of new work opportunities for

young people; they will be main actors in order to know, test and make aware interests and ideas about the participation process. Workshops and visits to local activities, icebreaking, team building and problem solving activities with related debriefing, daily evaluation moments will be the center of the exchange that will result as a constructive know-how sharing. Finally, thanks to the realization of group game for the transfer of Democracy and participation value, the participants will be involved in a transfer process of knowledge by the peer communication. **The youngsters will become protagonists** and messengers of Europe in a small reality, far from the main circuits.

Please go forward, read the info pack and follow every step!

WHEN AND WHERE

WHERE



The project is going to be implemented between 14 - 28 May 2015.

* **Arrival day:** you should arrive during the day of 14th October 2015.

* **Departure day:** You should leave on 28th October 2014.

For any change of your travel schedule, or if you are planning to arrive before or to leave later Italy, please inform us in advance.

WHERE



According to the most typical touristic Italian accommodation, participants will be hosted in **Melpignano**, a beautiful village in the South of Italy, near the Adriatic Sea.

You are going to be **hosted in private flats** of the village, living as Italian people for a week. In each room there will be about 3-4 people, mixed for nationalities, in order to foster intercultural dialogue. Participants are going to be grouped by gender. Activities will be implemented in the wonderful **Mediateca**, an Historical place in the center of Melpignano, within parks of the **city**. For more information about the place you can visit:

- the official website: <http://www.comune.melpignano.le.it>

- the wikipedia page: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Melpignano>

FOOD



If you have any dietary needs, please let us know (e.g. vegetarian, lactose intolerance, allergies in general, religious dietary). Write us to info@seyf.eu as soon as possible, in order to let us know in time, otherwise we will not be able to manage it. You will receive a **participant profile** from your organization which you should complete and will include also these information.

THE PLACE

Melpignano is a beautiful little village in the South of Italy. It's about 20 km far from the main city (Lecce) and 10 km far from the sea.

* **Curiosity:** it is famous because it host the biggest European Festival of folk music (Notte della Taranta);

* **Curiosity:** Melpignano, together with other 10 municipalities, is part of a small community which dialect is actually called "Griko" because of its language based on ancient Greek.



TRANSPORTATION



For all participants that will arrive in **Brindisi airport**, following schedules of buses from the airport to Lecce (the cost is about 6.00 euro if you buy it in the airport, 8,00 euro if you buy it on board.):

<http://pugliairbus.aeroportidipuglia.it/Shuttle-Bus-Puglia-Air-Bus.pdf>



For all participants who arrive to **Bari airport**, please find below the link for finding the bus schedule of the bus from the airport to train station (the cost is about 4,50 euro):

<http://www.autoservizitempesta.it/orari.php>

When you will arrive **at Bari station**, then take the train to Lecce. The cheapest train costs € 10,40. If you want, you can see the train schedule to the following link:

<http://www.trenitalia.com/>

When you will be in the train or in the bus send us a text with the time of arrival in Lecce. Some of SEYF members are going will wait for you to the Train station (for people that will arrive from Bari) and at the bus stop.

If you will have any problems (hopefully not) with your **baggage** (lost), please call/text us as soon as possible in order to provide you with an address for baggage delivery.

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FINANCIAL CONDITIONS



* **Food and lodges** are fully covered by the Italian organization;

* **Reimbursement:** it is covered the amount of € 150,00 for travel costs per participant for the countries: Malta, Polonia, Spagna.

* It is covered 80,00 € for travel costs per participant for Greece.

* **IMPORTANT:** We will provide you **transportation** from Lecce to Melpignano with a bus, together with a touristic trip during the days of activities.

* **IMPORTANT:** If you are not travelling from your country please tell us in advance because our National Agency may not accept the travel cost and the project expenses!

* You should buy your tickets and bring them with you in Italy the invoice and the boarding Pass. When you'll give this documents to SEYF Staff you'll receive the reimbursement.

Everyone has to keep boarding passes and give them to SEYF Staff.

* The **invoice** must be headed to SEYF or the individual participant. (SEYF - South Europe Youth Forum - Via Vecchia Comunale per Tricase 4 - 73032 - Andrano (LE) - Italian Fiscal code/VAT: 90036240753)

* The **membership SEYF fee** will be of €15.00 per participant.

* Please provide to **insure** yourself: insurance is not covered by the project's costs.

THINGS TO DO

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU:



* Suitable shoes and **comfortable clothes** for the outdoor activities, raincoat and swim suit, in case :)

*If possible bring your **laptop, smartphone** or **tablet** with you. They can be useful for some activity.

* For the youth leader: The **stamp** of your association and a white paper with the logo of your association for some possible declaration.

* Bring your **digital cameras**, because you are going to take lots of photos. Also you can bring your favorite **music**;

* Take **a copy of your passports** (with the photo and identity part) and bring it with you, just in case of needs;

* please bring Towels, since they will not be provided.

* We are planning to develop all together an **intercultural night**: we are going to provide an evening in which we will have the opportunity to taste **food & drink** from all over Europe. So, please bring with you some food and drink from your countries. Obviously, good drinks are always welcome! :)

* Do not forget a **flag** of your country.

* Bring **brochures** of your country or your organization because we are going to present them.

* Please fill the **participant's profile** and send it to us as soon as possible to info@seyf.eu: it important to know your needs, your background and to know how to reach for creating a Facebook group before the starting of the project.

CONTACTS

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CONTACT US AS YOU MAY NEED!

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