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# No Planet B

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## Erasmus+ youth exchange

**Idrija, Slovenia**



**from 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July  
2021**



## THE BEGINNING

Hello guys!

We are really happy that we will be able to welcome you in our green and picturesque country and we look forward to getting to know you. We will be staying in Idrija, a small town that is known for its mercury mine and the traditional Idrija lace.

**The Slovenian organizational committee** (from the office) and our contacts:

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- Maja Likar (+386 51 231 049); [maja.likar@mcidrija.si](mailto:maja.likar@mcidrija.si)

There will be other local youngsters included in the organization of our event, some of which you know for sure from some of the previous exchanges!

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

With the **No Planet B project**, we want to address the problem of too much waste and of the importance of protecting our environment and beautiful nature we are surrounded with here in Idrija.

Be prepared for some new adventures, to make a lot of new friends, get your ideas into action, meet local people and become the savior of the planet. So, let's create an amazing summer adventure together.

The youth exchange will consist of 38 participants from Estonia, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal and Slovakia.

## PARTICIPANTS

Participants should be aged from 16 to 21, the team leader should be 18+ and if possible, already have experience in joining a youth exchange. **The participants should be motivated to follow the program around the topic of preserving environment and spending active time in nature.** They should also be interested into meeting new people, cultures and open for learning about the others and their backgrounds.





## PREPARATIONS

**Fill in the google form with all the needed personal details:**

<https://forms.gle/GFSDXML4wBsHk9gu7>

**Find transport tickets for your group, but don't buy them yet** (to arrive on 14<sup>th</sup> July and leave not earlier than 28<sup>th</sup> July in the morning from Idrija) and let us know about your arrival time.



**Make sure you have a European Health Insurance Card** (or order it).

**If you are underaged (16-18 years old) fill in the parental consent form** (attached in the email).

**Gather ideas with your group:** Think about what a fun and educative summer experience in Slovenia would

be for you and focus on the topic of No Planet B (lowering waste, changing lifestyle, returning to nature, influencing decision-makers or anything else).

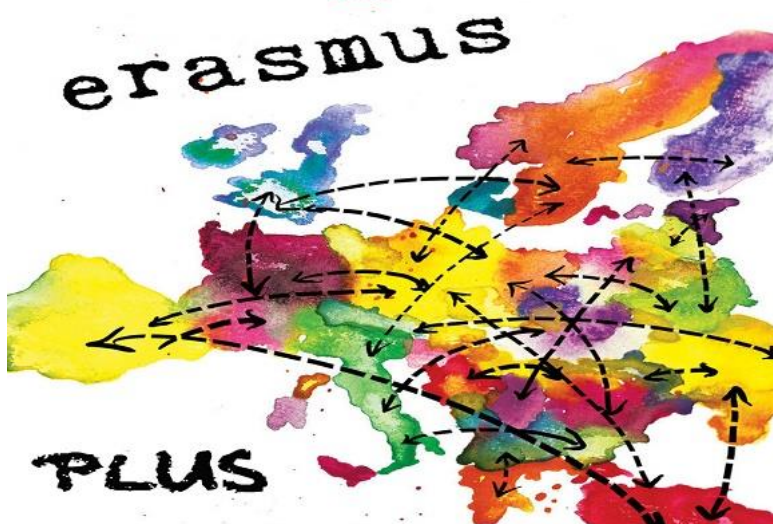
**Pack your stuff:** put on some comfortable shoes and clothes for walking as well as clothes for rain (or a rain poncho), because we will spend some time outdoors. When it rains, it is also smart to have some warm clothes with you, although it is usually hot in July. Try to connect and see if anyone from your team has a tent and if you could get yourself a sleeping bag and mat for the time we will spend outside.

## PRACTICAL ARRANGEMENTS

### Transportation

#### Arriving to Slovenia

As far as the means of transport is concerned, there is plenty of possibilities to come to Slovenia. The most used are the plane connection to Ljubljana (Ljubljana Jože Pučnik Airport), Graz (airport in Austria), Zagreb (airport in Croatia) or Trieste/Venice (Italy). There are shuttle buses available from all the surrounding airports by a company called GoOpti. It works like the public transport, but it is much faster and adaptable. So as soon as you know your arrival time to sLOVEnia, book your transport either to Ljubljana (or to Logatec petrol station if you arrive with the shuttle from an airport in Italy) or to Idrija.





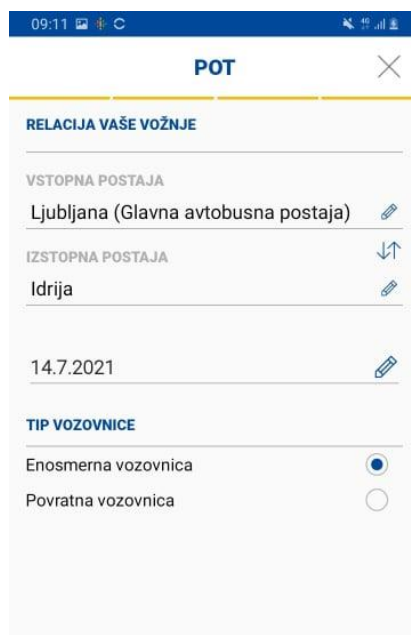
## Arriving to Idrija

If you arrive to Ljubljana (or Logatec petrol station), the bus schedule is available on the "Nomago" app that you can download where you get your phone apps. (below you can find the schedule for 14<sup>th</sup> July from Ljubljana's main station to Idrija).

In the first screen you click "javni promet – enkratne".

You can buy the tickets via the app with a credit card or you can buy them directly at the driver with cash or at the main bus station.

Once you are at the bus stop, the bus will be somewhere between the numbers 11 and 13 (the board above it will say ).





## Arriving to the hostel

Check out the [video](#) to help you come from the bus station to the hostel (up the hill!).

You are entitled only to get a reimbursement of travel costs if you use public means of transport. The costs of a car ride or car rental cannot be reimbursed.

**!!!** Make sure you **keep all travel documents!** Online boarding passes and tickets can be forwarded by e-mail as well.

The travel costs can be reimbursed up to the amount mentioned below:

- Italy: 180 € per person
- Netherlands: 275 € per person
- Portugal: 275 € per person
- Estonia: 275 € per person
- Slovakia: 275 € per person

## Food

We will provide all the meals and we will mostly eat food at the venue, you might even try some local dishes! There will be a dinner waiting for you the first day and a lunch package for your way back home.

## COVID-19

We will organise the exchange so that we will be able to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We will be staying in our group and organize the activities outside in a way that you will not be in contact with other groups.

We will also provide you with information in case any testing would be necessary (that's another reason why you should bring your EHIC card).

The rules about traveling to Slovenia vary depending on the country you come from and they change weekly. For some countries there is no special conditions to enter Slovenia, for others you have to get tested etc.

The costs of the testing will not be reimbursed – unless there is some money left from your traveling costs. If your costs are lower than predicted (275 € or 180 € for Italy), we will transfer the rest of the amount and at least partially cover the cost of your test. Once you are in Slovenia and if you need a quick or PCR test, that will be accessible to you for free with the EHIC card.



## Accommodation (Hostel Idrija)



**Run by the local young people for the (young) people from around the world.** The Idrija Youth Hostel is located within a 5-minute walk from the UNESCO protected historic town center of Idrija. It is housed in an old nunnery, today the home of a youth center and numerous youth programs.

Having travelled the world, our team understands the needs and wishes of travelers: **fresh linen and towels, hot shower, good food, free internet, friendly staff and relaxing atmosphere.** We offer no less!

You will be staying in rooms with other people and share bathrooms and the kitchen with them.

More photos and **information:** <https://booki.ng/2IKL12G>

## Venue (Idrija Youth Center and outdoors)

The project will take place in the building in which you will be accommodated. The common space where we will spend some time together is where most of our workshops, lectures, meetings and free-time activities happen. It is a part of a big building (which among others includes the hostel), located less than 10 minutes' walk from the town's center.



**We will also be staying outdoors and spending a few nights in tents – not far away from Idrija.**

## General rules in the hostel and the venue

For the safety and a pleasant stay of all our guests, there are some basic rules we should all have in mind when living together in the house:

- Please pay attention to your roommates and stay silent after 10 PM and before 7 AM.
- It is not allowed to smoke, drink alcohol or eat in the rooms.
- When using the kitchen, clean the dishes and the working space before leaving.



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## General information, safety and insurance

**Police:** 113

**Ambulance:** 112

**International code for Slovenia:** 00 386

**Youth center phone number:** 00 386 51 231 049

**Hostel phone number:** 00 386 40 808 022



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Location – Idrija

Idrija is a town in the Western part of Slovenia. It is well known for its mercury mine as well as for the miners' living quarters and the miners' theatre. Mercury was discovered in Idrija in the late 15th century. Together with the Spanish mine at Almadén, it has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2012. A year later the town's park was registered in the UNESCO International Network of Geoparks. In 2011, Idrija was given the Alpine Town of the Year award.



Idrija is located in a valley surrounded by steep hills covered by woods. Staying here makes you feel cozy, warm and sheltered. Idrija is a basin and if you would like to come to Idrija, you cannot skip going uphill and driving on winding roads. You will see ☺

More about Idrija: <http://www.idrija-tourism.com/>

**Technical heritage:** Museum Idrija, Kamšt, Klavže, Mine

**Cultural heritage:** religious (Holy Trinity Church), lace

**Heritage of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> World War:** Slovenian Partisan Printing Workshop, Partisan Hospital Bolnica Pavla

**Natural heritage:** the lake of Divje jezero, Upper Idrijca Natural park

When visiting the **Slovenia's capital Ljubljana**, we suggest you download **the USE-IT app** and the city's map to help you navigate through the streets of the old town and even discover some local secrets.