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# Next Step Skills Youth Exchange

**Durres, Albania**

**15.04.2026-23.04.2026 (*travel days  
included*)**

*Erasmus+ KA-151 Youth Project*

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Welcome to the information pack for the upcoming youth exchange “Next Step Skills” organized by Babilon Travel NGO. Please read it in advance because it contains important information about the activity.



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## About us

Babilon Travel NGO is a non-governmental organisation based in Cluj-Napoca Romania, which is designing programmes and projects that promote the social and economic inclusion of young people with disabilities or fewer opportunities, on local and European level. These programmes and projects are widely using elements of non-formal education, intercultural learning, active European citizenship and volunteering.

## Summary of the mobility

**Place:** Durrës, Albania

**Dates:** 14.04.2026 - 23.04.2026 (including travel days)

**Participants:** 30 young participants, 20-30 (including fewer opportunities); 5 youth leaders 18+; 5 accompanying persons 18+; and two facilitators.

**Participant countries:** Romania, Albania, Serbia, North Macedonia and Georgia

## About the youth exchange

In today's rapidly changing labour market, technical knowledge alone is no longer enough to succeed. Young people are increasingly expected to demonstrate strong transversal skills such as critical thinking, effective communication, cooperation, leadership, and decision-making in order to adapt, collaborate, and grow professionally. This need is even more pressing for young people with sensory impairments, who often face additional barriers in accessing employment opportunities and professional development.

Strengthening these skills in an inclusive, supportive learning environment empowers all young people to increase their employability, confidence, and ability to actively shape their professional paths, whether in employment, entrepreneurship, or future business initiatives.

Through experiential learning, teamwork-based challenges, simulations, role-playing activities, and reflective group work, the youth exchange aims to support young people in developing essential transversal competences needed for today's professional and entrepreneurial environments. Participants will explore effective communication strategies, cooperative problem-solving, leadership styles, and decision-making processes while strengthening their critical thinking and self-awareness.

The exchange creates an inclusive and accessible learning space where young people with and without sensory impairments can actively participate, share perspectives, and learn from one another.

As one of the main outcomes of the youth exchange, participants will work in mixed groups to create simple business ideas/mini business plans. Each group sets up a business stand in a “career fair” style event. Other participants visit the stands, interact with the teams, and later apply for roles in the businesses based on their skills, interests, and strengths.

## Objectives

- Help participants improve communication, teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and decision-making skills for jobs, entrepreneurship, and future careers.
- Give young people with different backgrounds and abilities, including sensory impairments, the chance to work in groups, share ideas, and practice skills in real situations.

## Learning outcomes

By the end of the youth exchange, participants will have achieved the following learning outcomes:

- Be able to communicate clearly and effectively in diverse teams, adapting their style to different situations and abilities.
- Demonstrate improved problem-solving and decision-making skills when facing practical work or business challenges.
- Collaborate successfully in mixed international groups, showing teamwork, leadership, and respect for different perspectives and abilities.
- Create and present a simple business plan in a team, linking specific roles and tasks to transversal skills, and take part in a career fair-style activity by matching personal skills to potential roles within different business ideas.

## Participants' profile

- Citizens or legal residents of: Romania, Albania, Serbia, North Macedonia and Georgia.
- Participants able to communicate in English
- Youth leaders connected to their sending organisation
- Youngsters with and without fewer opportunities

The project will include participants from Romania, Albania, Serbia, North Macedonia and Georgia. Youth leaders will be connected to their respective sending organizations. Each partner organization will send a total of 8 people, divided as follows:

- 1 youth leader connected to the sending organization (20+)
- 4 typical youngsters (20-30)
- 1 young participant with fewer opportunities (20-30)
- 1 participant with special needs (with disability card) (20-30)
- 1 accompanying person (18+)

*In case of need and requested, the sending organization have to be able to prove the youth leaders connection with your NGO.*

*In case of need and requested, the sending organization have to be able to prove the situation of the participant with fewer opportunity and to have a real justification and proof.*

## Travel information

In line with Erasmus+ Programme rules (funded by the European Union), travel costs will be reimbursed based on the most economical, eco-friendly, and efficient options. Key details are as follows:

- Eligible options include low-cost flights, 2nd class train tickets, buses, minivans, and carpooling.
- Original tickets (including e-tickets), invoices, receipts, and boarding passes must be provided for reimbursement.
- Travel costs also cover public transportation (taxis are NOT eligible unless there are no public transport options available).
- Travel expenses will be reimbursed within 45 days after the mobility, provided all necessary documents and dissemination materials are submitted.
- Reimbursement will be made directly to the sending organisation's bank account.

Do not purchase any tickets without receiving our approval!

### **IMPORTANT:**

**All travel documents must be submitted no later than 14 days after the activity ends; otherwise, the travel reimbursement cannot be processed.**



We will reimburse the travel **based on real costs** not exceeding the lump sums based on the Erasmus+ travel distance bands. Use the distance calculator, and calculate the upper limit of what can be covered by Erasmus+ grant. Please enter the place where your journey starts and enter ‘Durrës, Albania’ as the end point of the journey.

**Participants traveling from a city different than that of their sending organization must provide an official declaration explaining the reason for this.**

**The travel distance is calculated always from the sending organization city.**

The calculator will show a straight line distance. If your travel costs exceed these amounts, your (or your organisation’s) contribution will cover the remaining amount. Be aware that Erasmus+ functions as co-funding programme and does not aim to cover all your costs.

<b>Distance</b>	<b>“Non-Green” travel</b>	<b>Green travel</b>
10-99 km	28 EUR	56 EUR
100-499 km	211 EUR	285 EUR
500-1999 km	309 EUR	417 EUR
2000-2999 km	395 EUR	535 EUR
3000-3999 km	580 EUR	785 EUR



## **IMPORTANT:**

The teams from Romania, Serbia, and North Macedonia will travel using green travel. Each team will be picked up from the headquarters city of their sending organization by the Romanian team, who will travel by bus.

The Romanian and Serbian teams will start their journey on 14 April and will have an overnight stay on the way to Durrës. The North Macedonian team will be picked up on 15 April from Kavadarci. The return journey will be organized in the same way, with the Romanian and Serbian teams arriving back on 24 April.

Detailed travel plans, including routes, locations, and exact dates, will be communicated only to selected participants through the detailed Info Pack for participants and during local preparatory meetings.

## Good to know information about the location

Durrës is a vibrant coastal city in Albania where ancient history blends naturally with a relaxed seaside atmosphere. With its Roman amphitheater, long sandy beaches along the Adriatic Sea, and lively promenade, the city offers both cultural depth and summer energy. It's a place where you can walk through centuries of history in the morning and enjoy the sea, fresh seafood, and sunsets by the water in the evening.



**The accommodation for this activity will be in Durrës, by the seaside. More details about the accommodation and travel will be provided to the selected participants.**



## Partners

Asociatia Babilon Travel, Romania

Peace Volunteering Network, Albania

Novotarijum, Serbia

Multicultural Group, Georgia

BRANCH, North Macedonia

