

TC EPIC FAIL

CROATIA

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What to expect in the following pages?

Project

A little sample of the theory and goals of the project.

Why?

To get you hungry for learning ;) <3

The city of Karlovac

City on four rivers

The city of Ogulin

Small city, large history

Travel

Answer to the question:

“Sounds Great! How do I get there?”

Other

Disclaimers, advice, and other information that didn't fit anywhere else



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Project information

Young people are often encouraged to take initiative, express their opinions and actively participate in their communities. But meaningful participation also means taking risks, making decisions and sometimes getting things wrong.

Fear of failure can stop young people from speaking up, trying new ideas or taking responsibility. Youth workers therefore have an important role in creating spaces where young people feel safe to experiment, reflect on what happened and try again.

Our training course (TC), Epic Fail, explores failure, risk-taking and experimentation as valuable parts of non-formal learning and youth participation.

The main goal of this TC is to empower youth workers to create participatory and safe-to-fail learning environments where young people feel confident to take initiative, make decisions and learn from experience.

The specific objectives are to:

- Develop understanding of failure, risk-taking and experimentation as important elements of non-formal learning.
- Strengthen youth workers' skills in creating supportive environments for initiative, reflection and learning from mistakes.
- Explore participatory methods that give young people greater ownership and responsibility in youth work.



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This mobility of youth workers will involve 27 participants from 9 countries. All participants will be youth workers, trainers, facilitators, volunteers or people actively involved in the work of partner organisations.

The training will be based on non-formal education and experiential learning. Participants will take part in practical challenges, simulations, group tasks and reflection activities where success will not always be guaranteed.

Through these experiences, participants will explore how people react when things go wrong, how mistakes can become learning opportunities and how youth workers can support young people without immediately taking control of the process.

An important focus of the training will be the connection between failure, ownership and participation. Young people cannot genuinely take responsibility if every important decision is already made for them, and they cannot learn from experience if adults step in every time something starts going wrong.

By the end of the project, participants will have strengthened their capacity to create learning environments where young people can take initiative, experiment, reflect, adapt and try again in their organisations and local communities.



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Before TC starts

Before the TC, with the help of their sending organisations, participants will have preparatory tasks:

- Prepare a short overview of active participation in your country, focusing on:
 - how easy it is for young people to access useful information about participation methods
 - and how youth workers support young people's involvement
- Prepare to share your own practices and experiences in youth work related to the active engagement of young people.



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Dissemination

Dissemination will be an important part of the follow-up phase of the training course. During the activity, participants will explore ways to share the ideas, methods and learning experiences connected to failure, experimentation, risk-taking and learning from mistakes in youth work.

The concrete dissemination activities will be developed together during the training course, according to the needs and possibilities of participants and their organisations. Participants will be encouraged to create realistic follow-up ideas for sharing the project results with colleagues, young people and local communities.

More information about the dissemination process will be provided during the training course.



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Venue

Karlovac or Ogulin?

The training course will take place either in Karlovac or Ogulin, two charming cities located in central Croatia, both easily accessible from Zagreb. The final venue will be confirmed before the activity.

Karlovac is known as the “city on four rivers” — Korana, Kupa, Mrežnica and Dobra. It is a green and relaxed city with a rich history, beautiful promenades and many places to enjoy nature close to the city centre.

Ogulin is a small town surrounded by forests, mountains and legends. It is often called the homeland of Croatian fairy tales, as it is connected to the writer Ivana Brlić-Mažuranić. Its best-known landmark is Đula's Abyss, an impressive natural chasm located in the centre of the town.

Whether we meet in Karlovac or Ogulin, you can expect a peaceful environment, Croatian hospitality and plenty of space for learning, connecting and sharing experiences.



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Don't forget to save all the travel invoices,
tickets and boarding passes!

If we don't have original invoices of your
travel expenses, we do not guarantee to
refund your expenses.



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Travel information

Arriving in Zagreb

We expect most participants to arrive in Zagreb, Croatia:

- (A) Franjo Tuđman Zagreb Airport
- (B) Zagreb Central Bus Station (Autobusni kolodvor Zagreb)
- (C) Zagreb Main Railway Station (Zagreb Glavni kolodvor)

From Franjo Tuđman Zagreb Airport, you can take the airport shuttle bus to Zagreb Central Bus Station. The journey usually takes around 30–45 minutes. The timetable is available [here](#). Be sure to ask for the receipt from the driver if buying the ticket in the bus!

Zagreb Central Bus Station and Zagreb Main Railway Station are located relatively close to each other. You can travel between them by tram or on foot, depending on your arrival time and luggage.

Please check all connections carefully and consult the organising team before purchasing your tickets.



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To get from the Zagreb Bus Station to Zagreb Train Station (Zagreb Glavni kolodvor) take:

- tram number 6 (direction: Črnomerec) exit at the tram stop called "Zagreb Glavni kolodvor" which is the main train station in Zagreb.

On every tram stop there is an info screen where you can see when the tram is coming and the direction.

Price of the tram ticket is cca 0,50 EUR and you can buy it in the tram from the driver or at the kiosk at the bus station. (You must validate your ticket when you enter the tram.)

The drive lasts about 5 - 10 minutes. Zagreb Main train station is the 3rd stop from the Zagreb Bus Station
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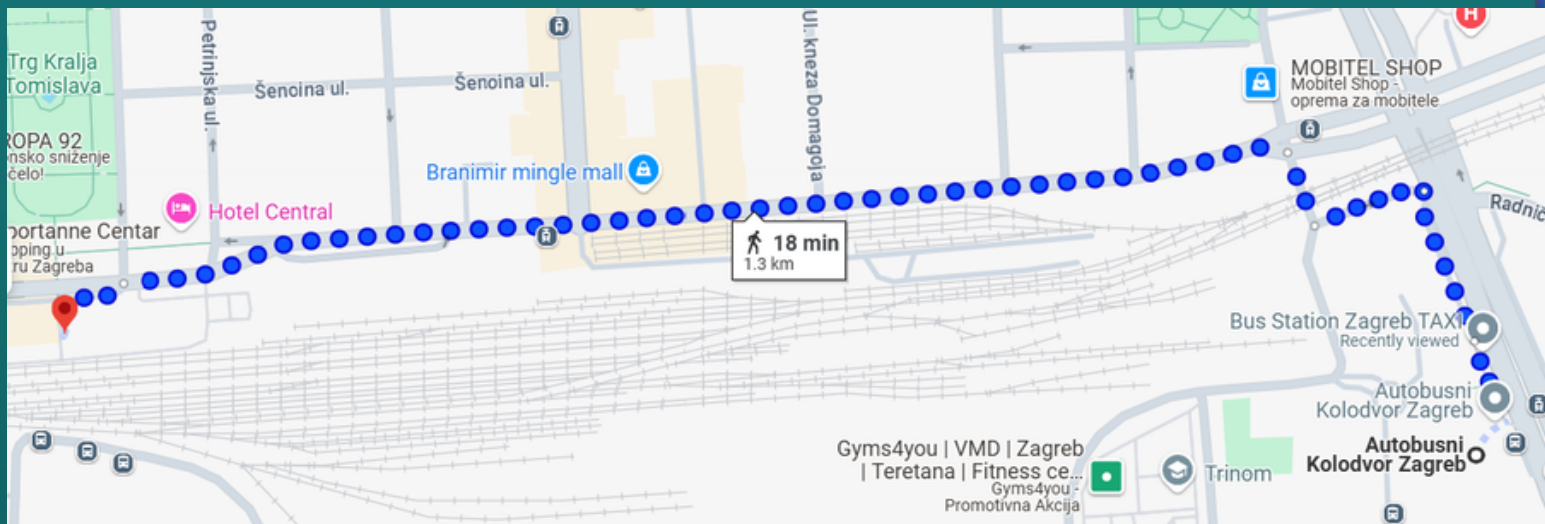
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Travel information

**Zagreb Bus Station (Autobusni kolodvor Zagreb) -
Zagreb Train Station (Glavni kolodvor)**



**This is where you arrive -
Glavni kolodvor Zagreb.**



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Travel information

Option 1 - Ogulin



If the training course takes place in Ogulin, we recommend travelling from Zagreb to Ogulin by train or bus.

By **train**: Trains from Zagreb Main Railway Station (Zagreb Glavni kolodvor) to Ogulin usually take around 2 hours. You can check the [timetable](#) and buy tickets online or directly at the railway station.

By **bus**: There may also be bus connections from Zagreb Central Bus Station to Ogulin. Please check the available options for your travel date before making a reservation. Once the final venue in Ogulin is confirmed, we will send you detailed instructions on where to get off, how to reach the accommodation and whether a local transfer will be organised. **Please do not buy tickets before receiving confirmation from the organising team.**



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Travel information

Option 1 - Karlovac

If the training course takes place in Karlovac, you can travel from Zagreb to Karlovac by train or bus.

By train: Regular trains connect Zagreb Main Railway Station (Zagreb Glavni kolodvor) with Karlovac. The train journey usually takes approximately 1 hour, depending on the connection.

By bus: Frequent buses also run from Zagreb Central Bus Station to Karlovac. The bus journey usually takes around 45 minutes to 1 hour, depending on traffic and the selected connection.

Once the final venue in Karlovac is confirmed, we will send you detailed instructions on where to get off, how to reach the accommodation and whether a local transfer will be organised. **Please do not buy tickets before receiving confirmation from the organising team.**



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Other information

The training course will take place either in Karlovac or Ogulin, two cities located in central Croatia and well connected to Zagreb. The final location, accommodation details and arrival instructions will be shared with all selected participants before the activity. Please wait for confirmation from the organising team before booking your final connection to the venue.

Accommodation and meals will be provided by the organisers during the training course. Participants will be accommodated in shared rooms. More detailed information about the accommodation, room arrangements, accessibility and meals will be shared once the final venue has been confirmed. Dietary requirements, allergies and other relevant needs will be collected from selected participants before the activity.



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Other Information

There will be 27 participants, two trainers and one facilitator from the receiving organisation.

Participants should be youth workers who are members, employees or volunteers of the participating organisation, which insures the sustainability of results.

The food and accommodation will be provided and covered by the organisers during the project. In other words, you could use some pocket money aside. The organisers will reimburse your travel costs from your home city to Ogulin or Karlovac. Organisers will reimburse 100% of eligible travel costs up to the limit according to the ERASMUS+ distance calculator.

Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon full attendance in the project, including follow-up phase and dissemination and presentation of the tickets with boarding passes and receipts/invoices.

Missing tickets cannot be reimbursed <3

FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Travel costs will be reimbursed through the sending organisations by bank transfer after the training course. All participants have to send/upload the necessary documents (tickets, boarding passes, invoices, receipts etc.)

Reimbursement will be done after participants have completed dissemination activities and filled out final reports!

Dissemination activities will be presented additionally on the training course!



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Other Information

The local currency is Euro. In Zagreb, Karlovac and Ogulin you can pay either with cash or bank cards (but not everywhere).

THERE WILL BE ONE INTERCULTURAL EVENING THAT WILL BE FACILITATED BY THE PROJECT TEAM. SO PLEASE DO NOT PREPARE ANYTHING (PRESENTATION, KAHOOT ETC.) JUST BRING SOME FOOD, SNACKS AND/OR DRINKS. WE DON'T HAVE A KITCHEN, SO NO FOOD THAT NEEDS TO BE PREPARED!

What to bring:

- your passport and/or ID card
- health insurance card or european health insurance card
- we recommend that you have travel insurance but, please keep in mind that it is not covered by the project
- national snacks, drinks, easy food, specialties,...
- medicines - if you need them (anti-allergy pills, pain killers, aspirin etc.)
- good energy :)

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