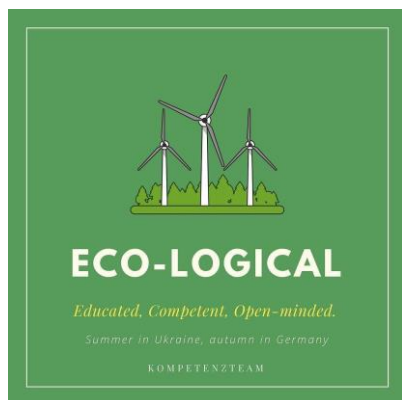




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Information for Participants

ECO-Logical: Educated, Competent, Open-minded

Part 1 from 28.07. – 06.08.2017

in Sumy, Ukraine

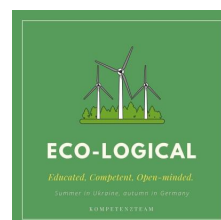
Summary of the project:

The project touches one of the most important issues in Europe and in the whole world as environmental protection. By this project we would like to stress that responsibility for the ecological situation concerns with every individual person, but only acting together we can save our planet. During the project we would like to discover how individual influences on the environment and how to minimize our harmful behavior. Also we would like to learn about the activities young people can do together to promote responsible eco-friendly behavior at their communities.

The objectives of the project:

- to promote responsible and eco-friendly behavior among young people;
- to promote active citizenship and to foster young people's sense of European citizenship;
- to promote inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities;
- to promote diversity, intercultural dialogue, tolerance between young people from different countries;
- to promote sense of initiative of young people through working on the global issues;
- to promote international cooperation between youth organisations in the sphere of non-formal education of young people.

The project contains 2 main parts: youth exchange in Ukraine and youth exchange in Germany. In each of the youth exchanges young people from Ukraine, Germany, Georgia and Poland will take part. There will be 40 participants taking part in every of the youth exchanges: 8 young people (15-25 y.o.) + 2 adult group leaders per country. Each of the youth exchanges will last for 10 days (including arrival and departure days).





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The programmes developed for each of the youth exchanges will help participants to get aware about the issue in general, but also to learn about specifics in the environmental protection which exists in every hosting country. Observing the realities in two of these countries (EU and non-EU) the participants will have a chance to compare them and to make important conclusions for the future. By conducting community actions for the local communities' participants will not only bring their messages to the wider audiences, but also they will show themselves as active European citizens. By working in the multicultural groups participants will learn about each other cultures, promote tolerance between different countries and build mutual understanding.

The methods will be used all based on the non-formal education principles: roleplay simulations, group work and discussions, brainstorming, teambuilding and trust building activities, energizers, ice-breakers, getting to know each other activities, intercultural nights, reflection groups, excursions, city game, working on the community action, community presentation, evaluation activities, sport games, living library, etc.

As a valuable project result we expect that the youth will take a subject that they are concerned about, will look at it clearly and objectively to establish a solid message, then will find a creative method to give that message to others. Additionally, working in an international group will give the participants an opportunity to network and form international relationships that can lead to lifelong friendships. We expect that young people will become aware about the importance of the environmental protection and about their personal and mutual responsibility for it as active European citizens.

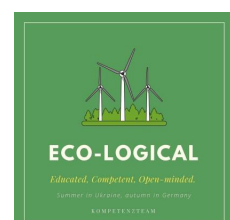
To deliver their final product the youth will need to maintain an open dialogue with each other. They will need mutual tolerance, intercultural awareness, and will need to create solidarity beyond the borders of the European Union. They must break down prejudices and stereotypes, and build consensus based on common understanding and respect.

The hosting communities will benefit from the intercultural experience through hosting people from different European countries. We expect that not only the hosting communities, but all the local communities of the participants will benefit from the project, as all the participants will come back home and multiply the experience they'll get.

As longer term benefits we expect that the project will promote eco-friendly behavior, active citizenship, multicultural dialogue and international cooperation in the participating countries and further.

The Youth Exchanges will take place in Sumy, Ukraine from 28th of July to 6th of August and in Frankfurt (Oder), Germany in Fall 2017. This project will ensure the long term cooperation between the partners as well as the participants.

The project is coordinated by pewobe g GmbH in Frankfurt (Oder) and co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Commission.





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Travel Details:

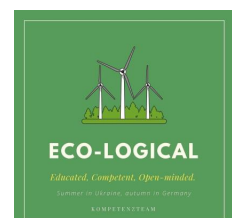
Participants from Germany and Poland are coordinated by pewobe g GmbH in Frankfurt (Oder). There are two options for the travel. You can arrange your own travel to Ukraine, however you must not extend your stay longer than 2 days before and 2 days after.

The other option is to travel together with the group. The flights will then be booked by pewobe g GmbH in Frankfurt (Oder) as soon as the registration of participants is done.

The location:

Sumy is a city in north-eastern Ukraine, and the capital of the Sumy Oblast (region). It is approximately 330 km East from Kiev.

We will be accommodated outside of the town in a resort called Slavna. The mostly 2-bed-rooms have a bathroom. The resort is directly at a river.





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Safety and Security:

pewobe g GmbH is organizing several youth exchanges in different countries each year. For the security and safety of the participants we have installed an emergency plan that is active during each exchange. The participants will have a meeting before the departure where there will be a briefing about the security and safety. We and our local partner take the current situation into consideration and plan all activities accordingly.

Follow Up:

During the exchange there will be the preparation of local activities that we will implement together once back in Germany/Poland. All participants have to actively involve themselves in this. We encourage all participants to also take part in the 2nd part of the project in autumn 2017 in the EuroCamp Am Helenesee in Frankfurt (Oder).

