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ACTION 4.3 PARTNERSHIP BUILDING ACTIVITY

25/03/2013 – 31/03/2013

BURSA / TURKEY
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Title:

Sign On Stage (S.O.S.)

Dates of the Project Activity:

25/03/2013 – 31/03/2013

Venue:

Bursa / Turkey

Working Language:

English

Participating Countries / Organisations:

Nilüfer Kaymakamlığı	TURKEY
Udruga gluhih I nagluhih Nova Gradiška	CROATIA
Anthropolis Antropológiai Közhasznú Egyesület	HUNGARY
Ķekavas Novada Pašvaldības Kultūras Aģentūra	LATVIA
Families for Life Long Learning	MALTA
Asocia Ția De Tineri Din Ardeal	ROMANIA

4 participants from each country. 1 of them should be deaf and this may require a sign language translator. So, 1 deaf participant, 1 participant who can sign and 2 other participants. It would be perfect if sign language translator can speak English.

All the participants will be certificated. So, please let me know the names of the participants as soon as possible to prepare the certificates.



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Short Description of the Project:

This is a Partnership Building Activity about “Forming Sign Language Theatres in European Communities”. We have performed a local project and found the first sign language theatre of our district with participation of 22 deaf youngsters. We have seen this sign language theatre has a very big positive effect on integration of deaf people to the society and we thought this experience must be shared. So we wanted to perform a Partnership Building Activity about this.

Our Partnership Building Activity will be held in Bursa; with participants from Latvia, Malta, Croatia, Romania, Hungary and Turkey. It will start on 25th of March and last for 7 days. We will perform studies about deaf people’s needs and solving their problems in cooperation with strong partnerships. Our Activity will include experience sharing about drama studies in sign language, study visits, outdoor activities, etc. We will evaluate the potential partnership possibilities by creative project development workshops. There will also be other workshops and informal education activities. We think that we will build strong partnerships to perform high quality projects about deaf young people’s needs.



The final ceremony of our first theater performance in our local project.



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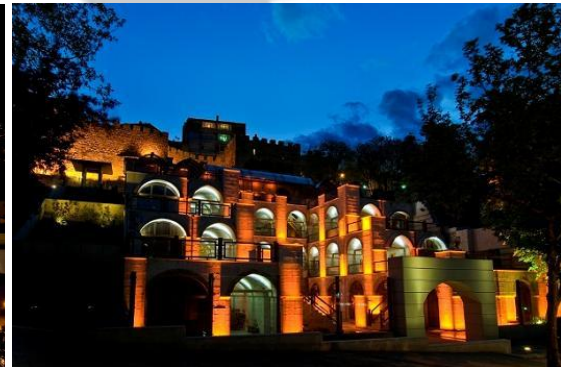


About the Venue:

Bursa is the 4th biggest city of Turkey with 3,5 million population. The city is in the north-west of Turkey, only 1.5 hour away from İstanbul by ferry. It is a city of migrants and a big part of the population has immigrated from Bulgaria, Greece and Russia (Caucasus).



It was the first capital of Ottoman Empire and this gives a big historical and cultural heritage to the city.



You can find out more about Bursa at:

<http://en.bursa.bel.tr/>





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Project Activity Table:

	25/03/2013	26/03/2013	27/03/2013	28/03/2013	29/03/2013	30/03/2013	31/03/2013
09:30-11:00	Arrivals	Group Dynamic	Experience Sharing About Deaf Youth	Workshop: New Perspectives about Deaf Youth's Needs	Project Writing Factory	Presentation of the Projects Prepared	Future Plans
11:00-11:30	Arrivals	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
11:30-13:00	Arrivals	Organisation Dynamic	Sharing Good Samples: Presentation of the Local Project "Sanata İşaret"	Presentation: Building a Strong Partnership	Project Writing Factory	Presentation of the Projects Prepared	Distribution of Gains from the Activity
13:00-15:00	Arrivals	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
15:00-16:30	Arrivals	General Info about Youth In Action Programme and Youthpass	Visit to Special Education High School for Deaf	Cultural Visits, City Exploring Game, Team Building Activities	Project Writing Factory	Evaluation of the Projects	Departures
16:30-17:00	Arrivals	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Departures
17:00-18:30	Arrivals	Experience Sharing of Participant Organisations	Visit to Nilüfer District Governorship	Developing Creative Project Ideas	Project Writing Factory	Evaluation of the Projects	Departures
18:30-20:30	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Departures
20:30-22:00	Opening, Ice-breaking games	Cultural Night	Free Time	Free Time	Free Time	Farewell Evening	Departures

Each participant organisation should prepare a presentation about their organisation and activities for organisation dynamic session and a presentation about the situation of deaf people (numbers, problems, needs, etc.) in their countries.



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PROJECT

Each group will be consisting of 4 people.

%100 of travelling budget for each country is written below.

Partner:	Total cost
Udruga gluhih I nagluhih Nova Gradiška / CROATIA	500 EUR per person (2000 EUR for all)
Anthropolis Antropológiai Közhasznú Egyesület / HUNGARY	750 EUR per person (3000 EUR for all)
Ķekavas Novada Pašvaldības Kultūras Aģentūra / LATVIA	850 EUR per person (3400 EUR for all)
Families for Life Long Learning / MALTA	750 EUR per person (3000 EUR for all)
Asocia Ția De Tineri Din Ardeal / ROMANIA	500 EUR per person (2000 EUR for all)

***** But, Please keep on mind that %70 of Total Travel Cost will be covered by the project grant! %30 of your total travel cost will be paid by your own. Your travel costs should not be more than the amounts written above.**

These amounts include round trip. Please get in touch with us before you purchase the tickets. The best is to buy the tickets separately for each participant and please buy the tickets as round trips.

So we can see all the expenses for each person (coming and returning) in 1 invoice.

It may take 4 hours or more from Bursa to Atatürk Airport in İstanbul. **Please get in touch with us about the time of your flights before you buy your flight tickets. We must arrange the transportation from Bursa to İstanbul very carefully to not to miss your flights.**



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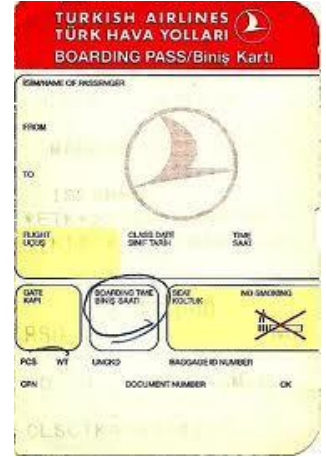


Reimbursement of travel Cost

Please read very carefully the following information in order to facilitate our work and for you to have a pleasant travel and stay.

You will be reimbursed 70% of your travel costs from your home city to Bursa, Turkey. What is important?

- Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all tickets (including return tickets):
 - Original tickets (having route and dates);
 - Receipt/invoices (having stamp and signature);
 - Boarding passes/cards and baggage receipts.
- This means that immediately getting home after the training, you will be requested to send us the originals of all returning documents and boarding passes. Please remember to bring the original invoice with you – there will be no reimbursement without the original invoice. Or if we can make online check-in for your flight before you leave, we can reimburse all travel expenses in here.
- Do not lose the boarding pass that will be given to you at the check-in desk in the airport. Boarding pass is required for having an evidence for your flight.
- Reimbursement will be done in EUROS, regardless of the currency indicated on your ticket and receipt/invoice. If you bought your ticket in a local currency other than EURO, we will calculate your travel costs according to the exchange rate of the month of your ticket purchase.
- Please check information above for the travel budget limits. If your travel costs exceed the amount budgeted in the project, we will only be able to reimburse you 70% of the maximum travel costs indicated in the travel budget. You are strongly advised to book your travel well in advance.
- All tickets must be in economic class
- Finally, please make copies (or even better, scan or take photographs) of your tickets and invoices and email those to nilufer.gov.eu@gmail.com before you come to the training. This will be very helpful to organizers to begin processing the financial and reimbursement data.





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Transport

Venue of the Project is Bursa. However, the easiest airport for coming here is in İstanbul. We recommend you to buy your flight tickets from Turkish Airlines online, and you can get your invoice in Istanbul Atatürk Airport. Then we can easily reimburse your travel expenses with your boarding pass and invoice.



You will need to take ferry from İstanbul to Bursa when you arrived. There are 2 Ferry Ports which you can take the ferry to Bursa. One of them is Yenikapı Ferry Port (Yenikapı Feribot İskelesi) and the other one is Kabatas Ferry Port (Kabataş Feribot İskelesi). Please be sure that the ferry tickets you purchased are going to „Güzelyalı Feribot İskelesi – Mudanya / Bursa” Because there are other boats which go to different directions.

You can check the ferry tickets from the web addresses below:

For Yenikapı Ferry Port:

<http://www.ido.com.tr/en>





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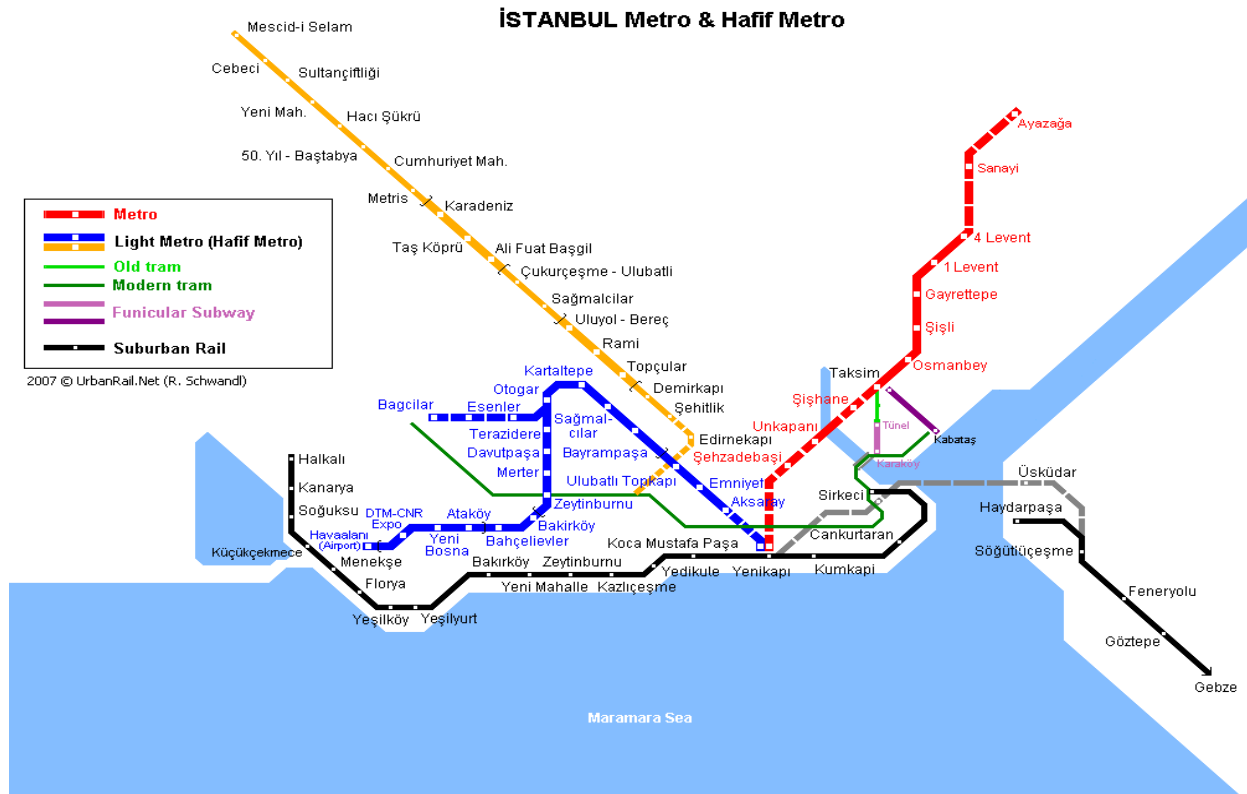


Once you have landed on İstanbul Atatürk Airport you can take bus no 96T which goes to Yenikapı (Ferry Port). The bus ride takes approximately 40 minutes. *Please keep in mind that there can be busy traffic on the way depending on your departure times.* You can also take a taxi to the Yenikapı Ferry Port which takes about 15-20 minutes and the fare costs approximately 15 €. But please keep in mind that taxi costs will not be reimbursed. You can buy your ferry ticket at the port. However, you can book or buy your ticket online at: <http://www.ido.com.tr/en>. You have to choose the **inter-city lines** and select **Yenikapı at Departure** and **Bursa at the arrival** boxes. The voyage takes **90 minutes** and you get off at **Güzelyalı Ferry Port** in Bursa.

For Kabatas Ferry Port:

<https://www.idobus.com.tr/web/home>

IDO introduced a new seabus line called IDOBUS between İstanbul (Kabatas) to Bursa on March 2012. There are 13 trips per day between İstanbul and Bursa. Passengers can now travel from Kabatas, which is only 5 minutes away from the famous Taksim Square and can avoid the congested İstanbul traffic. For more information and to buy tickets please log on to <https://www.idobus.com.tr/> and click on the UK Flag.





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To go to Kabatas Ferry Port, you can use metro (subway) to go to Zeytinburnu Station (Blue line on the map). When you arrive there you should use the stairs up to outside and on the right hand side you will see tram (Green line on the map). Last station of the tram is Kabatas Station. Or you can take a taxi directly from Atatürk Airport to Kabatas Ferry port which is easier but quite expensive (trips with taxi will not be reimbursed).

You can buy your ferry tickets at the port. (That's what I usually do and I advise you to do so because I am not sure how long does it takes from the airport to Kabatas Ferry Port (maybe more or less than 2 hours but I am not sure), you may miss your ferry when you buy it earlier) But it's better to book it online. At least you should know about the time tables so please check the web addresses above.

Here is my cellphone number:

+905065870928

Please don't hesitate to call me whenever you need. 90% of people cannot speak good English in Turkey. You can also call me when you need translations.

Here is the web address of the hotel I have arranged for you:

<http://www.hotelgoldmajesty.com/en/>

Please print this document and take with you during your trip. So you can show people the names of the places that you need to go and ask for directions when you need. It's not so complicated to find and I am sure this will not be so hard for you.

Please don't forget to get these documents:

- Electronic ticket (having route and dates);
- Invoice (receipt or similar one, having stamp and signature);
- Boarding passes/cards and baggage receipts;

We need your tickets and boarding cards for reimbursement. We can't pay who hasn't original tickets and boarding cards. Your tickets should have sign and stamp, otherwise we can't accept electronic tickets, please ask from your travel agency to stamp and sign them.

It would be better if your tickets are euro, otherwise we will get lost in calculating the exchange rates.

All tickets must be in economic class.

Let me know if you have any questions.





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Currency:

The currency in Turkey is the **Turkish Lira (TL)** (1 EURO = around 2.30-2.35 TL).

Visa

Turkey is not in the EU yet so please bring along your passport.

There is a need for visas for some countries citizens.

However, the visa can be obtained at the border/ at the airport.

Our budget for visa cost is around **15 Euro** per participant.

For more information: <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>

Weather:

Weather averages temperature for Bursa in March is 10-15 centigrade degrees

Preparation

Please be prepared to represent your organization during the project.

Bring some information materials about your organization, i.e. Leaflets, posters, photos, videos, CD etc. and reports from former projects and further material which will help you to present your organization.

Furthermore, we kindly request you to bring some traditional tastes from your country (national drink, snacks), as a contribution to the intercultural evenings. Keep in mind that alcohol is not allowed by EU in Youth in Action Project Activities.

To bring;

- Cultural objects
- Cultural drink and food
- Flags
- Charger for your Phone, Computer and etc.
- Smiling face ☺
- Presentations about your organisation
- Presentations about deaf people and deaf youth in your country





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Some useful words in Turkish while travelling:

Evet	Yes
Hayır	No
Lütfen	Please
Tamam	O.K.
Teşekkürler	Thank you.
Merhaba	Hello
Adınız nedir?	What is your name?
Benim adım	My name is....
Tanıştığımıza memnun oldum.	Nice to meet you
Nasılsınız?	How are you?
İyiyim, sağolun. Siz nasılsınız?	I am fine, thanks. How are you?
Nerelisiniz?	Where are you from?
Romanya'dan geliyorum	I am coming from Romania
Ben de	Me too!
Telefon numaranızı alabilir miyim?	May I have your phone number please?
Tabii ki. Telefonum	Sure. My number is
Hoşçakalın	Goodbye
Günaydın	Good morning!
İyi akşamlar	Good evening!
İyi geceler	Good night!
Görüşürüz!	See you later!
... nerede?	Where is...?
.....'e gitmek istiyorum.	I want to go to...
.....'e nasıl giderim?	How can I go to ...?
Havalimanı	Airport
Otogar	Bus Station
Otobüs	Bus
Minibüs	Minibus
Ayrılış	Departures
Varış	Arrivals
Döviz Bürosu	Exchange Office
Bilet	Ticket



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Last but not least:

Tasks for the sending organisations

- **Finding motivated participants**
- **To arrange the travelling**
- **To warn them about the documents**
- **To inform them about the schedule, tasks and rules**

Thank you very much for your participation and contributions.

There is a Facebook page for our project which is not really crowded 😊 and waiting for your participation:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/SIGN-on-STAGE/578479782166075>

Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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