



Baltic Youth Climate Exchange „ValueBaltic“

Educational Center

Haus Rothfos, Mözen

September 24th till October
4th 2017



Welcome to the **Baltic Youth Climate Exchange “ValueBaltic”** for young people between 18 and 25 from the Baltic Sea Region (Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Germany) organized by the Baltic Youth Office of the Regional Youth Council of Schleswig-Holstein and the Jugendpfarramt in der Nordkirche (Youth Department of the Protestant Church in Northern Germany).

The youth exchange will take place in the educational center Haus Rothfos in Mözen near Hamburg (www.haus-rothfos.de) and on the (out of service) sailing ship *Passat* in Lübeck, Travemünde. The exchange starts **Sunday, September 24th (arrival in the afternoon) and ends on Wednesday, October 4th (departure after breakfast).**

From Sunday, September 24th to Friday 29th, we will be in Mözen.

On Friday, September 29th we will transfer to Lübeck Travemünde and spend the remaining days on the sailing school ship *Passat*. It is the ideal location for our topic.

We will then be part of the Youth Climate Conference of one of our member organizations, the Jugendpfarramt Koppelsberg, a protestant organization. However this will only play a minor role during the Conference. The Youth Climate Conference will have around 120 participants, so the international group will be around 1/3 of the whole group.



About us:

The Baltic Youth Office is the advisory institution of the Regional Youth Council of Schleswig-Holstein for international youth work. Our goal is to promote international youth work and mobility in the Baltic region. We cooperate with different youth organizations, youth groups, government agencies and educational institutions throughout the Baltic region.

Every year the Baltic Youth Office organizes various exchanges in the Baltic region. We also advise young people on different ways to gain experience abroad and support youth groups and associations in implementing international projects.

The Baltic Youth Office is not operating commercially, allowing for counseling will not be charged. It is open to all people interested in international issues.

Our focus:

- Information and advisory institution on international youth work
- Organization of international youth exchanges and exchanges for youth workers
- Advising member organizations in the initiation of international projects
- Trainings and events on intercultural work
- Information on youth work and youth relevant topics in the Baltic Sea region
- EURODESK Advisory Agency – advice on possibilities of stays abroad

The partners and participants in this project are:

Norway: Ostfold und Buskerud Youth Councils (4 participants + 1 groupleader)

Finland: Keuropa (5 participants + 1 groupleader)

Estonia: Tallinn Youth Council (5 participants + 1 groupleader)

Lativa: Kandavas multifunkcionalais jaunatnes iniciativu centrs Nagla/ Youth Center (5 participants + 1 groupleader)



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Lithuania: Asociacja Apkabink Europa (5 participants + 1 groupleader)

Poland: Sekretariat ds. Młodzieży Województwa Zachodniopomorskiego/ Youth Scretariat (5 participants + 1 groupleader)

Germany: Baltic Youth Office/ Regional Youth Council Schleswig-Holstein (6 participants + 2 groupleaders)

Description and background of the project (taken from application):

Within the European Union, the countries of the Baltic Sea Region are closely linked and there are a number of cooperations and different networks. The Baltic Sea Region is therefore of particular importance for the European Union as a whole. At the same time, the Baltic Sea is one of the most polluted seas in the world with a multitude of different environmental problems. In the EU strategy for the Baltic Sea region, environmental and climate protection is one of the three main areas necessary for a positive development in the Baltic Sea Region. At the same time, the importance of youth is emphasized for the achievement of these goals. The Europe 2020 strategy also places a strong focus on environmental issues. On a global scale, the issue of climate and environmental protection is given high priority in the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The issue of climate and environmental protection is therefore of particular importance in the context of youth work.

We want to take up and exploit the potential of close cooperation, especially in the field of youth work on the Baltic Sea, with regard to the environmental problem in the framework of the Baltic Youth Climate Exchange "ValueBaltic". The goal of this international youth meeting is to provide the topic of environmental and climate protection with a Baltic perspective and to develop ideas for the Baltic Sea Region.

The impulse to this international youth meeting came from one of the member associations of the Landesjugendring Schleswig-Holstein, the Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Evangelischen Jugend and the Jugendpfarramt of the Nordkirche.



The Baltic Youth Climate Exchange offers participants the opportunity to discuss these issues, the situation in their home countries and reflect their own personal situation.

The main concern is that the participants get together to talk about environmental protection in a European context. This should promote active citizenship. In this way, we want to strengthen the participants and support them in the development of their own initiatives and a better awareness of the issue of environmental protection in Europe.

The strategy of the European Union for the Baltic Sea is the basis for our exchange. Looking at the Baltic Sea, we hope to develop new ideas for Europe as a whole.

We will have cultural nights. Be prepared to present your culture in interactive way

Profile of participants:

The participants should be between 18 and 25. Exceptions are possible. Please check with the Baltic Youth Office, if you have younger participants, please check with the Baltic Youth Office.

Venue:

The youth exchange will take place in the educational center Haus Rothfos in Mözen near Hamburg (www.haus-rothfos.de) and on the (out of service) sailing ship Passat in Lübeck, Travemünde.

Our thatched-roof houses are idyllically located



at lake Mozen and offer a wide variety to experience nature. Forest, lake and field for sports are situated right on your doorstep. The village of Mözen is located close to Bad Segeberg near Hamburg.

The second part will take place on the Passat in Lübeck Travemünde, one of the most visited places in Germany right at the Baltic Sea.



How to get there and reimbursement of travel costs and other costs:

The nearest airport is Hamburg. If you come by train the nearest station is Bad Segeberg. We will arrange a pick up from the airport or train station. **Please contact the Baltic Youth, when the details of your arrival/ departure are clear**

The travel costs are reimbursed until a limit that is variable according to the country of residence, see below:

Estonia max. 275 p.p.

Finnland max. 275 p.p.

Latvia max. 275 p.p.

Lithuania max. 275 p.p.

Poland max. 180 p.p.

Norway max. 275 p.p.



Please keep all tickets, invoices and boarding passes in print as we have to keep them.

We will arrange the transfer to Lübeck Travemünde and back to the airport.

All costs are covered according to Erasmus+ funding rules.

The accommodation, program costs and meals are fully covered by the organizers.

Insurance:

According to Erasmus+ regulations the Baltic Youth Office will take care of insurance, that will cover the basics.

In addition, make sure that you have the **European Insurance Card** before arriving to Germany (it can take some times before it is ready, so apply for it, for free, from your national health insurance agency early enough).

Weather:

The weather in Germany in September and October is very changeable, so make sure you bring enough warm clothes, boots and a rain coat as bad weather will not stop from outdoor sessions. 😊

Currency:

As in most of the participating countries we have the Euro.



To bring with you:

- Your tickets / boarding passes / original receipts,
- Your European / travel health Insurance certificate,
- Warm clothes, a warm jacket, a rain coat
- Comfortable and warm shoes,
- Material for your country presentation
- if available material from your country on the topics of environment, climate and/ or sustainability

Contact:

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**We are very much looking forward to an interesting, enlightening and
inspiring exchange in Northern Germany!!!**

