

DEBATE AND DIALOGUE: STRENGTHENING COMMUNICATION SKILLS FOR POLITICAL PARTICIPATION

30.06 - 09.07.2025

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A structured initiative aimed at achieving specific goals through collaboration, learning, and practical engagement, fostering growth and innovation.

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Participants will stay in a comfortable and well-equipped facility, with shared rooms and essential amenities, ensuring a pleasant and convenient stay.

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Stay open-minded, engage actively, respect others, be prepared, and make the most of every opportunity to learn and connect.

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Madan is a scenic town in southern Bulgaria, known for its rich mining history, cultural heritage.





SUMMARY WHO ARE WE?

Association "Children with Special Needs" is a non-governmental organization with the following main objectives:

- to support the diagnosis and treatment of children with special needs and social integration of young people with special needs.
- to stimulate the free citizens initiative of young people in our region.

We have partners from Greece, Romania, North Macedonia, Turkiye, Hungary, Albania, Italy, Spain, Serbia, Georgia, Lithuania, Poland, and Bulgaria. The common main aim that we want to guarantee is that you will spend 1 week full of very deep and unforgettable experience. The association has Erasmus+ accreditation and Quality label for ESC. We have been working with youth people from the region for more than 13 years.





MEET OUR TEAM



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Work in the youth sector on volunteer projects and initiatives.



ABOUT THE PROJECT

1 Date and location

Date: 30.06.25 - 09.07.25. in Madan, Bulgaria.
(arrival on the 29th afternoon/evening,
departure on the 10th morning)

2 Partners and participants

We are looking for 2 (18+ years) participants
from Bulgaria, Turkey, N. Macedonia,
Hungary, Romania and Lituania (gender
equality is recommended)

3 Travel cost

We encourage participants to choose green
travel options for their journey (ex: car
sharing, trains). The travel expenses will be
reimbured accoring to the Erasmus+
distance band calculator.

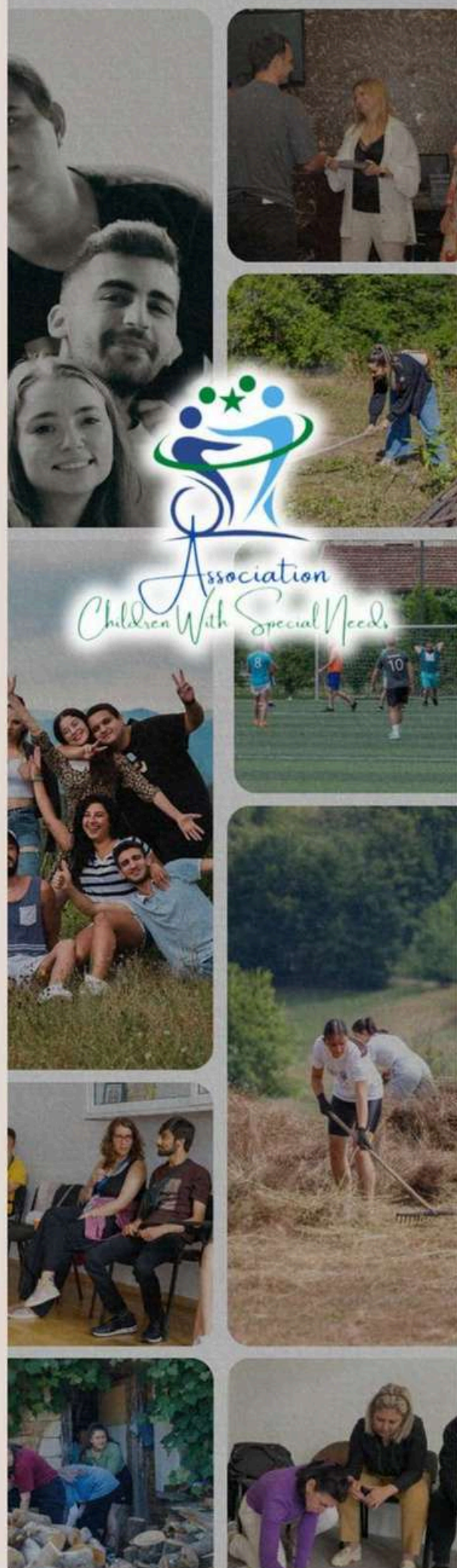
4 Food and accomodation

We will provide 3 meals a day. For
participants with special diets (vegetarian,
vegan, halal, allergies etc), please inform us
about your food preferences beforehand. If
you have some extremely complicated diet
or you would like to have some special
ingredients that may not be available in
Bulgaria, we would appreciate if you could
take the food that you need with you.



PROJECT CONTEXT

This course will cover the basics of debate, including how to present arguments logically, respond to opposing views, and use evidence to support claims. It will also explore the value of dialogue, emphasizing active listening, empathy, and finding common ground in political discussions. Participants will practice strategies for navigating difficult conversations, ensuring their voices are heard while fostering respect and understanding. The goal is to empower youth to engage in political conversations with confidence, clarity, and openness, contributing to a more informed and vibrant democratic process.



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ACCOMMODATION PLACE

ACCOMMODATION DETAILS

Participants will be accommodated in Hostel "Chayka" upon arrival. Each guest will complete a registration form and sign a compliance declaration with the internal rules of the facility. A short orientation meeting will take place with the organizing team and representatives of partner organizations to discuss important details. Participants will be assigned to two-bed rooms, each equipped with a private bathroom. Room assignments will be based on gender.



CHECK-IN PROCESS

Upon arrival, participants will receive:

- Room keys and accommodation details
- WiFi access information
- A short briefing on house rules and safety regulations

The goal is to ensure a smooth transition and comfortable stay for all participants.



DIETARY PREFERENCES AND RESTRICTIONS

If a participant has any dietary restrictions or preferences, they must inform the project coordinators in advance. Meals will be adjusted accordingly to ensure all participants have suitable options.

This arrangement ensures that all participants receive nutritious meals while respecting dietary requirements and cultural differences.



TIPS FOR A BETTER EXPERIENCE



01

EVERY PARTICIPANT NEEDS TO BRING:

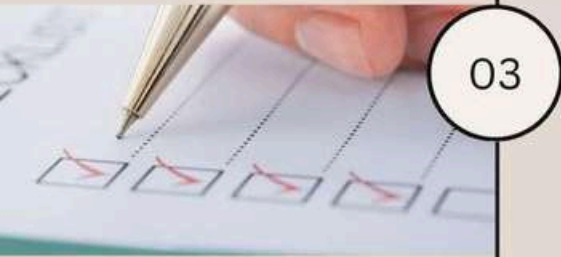
Towels and suitable clothes for both inside and outside activities (please check the weather in advance), good mood, and traditional food and drinks for an intercultural evening.



02

EVERY GROUP NEEDS TO BRING:

One computer per group, ice breakers, and game ideas for workshops.



03

EVERY GROUP HAS TO PREPARE:

An interactive presentation about their country for the intercultural evening, small souvenirs or symbols representing their country, and a short cultural performance or activity.



04

SMALL SOUVENIRS OR SYMBOLS REPRESENTING YOUR COUNTRY

Bring small items like postcards, keychains, or traditional handicrafts to share with others. This will make the intercultural evening more engaging and memorable.



05

PREPARE A SHORT CULTURAL PERFORMANCE OR ACTIVITY

Whether it's a traditional dance, a song, a short quiz, or a fun fact session, an interactive element will make the experience more enjoyable and engaging for all participants.



MORE ABOUT MADAN



Madan is a city in southern Bulgaria, located in the heart of the Rhodopes. It is located in the Smolyan region and is a medium-sized city in the region. The city is the administrative center of the Madan municipality with a population of 15,500 people, which includes the city of Madan and 44 villages.

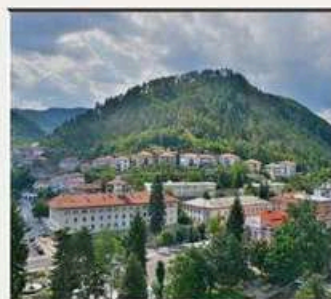
Name

The name of the city comes from the old Arabic-Turkish word *maden*, which in translation means "mineral, ore, mine", preserved in older maps as *Maden köy* - "ore village". According to another theory, the name "madan" refers to a primitive mechanical device for processing and crushing the ore - the so-called "self-made".

Museums

In Madan, in 1984, the Crystal Hall "Rhodope Crystal" was opened, which is a collection of mineral crystal specimens mined from the Company's mines since its inception. It houses 581 exhibits.

For more information: <https://www.madan.bg/home.html>



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