



How to become
Young Entrepreneurs for Social innovation
Youth Exchange

1st -9th September 2015
Rocafort (Valencia), Spain

Information Pack



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Dear participant of the youth exchange *YES!, How to become Young Entrepreneurs for Social innovation*:

With this info pack we would like to provide you with some information that will help you to be prepared for the youth exchange as well as for your arrival and stay in Rocafort (Valencia).

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THE FIVE “W” - SUMMARY

What? **YES!** is a 8-days youth exchange targeting unemployed young people between 18-30 years old who might be interested in social entrepreneurship and digital tools.

Who? It will involve 42 participants from 8 countries of the European Union: Italy, Greece, Croatia, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Lithuania, Poland and Spain. Each of the national teams will be composed by 4 young people (aged 18-30) and 1 youth leader (no age limitation).

Where and When? It will be implemented in Rocafort (Valencia), Spain from 1st (Tuesday) to 9th (Wednesday) of September 2015.

Why? It aims to give inspiration, tools and new methodologies to young people, by providing ideas on how to make an impact on society through social entrepreneurship and exploiting the opportunities offered by online and digital tools. Participants will learn about social entrepreneurship and its value, and will acquire new skills through an innovative methodology combining non-formal activities and practical training using virtual tools. The youth exchange will also allow young people to socialize with other young Europeans and understand other contexts. Through the exchange of good practices and case studies, while interacting with local social entrepreneurs, the participants will learn the benefits of social entrepreneurship for the society and innovation and they will come up together through various steps to reach an innovative solution for a

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specific social problem in the local context through a common social entrepreneurship project, including the draft of a business plan, the exchange of ideas and sharing, a virtual lab training on online and digital tools, while interaction with the local community and some social entrepreneurs in Valencia that will act as “mentors” for the young people involved in the project.

CONTEXT

Currently, Europe is facing a crucial economical crisis, that has left millions of people unemployed. Among the most vulnerable groups affected, there are the young people. 5,1 millions of young people in Europe (UE28) are unemployed. Among the most affected countries, there are Spain (53,5%), Greece (49,8%), Croatia (45,5%) and Italy (43,9%) .



Social enterprises can have an important role tackling youth unemployment. The model of social entrepreneurship can give young people the opportunity to make a positive impact in the society, as they give innovative answers to social, economical and environment challenges, at the same time that promotes self employment and improve their skills and competences.

The ultimate goal of YES! Is to incentivise and empower young people, through the acquisition of entrepreneurship competences, social and digital skills, through the exchange of experiences with other young Europeans, in a non-formal context. We will approach to social entrepreneurship through practical cases, interaction with social enterprises, mentoring from senior social entrepreneurs and the use of digital skills.

YES! Objectives:

- Raise awareness and boost social entrepreneurship among young people
- Encourage youth self employment as an answer to the high youth unemployment rates
- Promote creativity and employability of young people, through the acquisition of entrepreneurship competences, social and digital skills
- Help to mobilise attention on social demands of today, encouraging the active citizenship of the young people
- Peer counselling through the promotion of their own young initiatives in different countries of the European Union

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- Exchange of experiences, networking among young people, organisations and social entrepreneurs at EU level, through the awareness of other local/national realities.

FINANCES & TRAVEL BUDGET LIMITS

Accommodation, living and other project / exchange related expenses: 100% funded by the Erasmus+ programme.

Travel (flights, other means of transport) expenses are compensated (up to 100%), based on the distance from your location of residence to the location of the project. These distances must be calculated using the [distance calculator](#) supported by the European Commission.

Country	Distance in KM	Maximum reimbursable €
Italy	500-1999	170
Greece	2000 - 2999	270
Croatia	500 - 1999	170
Slovenia	500 - 1999	170
Czech Republic	500 - 1999	170
Lithuania	2000 - 2999	270
Poland	500 - 1999	170
Spain	0 - 9	0

Please try to book your flight tickets as soon as possible as beginning of September is still high season in Spain and it might be pretty expensive to have a late booking. Try travel on a budget and use buses, train, metro at low fares (taxi won't be considered eligible for reimbursement).

HOW TO FIND THE LOCATION?

Firstly, you should find a flight to **Valencia** airport. Flying to Alicante, Madrid, Barcelona...is also an option, but then you might take a bus to Valencia city (www.alsa.es or www.avanzabus.com

Depends where you arrive) or a train (<http://www.renfe.com/>). The arrival day is 1st September 2015 and the departure day is 9th September 2015. If you want to spend more time in Valencia, it is possible to spend maximum 1-2 days before or after the project (2 days maximum) and book the travel tickets accordingly. But then these extra days are at your own cost.

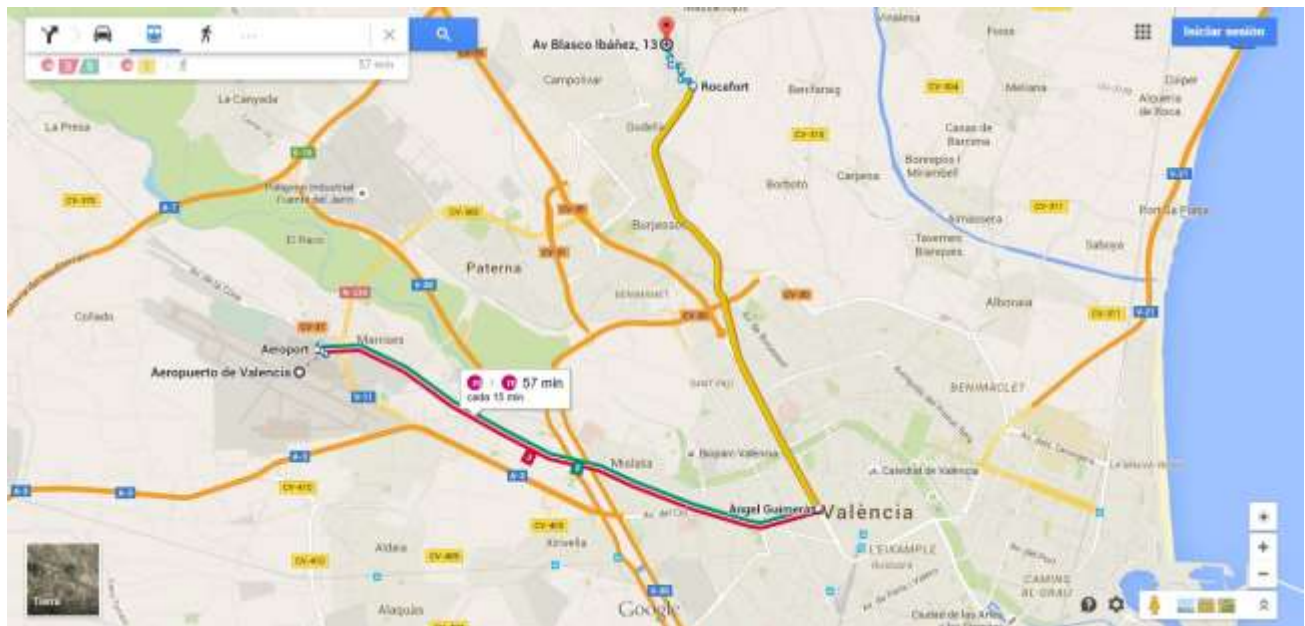
The address of the venue is **C/ Blasco Ibáñez, 13 - 46111 Rocafort (Valencia)** and it is pretty easy to get there from Valencia Airport or any other metro station ☺

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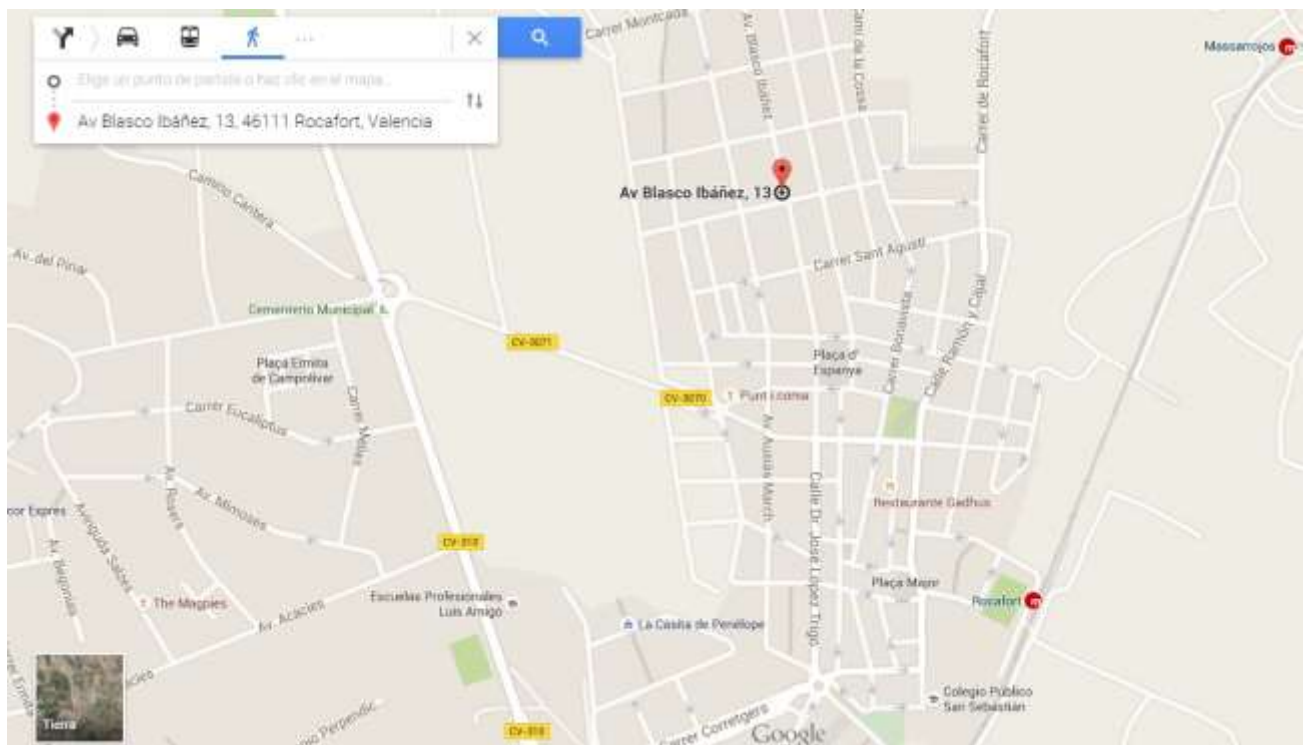
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Directly from the airport, you can take the metro (lines number 3 or 5) and then stop at **Angel Guimerà** station. Then, you should swap to line number 1 (direction: Seminari – CEU) and, after 8 stops, you will arrive to **Rocafort**. We will pick you up in the station and take you to the venue (10 min walking):



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- In case you are coming from a different airport and then you arrive to Valencia train station (either Sorolla station or Nord station), there are the same metro lines to go to Angel Guimerà (lines 3 and 5), and then change to number 1 (direction Seminari – CEU), stop at **Rocafort station**.

We will reimburse the travel expenses by bank transfer after the exchange, in accordance with the Erasmus+ framework. **In order to make the reimbursement, it is compulsory that you deliver all the necessary documents to us.** If your travel costs exceed the official limits, the reimbursement will be limited to the maximum amount of travel costs allocated for each country. If you fail to provide all the necessary travel documents, we will be unable to reimburse you. For plane travel, the original documents that we need are:

(1) E-Ticket / Boarding Passes; (2) Invoice / Receipt

LOCATION OF THE YOUTH EXCHANGE

Venue: Casal d'esplai de Rocafort (Recreational house of Rocafort) .

Website: <http://www.juventud-valencia.es/pagina.php?id=36>

Rocafort is a municipality situated 10 kms at north of Valencia city, in an area called “Horta Nord”.

Recreational house in Rocafort has availability for 48 people. Rooms: 6 beds (separated, male and female). **Bring bath towels** (as they are not provided). Bed linen will be provided.



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We strongly recommend each participant to inform the ORGANIZERS about any special dietary needs in advance.

Rocafort is a municipality of 6,900 inhabitants situated at 10 km at north of Valencia city. It belongs to an area known as "Horta Nord", as it is surrounded by orchards and orange trees.



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You will have also the opportunity to visit Valencia:

Valencia is the capital of the autonomous community of Valencia and the third largest city in Spain after Madrid and Barcelona, with around 800,000 inhabitants in the administrative centre. Its urban area extends beyond the administrative city limits with a population of around 1.5 million people. The Port of Valencia is the 5th busiest container port in Europe and the busiest container port on the Mediterranean Sea.

Valencia stands on the banks of the Turia River, located on the eastern coast of the Iberian Peninsula and the western part of the Mediterranean Sea, fronting the Gulf of Valencia. The Albufera, a freshwater lagoon and estuary about 11 km south of the city, is one of the largest lakes in Spain.

HEALTH AND INSURANCE

Please, note that it is your responsibility to take care of your own health and travel insurance. Since we are in the EU, you should bring your European Sanitary Card.

If you still haven't, please contact with your national Health Insurance point: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>

ELECTRIC PLUGS

Please, have a look to the Spanish plug type <http://www.iec.ch/worldplugs/typeF.htm>
If it's different from yours, you will need to use an adaptor to charge all your electric devices.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?

- Laptop/tablet/smart phone:

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As the topic of YES! Includes some digital skills, you will use a laptop/tablet during some activities of the youth exchange.

➤ Bath and beach towels:

Towels are not provided by the venue. Bring also a beach towel as maybe you will have a nice surprise! 😊

➤ Typical food from your country:

We will organize some intercultural nights, so you will have the chance to taste some delicious food from other countries, and we will want to taste yours! Also, bring some music, songs, flags, or something you consider is “typical” and funny and you want to share with us!

➤ Summer and comfortable clothes:

Valencia will be around 30 degrees these days, so...bring with you summer clothes, and why not? Your sunglasses, swimsuit and solar screen!

➤ Information, Leaflets, visit cards, manuals or any kind of information about your organization:

One of the goals of the youth exchange is to share information, experiences, best practices...so bring all your knowledge about social entrepreneurship and your organization details to share with others!



READY TO COME TO VALENCIA? We hope you say....

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Looking forward to meet you in Spain,

The  GoEurope team

We'll be posting all the other important information to our private **project's Facebook group**. Those who will participate in the project please join and follow the updates: fb.com/groups/1627245207559482/

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