



## Empowering Young Visually Impaired to Stand-Up for Inclusive policy reforms EMVISION

October 29  
November 5  
2017

**Project coordinator – Romania:**  
Asociația Babilon Travel

**FYROM partner:**  
Center for Youth Activism CYA  
KRIK

**Lithuanian partner:**  
Unique Projects

**Polish partners:**

- Polski Związek Niewidomych
- Youth of Europe

**Portuguese partner:**  
Autonomia e Descoberta CRL

**Romanian partners:**

- Direcția de Asistență Socială și Medicală Cluj
- Liga Apărării Drepturilor Omului Filiala Cluj
- Municipiul Cluj-Napoca
- Liceul pentru Deficienți de Vedere Cluj-Napoca

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**Dear partners and applicants,**

EMVISION is an Erasmus+, KA- 3, project, developed by Asociația Babilon Travel (ABT). EMISSION is raising the voices of young people concerned about the situation of young blind or visually impaired (YBVI) and empowers them to strive to improve inclusive youth policies for YBVI, through a structured dialogue between young people and decision makers/experts in this field. EMISSION is encouraging the involvement of civil society in creating and implementing policies, promoting transnational co-operation, better knowledge of European policies, equipping participants with soft skills such as working in an international environment, designing of actions with impact on decision making agents power and increasing acceptability of participants to other cultures.

EMVISION is a follow-up of an Erasmus+, KA-1 project, "Value the Difference"

2015-2016, in which young people with and without visual impairments (YBVI) have met and discussed current problems and difficulties that YBVI face daily. Among the difficulties identified, a particularly important, both for insertion of YBVI on the labor market, and to boost their entrepreneurial initiative, is the lack of mobility of these young people.

EMVISION participants will be actively involved in the implementation of inclusive policy reforms and will represent youth opinion regarding the subject of inclusion of YBVI.

Partner organizations to the project have already worked with public authorities responsible for creating and implementing policies addressing youth, inclusion and disabilities. In this regard, a number of institutions have been involved in the project, namely: Municipality of Cluj-Napoca, Department of Public Social Services and Medical Care Cluj-Napoca, Association of the Blind Poland.

Through the project, young people will have the opportunity to interact with



policy makers and experts. This involves some prior training of the participants in order to initiate and establish a quality structural dialogue. During the main activity there will be an exchange of best practices and mutual learning opportunities. The essential aspect is that participants will interact with the authorities. To achieve these objectives, the project involves a trans-national structural dialogue meeting that will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, during October 29 and November 5, 2017 and will involve 10 YBVI, 22 young people without disabilities and 5 decision makers/experts, from 5 EU countries. This activity will create/develop, in a non-formal learning context, among the participants, diplomatic and negotiation skills and it will equip them with knowledge necessary for proper participation in the democratic life of the community. In this respect, participants will research in regard of European youth policies and priorities, will practice leadership, communication, teamwork, decision making

and will meet other decision makers/experts in youth policies, disabilities, and inclusion. The 5 policy makers/experts, directly involved in the project, will develop competences related to interaction with young people in general and especially YBVI, better understanding of their needs and aspirations, which will facilitate the development of quality inclusive policies dedicated to them. The trans-national meeting will end with a project proposal amending a decision / regulation of the local council, creating the necessary framework for increasing mobility of YBVI from Cluj-Napoca, the premise of better social inclusion, labor market insertion and entrepreneurship initiatives stimulation. This proposal will be submitted to the City Council of Cluj-Napoca for approval. Another result of the trans-national structural dialogue meeting will be a code of good practice regarding this kind of meetings. All the project results will be disseminated with the help of all partners and participants, locally and internationally, targeting in particular institutions involved directly or indirectly

**Organizational matters:**

**VENUE:**

The trans-national meeting will take place in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. Participants will be hosted in shared rooms, with 2-3 beds and private bathroom. **TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT:** According to the rules within the "Erasmus+" programme, we will reimburse the travel costs on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, 2<sup>nd</sup> class railway tickets, APEX-flights etc., accompanied by the receipt of complete and original tickets, invoices, bills, receipts, boarding cards etc. All the travel tickets have to be bought after August 1, 2017 and after we confirm the itinerary with participants. They are expected to arrive to Cluj-Napoca, Romania on 29th of October. The departure will be on 5 November 2017, after breakfast. In case some participants want to spend 1-2 extra days in Romania, prior to or after the event, we need to consult it with our National Agency. For any advice on that, do not hesitate to contact us. We cannot offer accommodation for these extra days. We will reimburse travel costs, by bank transfer, within





<p>45 days after receiving all the original travel docs, after dissemination and filling out the Mobility Tool questionnaire. The maximum reimbursements:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>FYROM</td> <td>180 Euro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lithuania</td> <td>275 Euro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Poland</td> <td>275 Euro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Portugal</td> <td>360 Euro</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Romania</td> <td>0 Euro</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Whom are we looking for?</b></p> <p>We would like to engage young people, age 18-30, that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are committed to change something in their community/society;</li> <li>- Want to participate to public debates;</li> <li>- Have empathy and understanding for their disabled peers;</li> </ul> <p>Are interested in how the democratic and legislative mechanisms are working and how these can be used to produce a better world;</p>	FYROM	180 Euro	Lithuania	275 Euro	Poland	275 Euro	Portugal	360 Euro	Romania	0 Euro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are ready to get in touch with people representing other cultures, to learn and to share;</li> <li>- Intend to develop their language skills in a foreign language, i.e. English, which is the official language of the project.</li> </ul> <p>The policy makers/experts, involved in the project, age 21+, should be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Directly involved in the youth field, youth policies or inclusion (local councilors, experts or decision makers in city halls, local or regional public bodies, youth councils, etc.);</li> <li>- Open to the needs and desires of YBVI and ready to implement future projects and programmes, regarding them;</li> <li>- Ready to share their professional experience;</li> <li>- Able to present at least one policy proposal, or amendment, that could lead to beneficial local,</li> </ul>	<p>national or European policy reforms, regarding YBVI; Each partner will select at least one YBVI participant and 1 decision maker/expert. The selection process will take in account the gender balance.</p> <p><b>Learning Outcomes</b></p> <p>The 37 participants, 32 young people and 5 decision makers, from 5 EU countries, will become familiar with the concept of structural dialog and will develop competences to perform such a dialog. All 37 participants will develop competences regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- non-formal learning;</li> <li>- inclusive activities adapted to the needs of YBVI;</li> <li>- active involvement in youth policy reforms concerning YBVI;</li> <li>- intercultural dialog;</li> <li>- creating and sustaining a local policy reform proposal referring to YBVI.</li> </ul>
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**What to bring?**

For the intercultural evening bring typical food and drinks which don't need to be cooked or be stored in a fridge. You are welcome to take handicraft or traditional clothes and music. We would like to ask each country to prepare a short country presentation max, 10 minutes and also one game/dance/song or other traditional activity with idea to involve all other participants. Bring passport/ID card, medical insurance (mandatory), warm but comfortable cloths and shoes, pocket money, flyers presenting your NGO/institution, country flag and any other materials suitable for country presentation.



## The Venue



A city of lights, a city of the future, always different, always unpredictable, proudly flaunting its cultural and artistic diversity, Cluj-Napoca doesn't cease to amaze. Hidden in the heart of Transylvania, the city is the kind of place you can't help falling in love with. The huge progress made in the last decades, as well as its ability to keep its traditions and local charm alive, stand as proof that Cluj-Napoca deserves its honorable spot along other European locations, such as Prague, Vienna and Berlin.

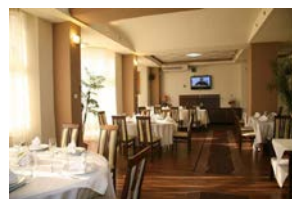
With a rich, complex history and legends, which make it the dream destination for mystery lovers, the Transylvanian city shows an interesting evolution over the centuries, which contributes to the diversity and multiculturalism that characterizes it today.

Attested for the first time almost 2000 years ago, the city became an important Roman colony. The settlement, known then by the name of Napoca, survives the Dark Ages of the migrations and reappears in annals in 1173, to be devastated, just a century later, by a Tatar army. Not long after that, it becomes known as Klausenburg, one of the seven Saxon settlements from Transylvania which are surrounded by walls and which gave the province its original name: Siebenbürgen.

In 1918, as Transylvania becomes part of Romania, Cluj is a prosperous, modern settlement that continues its development throughout the interwar period. The city receives the name it bears today, Cluj-Napoca, in 1974.

The Transylvanian city is currently in a constant state of improvement, adopting European values and practices and proving that it deserves all the appreciation it has gained. With more than 300.000 inhabitants and over 100.000 students, Cluj-Napoca has the biggest University in Romania.

Hotel Onix is situated near the historical center of the city. It has rooms with 2 and three separate beds, with private bathroom, Tv set and Wi-Fi. There is also a conference room and a restaurant.





# Timetable

<p><b>DAY 1: 29 October</b></p> <p><b>ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS</b></p> <p>07:00 pm Dinner. 08:00 pm Informal meeting of the participants. Getting to know each other. Presentation of the project partners. Visiting the venue and surroundings.</p>	<p><b>DAY 2: 30 October</b></p> <p>08:00 am Breakfast. 09:30 am Good Morning – energizers, name games 10:00 am Official opening 10:30 am Rules 11:00 am Coffee break 11:30 am Hopes, fears and expectations 12:00 am A practical guide in working with YBVI 13:00 Lunch 2:30 pm <b>Bureaucratic session</b> 04:00 pm Coffee break 04:30 pm <b>Erasmus+ &amp; Youthpass</b> 06:00 pm Reflection 07:00 pm Dinner 08:00 pm Preparing the intercultural night</p>	<p><b>DAY 3: 31 October</b></p> <p>08:00 am Breakfast. 09:30 am Good Morning – energizers, teambuilding 09:50 am Inclusive policies in Europe (1) 11:00 am Coffee break 11:30 am Inclusive policies in Europe (2) 13:00 Lunch 2:30 pm <b>Stereotypes exercise</b> 04:00 pm Coffee break 04:30 pm Study visit 06:00 pm Reflection &amp; self-reflection 07:00 pm Dinner 09:00 pm Intercultural night</p>	<p><b>DAY 4: 1 November</b></p> <p>08:00 am Breakfast. 09:30 am Good Morning – energizers, teambuilding 09:50 am Inclusive policies on local level: Cluj-Napoca 11:00 am Coffee break 11:30 am Round table at DASM Cluj 13:00 Lunch 2:30 pm <b>Round table at the City Hall</b> 04:00 pm Coffee break 04:30 pm Study visit 06:00 pm Reflection &amp; self-reflection 07:00 pm Dinner</p>
<p><b>DAY 5: 2 November</b></p> <p>08:00 am Breakfast. 09:30 am Good Morning – energizers, teambuilding 09:50 am Project proposal amending a decision / regulation of the local council (PPADLC) (1) 11:00 am Coffee break 11:30 am PPADLC (2) 13:00 Lunch 2:30 pm <b>Treasure Hunt</b> 07:00 pm Dinner</p>	<p><b>DAY 6: 3 November</b></p> <p>08:00 am Breakfast. 09:30 am Good Morning – energizers, teambuilding 09:50 am PPADLC (3) 11:00 am Coffee break 11:30 am Submitting the PPADLC to the Local Council of Cluj-Napoca 13:00 Lunch 2:30 pm <b>Press release - Workshop</b> 04:00 pm Coffee break 04:30 pm Open Space 06:00 pm Reflection &amp; self-reflection 07:00 pm Dinner</p>	<p><b>DAY 7: 4 November</b></p> <p>08:00 am Breakfast. 09:30 am Good Morning – energizers, teambuilding 09:50 am Good practices regarding structural dialog meetings (1) 11:00 am Coffee break 11:30 am Good practices regarding structural dialog meetings (2) 13:00 Lunch 2:30 pm <b>Final evaluation</b> 04:00 pm Coffee break 04:30 pm Youth Pass ceremony &amp; official closing 07:00 pm Dinner 09:00 pm Farewell party</p>	<p><b>DAY 8: 5 November</b></p> <p>08:00 am Breakfast.</p> <p>DEPARTURE OF THE PARTICIPANTS</p>