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Youth Exchange

Dates: 8-16 December 2019 (including travel days)

Location: Athens, Greece

Summary of the Project

Over the past years we can see more and more incidents of extreme violence, which most of the times lead to the shook of the existing democracy and united European spirit, along with every kind of value and ethics. Realizing that, we can see that it is of great importance to promote peace and social dialogue, starting from the younger generations and building up from that!

“What’s Your Story?” is a Youth Exchange designed to tackle issues such as xenophobia, violent radicalization, extremism and racism through the usage of story-telling, as a mean of prevention and confrontation. By bringing together 42 young people from 8 different countries (Greece, Spain, Poland, Lebanon, Tunisia, Romania, Serbia and Italy) we hope to create the ideal multicultural environment for such a tool to thrive and create beneficial outcomes!

Objectives of the Project

- ❖ Clarification of terms such as radicalization, extremism, racism, etc.
- ❖ Review and discovery of the societies that we live in and ourselves as individuals
- ❖ Understanding and promotion of values such as empathy, acceptance, etc.
- ❖ Promotion of storytelling as a tool against violent radicalization, extremism, xenophobia and racism
- ❖ Promotion of peace, social coherence, understanding and solidarity through storytelling
- ❖ Enhancement of our self-awareness and self-knowledge in order to realize and prevent ourselves from acts of violence and extremism
- ❖ Promotion and empowerment of Active Citizenship and Participation and Multicultural Dialogue

About the Organizers

EN.O Greece (Environment Online GREECE) is a Non-profit Organization, established in 2012 (Court order number 2314/19-6-2012, TAX Registration No. 997614635) and residing in the Municipality of Thessaloniki. Our activities range on issues and policies concerning the fields of:

- ❖ Human Rights and Gender Equality,
- ❖ ICT & New Technologies,
- ❖ New Media and Media Literacy,
- ❖ Environment,
- ❖ Art and Culture
- ❖ Job market and employability

Our aims and objectives are:

- to contribute to social, cultural, artistic, athletic, scientific and professional development of community
- to increase the active participation of youth and adults to social and economic life, actively

- to improve the sustainable policies
- to create and provide methods and tools for non-formal education
- to encourage lifelong learning and research through international cooperations
- to promote intercultural dialogue and the spirit of friendship and cooperation between countries through exchange programs
- to promote non-formal education, intercultural dialogue and the exchange of good practices
- to organize national and international Training courses

EN.O GREECE has 3 branches in Greece and has established cooperations that lead to the support of the actions and activities of the Organization, with several Municipalities and Administrative Regions in Greece.

Participating Organizations

- L' ASSOCIATION EURO-MEDITERRANEENNE (Tunisia)
- Youth Development Organization (Lebanon)
- COLLECTIU LA VIBRIA DINICIATIVES CULTURALS PER LA TOLERANCIA I LA INTEGRACIO (Spain)
- SFERA Srbija (Serbia)
- FREEMINDS IN ACTION (Italy)
- I LIKE CZERSK (Poland)
- Asociatia ACT O' CLOCK (Romania)

Profile of Participants

4 participants + 1 Youth Leader per country

- Participants must be aged between 18-30 years old
- Youth leader with no upper age limitation (18+ years old)
- All participants (+ the leader) must have an English level of at least an A2 certificate
- Priority must be given to participants who fall into NEET categories (economic, cultural, social or geographical obstacles)
- Priority must be given to youngsters who haven't participated in Erasmus+ projects before
- Keep a gender balance among participants!

Financial Conditions & Travel Costs

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The project is funded by the Erasmus+ Programme which means that accommodation, board and all the project activities are 100% covered

Limits for Travel Costs

- Tunisia: 275€ / per participant
- Lebanon: 275€ / per participant
- Poland: 275€ / per participant
- Spain: 275€ / per participant
- Italy: 275€ / per participant
- Romania: 275€ / per participant
- Serbia: 275€ / per participant
- Greece: 180€ / per participant

Travel Reimbursement

- The participants are provided with 100% reimbursement of the travel expenses (but no more than the amount set from the distance calculator), on the basis of the documents stating the costs – meaning boarding passes, electronic tickets, train tickets (only 2nd class tickets).
- Taxi and 1st class tickets are not eligible for reimbursement!!!!!!!
- Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done after the implementation of the project, by bank transfer to the sending organization upon presentation of the original tickets with boarding passes and receipt/invoices (including return tickets)!!!
- Note: Reimbursement will be done in EUR, regardless of the currency indicated on the ticket and receipt/invoice. Any tickets purchased in a local currency other than EUR, will be converted and calculated according to the exchange rate stated on the official European Commission web-site at <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?Language=en>
- In order to be eligible for the reimbursement of your travel expenses, your arrival day should be the 8th of December and your departure day should be the 16th of December 2019.

What to bring with you? & Tasks

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- IDs or Passports
- Health insurance card
- 1 laptop + charger per country
- Materials for the NGO fair (e.g. leaflets of your NGOs that you wish to share)
- Comfortable clothes & shoes
- Things for the intercultural evenings (e.g flag, traditional foods and drinks , souvenirs of your country, etc.)
- Your good mood 😊

Tasks

- ✓ Prepare one energizer per country
- ✓ Prepare a presentation regarding the situation of Radicalization and Extremism in your country
- ✓ Interview from an older person regarding their childhood and the situation of the country then
- ✓ Creation of a 5 min video from the interview (with English subtitles)
- ✓ Prepare a scene from fairytale of your country which includes some type of violent act or usage of violence

What to see in Athens?

Athens the capital of Greece is a city with many points of interest; rich history, tasty food, good shopping points and even amazing cultural activities. Here is a list with only some of the many things you can do and see in the city of Athens.

➤ Acropolis & the Parthenon

These ancient buildings are the defining landmarks of Athens. Sat at the top of a rocky outcrop for 2,500 years, a sprawling modern metropolis has grown around them. The monuments here are considered the greatest architectural feats created in Greek antiquity. The Parthenon temple, dedicated to the goddess Athena, is perfect in its proportions and is one of the world's finest Doric masterpieces. Don't forget to also visit the amazing, new-age Acropolis Museum for a more holistic approach.



➤ Monastiraki Square and Flea Market

Monastiraki is one of the oldest and busiest areas of the capital featuring rooftop bars, ancient sights and endless market shopping. The Monastiraki metro station is situated right off the picturesque main square (you can also catch a glimpse of stunning views of the Acropolis from here). Go shopping at the Monastiraki flea market, a series of tightly lined pedestrian lanes for the quintessential 'I Love Greece' tourist trinkets or pop into shops filled with antiques, handmade jewelry and Greek handicrafts.



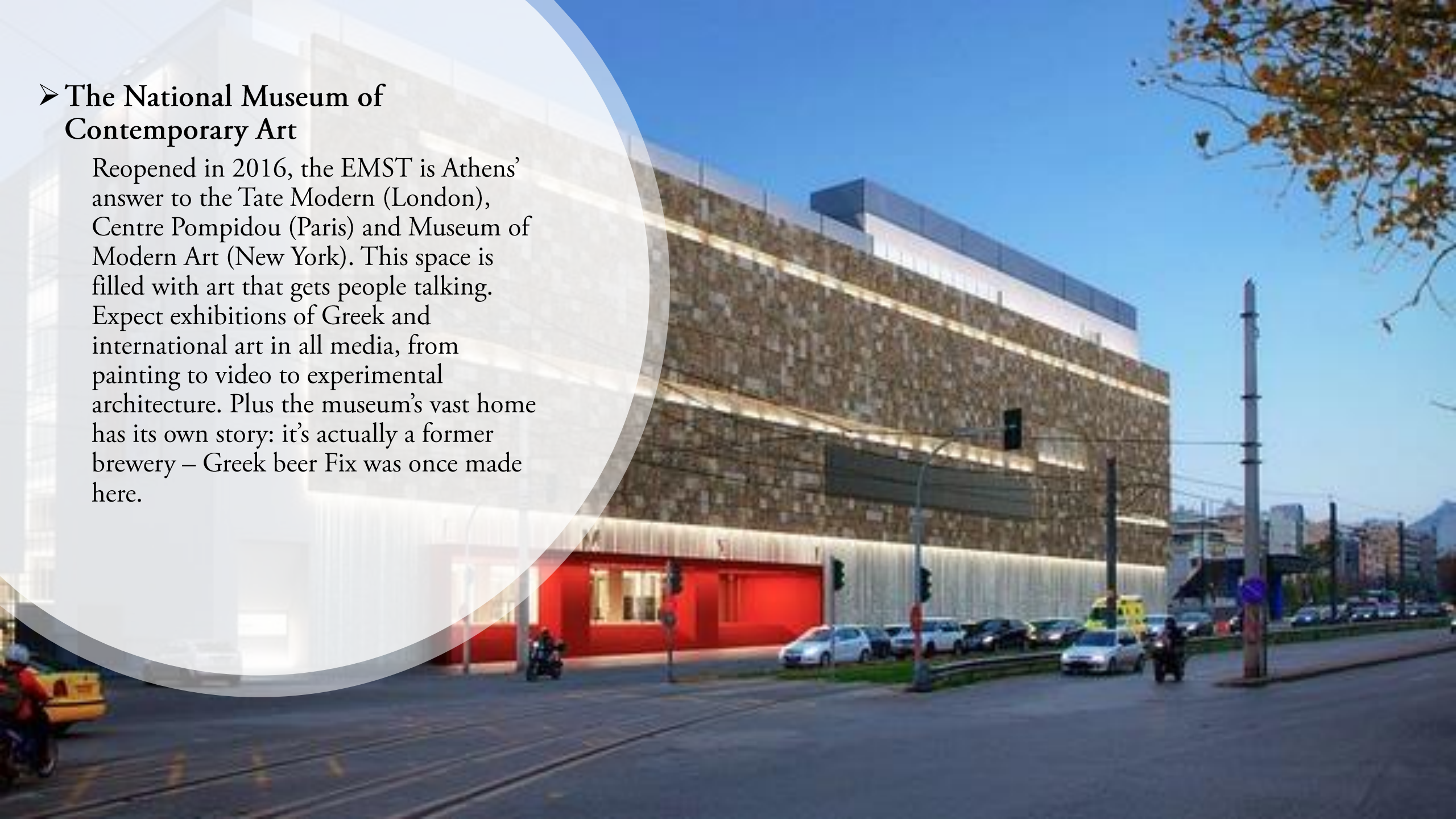
➤ The National Gardens

Located in the heart of Athens, the National Gardens are a beautiful retreat from the hustle and bustle of the concrete metropolis that surrounds it. Queen Amalia, the first queen of Greece, commissioned the creation of a national garden and by 1840 it was completed. The park covers 16 hectares of narrow gravel paths and ponds, as well as a small zoo with wild Greek goats, peacocks, ducks & chickens and even parrots.



➤ The National Museum of Contemporary Art

Reopened in 2016, the EMST is Athens' answer to the Tate Modern (London), Centre Pompidou (Paris) and Museum of Modern Art (New York). This space is filled with art that gets people talking. Expect exhibitions of Greek and international art in all media, from painting to video to experimental architecture. Plus the museum's vast home has its own story: it's actually a former brewery – Greek beer Fix was once made here.



➤ Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center (SNFCC)

An oasis of Mediterranean greenery. For 170,000 square-meters of parkland, complete with playgrounds, gardens, cafés, a massive glass eco-minded complex (home of the Greek National Opera), a manmade river, and a new National Library of Greece. Plus there's a great view of the Acropolis.



Weather Conditions & Contacts

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Bring warm clothes with you, as the temperature in Greece during December can vary between 5-15°C or even lower than that! Don't forget to also pack an umbrella as there can be quite a few rainy days.

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