

Erasmus+ Youth Exchange

DIGITAL PATHWAYS TO EMPLOYMENT



When: 31 July – 8 August 2025

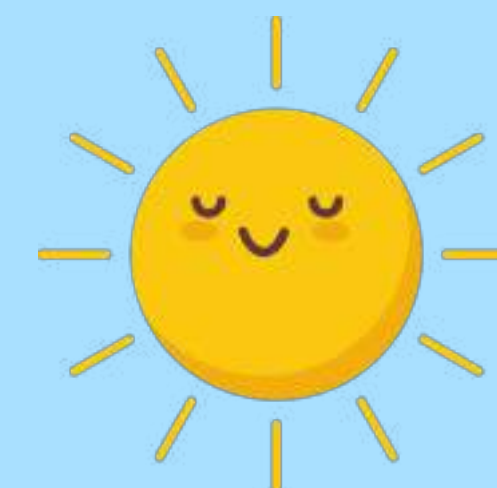
Where: Balatonfüred, Hungary

Lake views, new friends, and the digital skills you need to smash your career goals
let's go!



Fun

Friendship



Learning

Good Vibes



Welcome, digital changemakers!

Spend **Fully-Funded** **nine summer days** on Hungary's "**inland sea**" Lake Balaton, turning pixels into possibilities.

We'll mix creative **workshops**, **outdoor fun**, and **intercultural** vibes to help you step into the job market with confidence.



Why are we here?

- Boost your **employability** with **CV-hacking**, **personal-branding** & **AI-powered** job-search tricks.
- Enjoy summer days in **Lake Balaton**, surrounded by incredible friends from across the globe
- Grow **STRONG** skills—**communication**, **teamwork**, **creativity**—through games and **real-life** challenges.
- Celebrate diversity in nightly intercultural exchanges and build long-term European friendships.




DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know
Hungary's Lake
Balaton is the
largest in Central
Europe?




Project Milestones

Advanced Planning Visit (APV)


 **Who:** 1 Team Leader from each team

 **Where:** 🇭🇺 Budapest

 **When:** 27–30 June 2025 (Travel Days Included)



The Youth Exchange

 **Who:** 36 people in total (5 youth + 1 Team Leader per team)

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Who's coming?

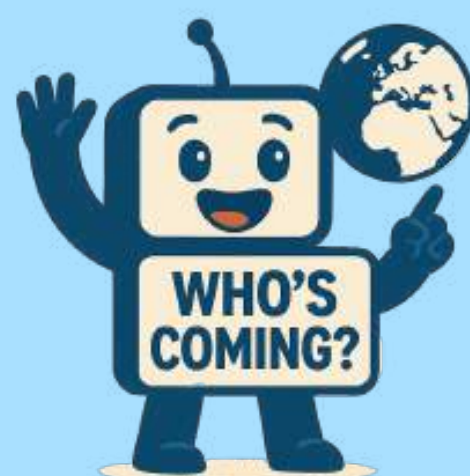


Each team = 5 young people (18-25) + 1 leader
Ready to have fun, Enjoy the beach and learn
ready to **discover new tools** that can help you stand
out in the **job market**

want to **meet people like you**, but also very different
from you—and grow from that exchange.
believe in learning by doing, in international
teamwork, and in having fun while making impact.

Good to know:

Your travel, accommodation, food, and activities are **all covered by the project**. Just bring your motivation, good energy, and get ready for an unforgettable experience!



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Team Leaders – Who Are They?

A great team leader is:

- 25+ years old (ideally)
- Experienced in international youth projects or Erasmus+ exchanges
- A strong communicator and active listener
- Able to support participants emotionally and logistically
- Fluent in English
- Familiar with non-formal education and group facilitation

Their responsibilities:

- Support participants before, during, and after the exchange
- Help young people prepare, participate, and reflect
- Ensure the group follows the programme and rules
- Be the link between organisers and participants
- Step in if someone is struggling, sick, or overwhelmed
- Contribute to the dissemination and follow-up activities

During the APV (Advanced Planning Visit):

- Team leaders join us to co-design the final programme
- Share input about participants' needs, risk factors, and travel planning
- Help align expectations and responsibilities with the organisers



How To apply



Contact your sending organization directly

By clicking on the name, you will be able to send them an email, or check their different procedures



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Your home base: Manuela Youth Hostel

Deák Ferenc u. 21, Balatonfüred – 5 min walk from the lake



- **Lakeside vibes** – two blocks to Tagore Promenade & free public beach.
- **Green playground** – big garden for volleyball, badminton & sunset picnics.
- **Chill & create** – meeting halls, lounge corners, outdoor fire-pit for workshops & film nights.
- **Walk-everywhere town** – cafés, paddle-boards, and the magical Tihany peninsula are all nearby.



Rooms & facilities

- Participants will be accommodated in **Double / triple** rooms with private bathrooms.
- Comfortable rooms and beds
- Bedding & Wi-Fi included.
- Locking wardrobe for your gear.
- If you have a special request regarding accommodation, we will take it into consideration!





Foodie vibes

Your whole stay is fully covered by the project!

- **Breakfast:** Buffet style
- **Lunch:** soup + main or main + dessert
- **Dinner:** hot one-pot dish nightly
- with coffee breaks daily with coffee, tea, fruits and juices.

Veggie, vegan, gluten-free? we will collect all your preferences and take them into consideration.





Getting to the venue Travel Guidelines

Make sure to book your travel carefully and within your country's budget (see below). All travel costs will be reimbursed up to the maximum amount after the project.

Arrival Day: 31st July
Departure Day 8th August



TRAVEL COSTS



HUNGARY

56 EUR

POLAND

GREEN TRAVEL – 417 EUR

NORTH MACEDONIA

309 EUR

SPAIN

309 EUR

TURKIYE

309 EUR

BULGARIA

309 EUR



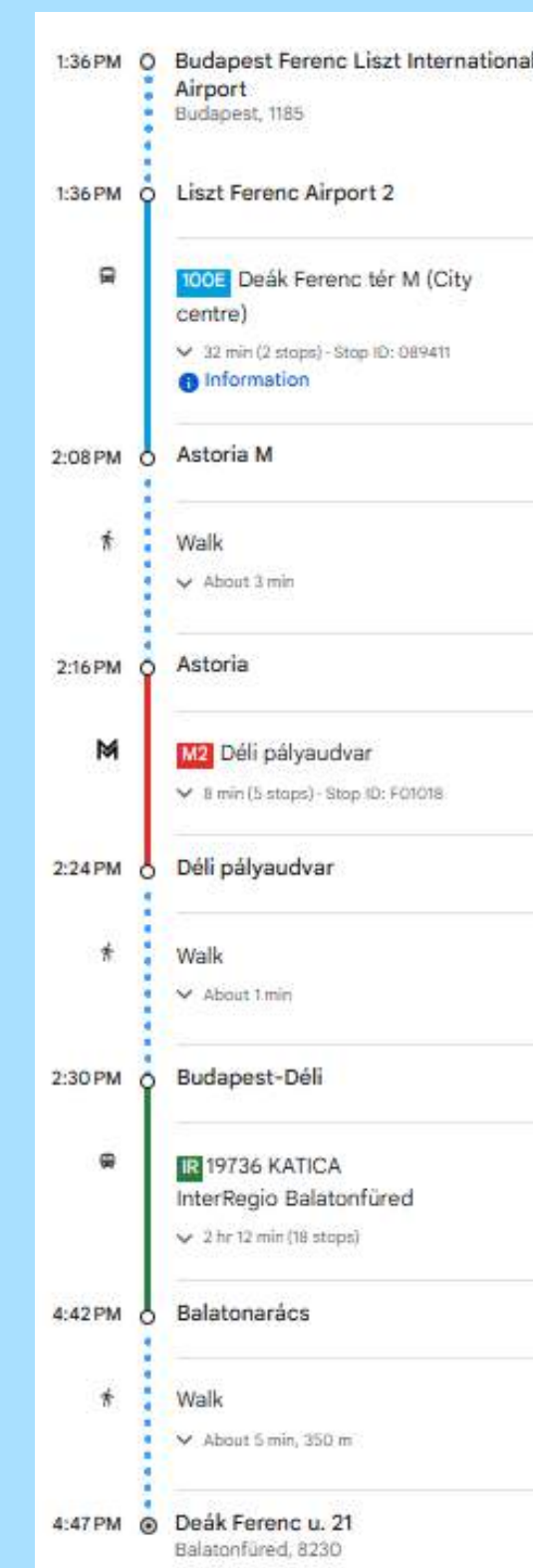
Save every ticket
& boarding pass!
Reimbursement =
cheapest
reasonable route;
green travel (train
/ bus / car-share)
is 🍀.



From Budapest Airport (BUD) to the Venue:

Step	What to do	Approx. Cost
1	Take the 100E Airport Express to <i>Deák Ferenc tér</i> (runs every 6–10 min, 45 min)	2 200 HUF ≈ €5
2	Take Metro M2 (red line) to <i>Déli</i> railway station (4 stops)	450 HUF ≈ €1
3	Catch the hourly MÁV train “Kék Hullám” to <i>Balatonaracs</i> (~2 hrs)	2 300–2 700 HUF (€6–7)
4	Walk 5 mins to Manuela Youth Hostel	Free

“**Mav Start**” website or mobile app to book your train from Budapest to **Balatonaracs**
 From **Budapest city**: Trains also leave from **Kelenföld** and **Déli** stations hourly.
 For the 100E bus and M2 Tickets download the app “**Budapest GO**”



LOGISTICAL INFO


IMPORTANT TRAVEL TIMING TIPS!

 Last train from Budapest to Balatonfüred: ~19:30

 First train from Balatonfüred to Budapest: ~06:00

To avoid missing the programme or your flight:

 Last inbound flights to Budapest should arrive no later than **17:00 on 31 July**

 First outbound flights from Budapest should depart no earlier than **11:00 on 8 August**

Please check train schedules and flight options before booking! Contact us if unsure—we're happy to help.



Travel & Reimbursement Rules



- It is possible to come to Hungary max. 2 days before the official arrival day OR leave max.2 days after the official departure day.
- **Please be aware that we are not able to refund any costs for your accommodation, food etc. during these extra days**
- **Please, before purchasing your tickets, send them to the organization for approval**
- We kindly ask you to choose the most economical and eco-friendly way of transport (e.g. student fares, low cost airlines, 2nd class trains, etc.).
- After the project each team will take part into organizing small dissemination activities
- Also, be aware of your travel cost limitation. We reimburse the travel cost ONLY up to the limit designated for your country.
- **We will also reimburse only those tickets that will show the currency, dates of your travel, places you are traveling from/to and your name (or number of passengers).**
- It is important to keep all your tickets (also from your local buses and trains).



TIMELINE



The Youth Exchange runs **31 July (arrival) – 8 August (departure)**, with core activities **1–7 August**

Over 7 exciting days, you'll:

- 🌐 Explore how to build powerful **CVs, personal brands, and digital profiles** using AI tools.
- 🧠 Take part in interactive **workshops**, real-life job simulations, and team challenges.
- 🎮 Learn through games, **digital escape rooms**, and fun **problem-solving activities**.
- 🌍 Share your **culture, food, and music** during intercultural evenings.
- 💡 Co-create a **Youth Employability Toolkit** that you can bring back home.
- 🤝 Build new **friendships, networks, and career skills**
- 🎤 Reflect on your journey and celebrate your achievements together.
- ☀️ Plenty of **beach time, team games, and outdoor** challenges by **Lake Balaton**
- 🌍 Evenings filled with **intercultural nights, music, food, and laughter**

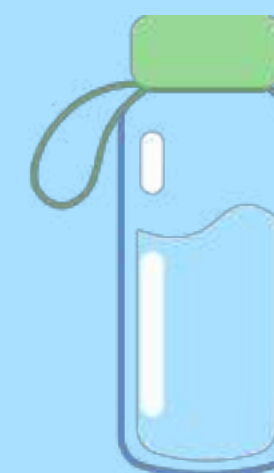
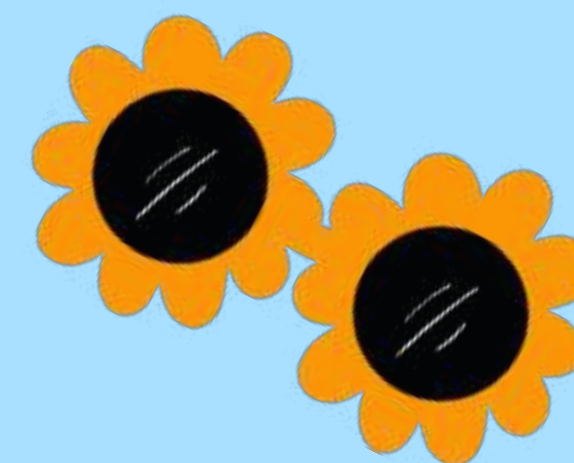
A detailed hour-by-hour schedule drops in the WhatsApp group one month before.





What to pack

- Laptop/tablet + charger (digital sessions!).
- Towel, toiletries, swimwear & lake-proof sunscreen.
- Comfy shoes & clothes for inside/outside.
- EU Health Card / travel insurance & any meds.
- Re-usable water bottle, mug, tote (let's stay low-waste).
- National snacks, music or a fun 5-min activity for Intercultural Night.
- Good vibes and an open mind!



Rules & respect

- This is a space for learning, sharing, and connecting across cultures—we want everyone to feel safe, respected, and fully present. That's why we keep the Youth exchange **alcohol- and drug-free** during the activities
- Full-time participation is mandatory—be on time & present.
- Zero tolerance for discrimination or harassment.
- Keep a friendly attitude and open mind
- Help us keep the hostel & lake clean—minimise single-use plastics.





Health & safety

- It is **mandatory** to have your **EU Health Card/Travel insurance** for the whole period of the project
- Please notify the organizers in advance if you have any chronic health condition, allergies, or medication needs." — helps the prep team better.
- Nearest hospital: Balatonfüred State Hospital (3 km).
- Emergency contacts & local doctors shared on arrival.
- 24 h reception at the hostel.





Hope to See You There!

❤ Any questions?

CONTACT US

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