

EUROPEAN YEAR OF

YOUTH

# 4<sup>th</sup> Europe Goes Local Event INFOPACK

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Europe Goes Local Event

### For stakeholders in local youth work

17 – 19 May 2022 | Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Dear participant,

We are very happy to welcome you to Cluj these days for your participation in the 4<sup>th</sup> Europe Goes Local Event!

The 4<sup>th</sup> European EGL Event is a forum where stakeholders of municipal level youth work can meet, exchange and express views, create joint activities and learn from each other, by addressing key elements of a youth-friendly ecosystem and planning joint actions to strengthen local communities with the contribution of youth work.

The seminar is organized by the Romanian Erasmus+ National Agency (Agenția Națională pentru Programe Comunitare în Domeniul Educației și Formării Profesionale - ANPCDEFP), in partnership with the Erasmus+ National Agency for the Flemish Community in Belgium (JINT vzw).

This infopack includes all the important information about the 4<sup>th</sup> European EGL event, so we encourage you to read it carefully!

We wish you a pleasant stay and look forward to meeting you in-person!

The Romanian and European organising team



### First things first...

#### Where and when?

The activities will take place from 17.05.2022 to 19.05.2022, at the <u>Regional Excellence Centre for Creative</u> <u>Industries – CREIC</u> (Valea Chintăului nr. 1 400227 Cluj-Napoca, Romania).

The programme will be held during two and a half working days from the 17<sup>th</sup> of May to the 19<sup>th</sup> of May. <u>The</u> <u>transportation from the hotels to the venue of the event and back will be provided with buses every</u> <u>morning (on the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May, at 08:30)</u>. For more details, please consult the *Travel directions* section from the present Infopack. Please make sure to be in front of the hotel at 8.30 every morning.

We expect you to arrive on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May by 19:00 (local time). Please plan your departure on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, in the second part of the day (after lunch). Buses taking participants from the venue of the event directly to the airport will be also provided.

In fully justified cases where there are no travel options on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, you can plan the departure on 20<sup>th</sup> of May. The organisers will ensure the accommodation for the extra night.

We will be expecting approximately 150 participants for the European EGL Event. For this, we have prepared 3 main accommodation sites.

In order to find out your accommodation, please consult the hotel lists that will be uploaded on the communication platform Workvivo on **11<sup>th</sup> of May.** 



Hotel Belvedere 1 Calarasilor, Cluj-Napoca More information <u>here</u>.



**Hotel Royal Classic** 39 Liviu Rebreanu, Cluj-Napoca More information <u>here</u>.



Hotel Paradis 47 Ciocarliei, Cluj-Napoca More information <u>here</u>.

Any questions? Contact the NA team:

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### **Travelling and relevant documentations**

#### **Arrival and departure**

Please plan your arrival on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May before 19:00 (local time) and your departure on the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, after lunch, in the second part of the day.

In order to make sure that the organisation will go as smoothly as possible, if you have not done so already please fill in the arrivals and departure form available <u>HERE</u> as soon as possible (but no later than 9<sup>th</sup> of May). *Please make sure that you book your flights to Avram Iancu Cluj International Airport.* 

#### Travelling

Remember to arrive at the airport early enough, as check-in procedures may take longer this period. We kindly ask you to also check the COVID-19 regulations of your intermediate stops during your travel.

#### **Documents**

Please have your *passport/ID card* and your *COVID-19 certificate* with you (see *Safety first* section below). Make sure that all documents are still valid!

#### Insurance

Consider buying travel insurance or international assistance insurance for yourself.

If you have the European Health Insurance Card, please take it with you. If not, please get your card before your departure, this is normally free of charge.



### **Travel directions**

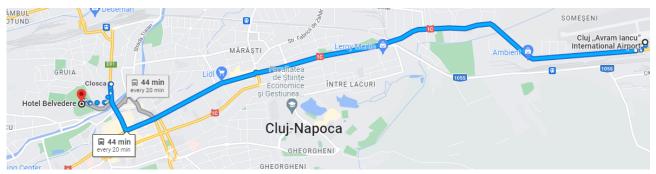
**From Avram Iancu Cluj International Airport:** Avram Iancu Cluj International Airport is the second airport in the country and the first regional airport in Romania. It is located 9 km east of the city centre, in the Someșeni area, which is now within the Cluj-Napoca city limits.

#### You can always take the bus!

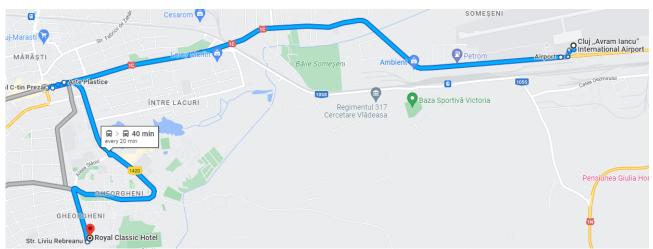
The public transport system in Cluj-Napoca is quite developed, with a network of trolleys, buses and trams whizzing around the city from morning to night. A ticket for an urban line is around 5 RON (1 EUR), while the price for a metropolitan ticket is a bit higher (it can reach up to 10 RON/ 2 EUR).

Tickets can be purchased both from ticket kiosks and vending machines. You can also purchase tickets through mobilPay Wallet from any smartphone with Android and IOS operating system or by SMS at the number 7479. The mobile service is available in the mobile networks such as Vodafone, Orange and Digi Mobil. You can find more details <u>here</u>.

**To Hotel Belvedere:** From the airport, take bus no. 8 for 12 stops (around 30'). Get off at *P-ta M. Viteazul Vest* bus stop. The Belvedere Hotel is located in a walking distance of 800 metres (around 15'). <u>As an alternative</u>, you can take from the airport bus no. 5 for 13 stops (around 30'), get off at *Closca* bus stop and then walk for about 13 minutes to the Hotel.

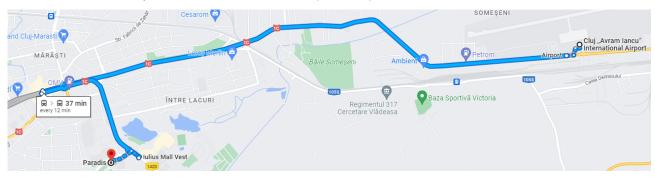


To Hotel Royal Classic: The easiest way to reach Hotel Royal Classic is to take bus no. M44 for 5 stops (around 20') until you reach *Arte Plastice* bus stop. Get off here and walk for about 1 minute, to the *Maresal C-tin Prezan* bus stop. Here take bus no. 48 for 7 stops. Get off at Str. Liviu Rebreanu. The Hotel is 60 metres away (1 minute walking distance).



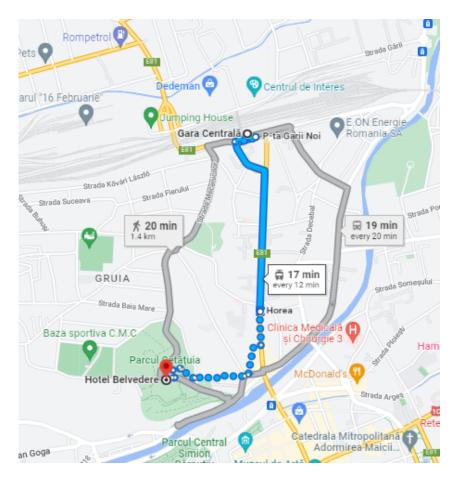


**To Hotel Paradis**: The easiest way to reach Hotel Royal Classic is to take bus no. 8 for 9 stops, until you reach *Crinului* stop. Get off here and pass the street to Piata Marasti II bus stop. Here take bus no. 24 for 4 stops (almost 5'). Get off at Iulius Mall Vest bus stop and then walk for 350 metres (almost 5') to the Hotel.



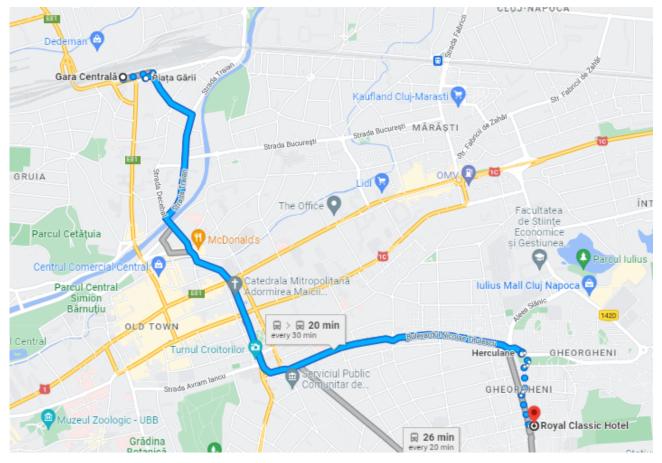
**From Cluj-Napoca train station:** Cluj-Napoca train station is the main railway station in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. It is located near the city centre. It offers connections with the majority of Romanian cities, as well as service to Budapest, Hungary and Vienna, Austria.

To Hotel Belvedere: Outside the train station, at the *P*-ta Garii Noi bus stop, take the bus no. 101 for 1 stop. Get off at *Horea* and walk for about 13 minutes to the Hotel.

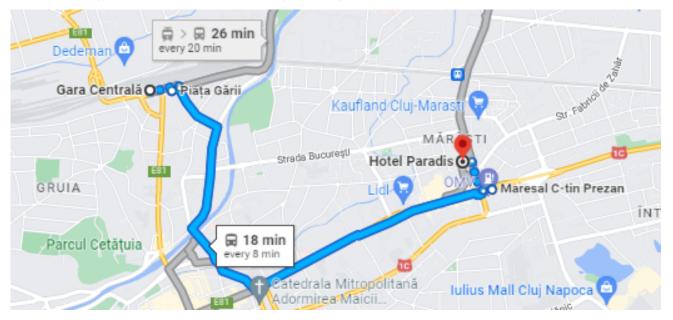




To Hotel Royal Classic: Outside the train station, take the bus no. 3 for 7 stops (around 13'). Get off at *Herculane* stop and walk for 550 metres (almost 7') until you reach the Hotel.



**To Hotel Paradis:** As you exit the train station, take the bus no. 4 for 6 stops (around 10'). Get off at the *Maresal C-tin Prezan* stop and walk for 350 metres (nearly 5') until you reach the Hotel.





#### You can also take an Uber/ Bolt or taxi!

If you prefer to enjoy the quick city sight-seeing from a comfortable car, you can take an Uber or Bolt. You already know the drill if you used it before. Just make sure you have the app on your mobile phone and the hotel address! Fares may vary depending on the distance and on the traffic hour.

You can use the counters for ordering taxis in the arrivals hall at the airport or you can find them outside the train station. If you choose a taxi, keep in mind that you will have to pay in cash, in the national currency.

**From the Hotel to CREIC**: Transportation by buses will be provided every day from the Hotel and to the venue of the event and vice-versa. <u>Buses will be leaving from hotels to CREIC at 08:30 every morning</u> (17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> of May).

On the 19<sup>th</sup> of May, buses taking participants from CREIC directly to the airport will be provided.

For more detailed information, please look at platform Workvivo or contact the NA representative accommodated at your given Hotel.



### Safety first! COVID-19 regulations

#### The health situation

In the last few months, COVID-19 infections have been decreasing in Romania. Updated information about the general situation on **Re-open EU** website.

#### **Entering Romania**

COVID-19 travel restrictions have been lifted in Romania starting with the 9th of March 2022. Providing proof of vaccination, recovery from COVID-19 or negative test results is no longer necessary, and travellers are not subject to quarantine anymore.

Before travelling, we recommend you to check the updated details for entering Romania at: <u>http://eviza.mae.ro/COVID19</u>.

#### Accommodation and working conditions

The event will be organised in respect to the conditions and recommendations of the local authorities in charge.

**Participants must wear surgical or FFP2 masks throughout the entire event, inside the location.** Physical distancing of minimum 1 metre between participants will be ensured. Masks can be removed outside, but appropriate physical distancing shall continue to be respected. To be effective, the surgical mask is recommended to be changed every 4 hours and the FFP2 mask every 7 hours.



Hand-cleansing gel will be available throughout the event location. As an additional measure, we encourage you to wash your hands with soap and water as often as possible.

#### Measures to follow in if a case of COVID-19 virus is suspected

The person must:

- 1. self-isolate in their Hotel room
- 2. Inform the NA team as soon as possible, as well as the Hotel reception
- 3. follow the instructions given

In case of COVID-19 suspicion, the NA team can provide rapid COVID-19 testing. Please bear in mind that the number of rapid tests are limited and every participant will get 1 test.

Rapid COVID-19 tests are also available for purchase in any local pharmacy.

Participants tested positive to COVID-19 or identified as COVID-19 contacts during their stay may have to be quarantined for 4 days in line with locally applicable rules.

### Some context

The 4<sup>th</sup> European EGL event will bring together stakeholders from municipal level youth work.

2022 is the European Year of Youth with the aim of giving "young people more and better opportunities for the future". Developing local youth work strongly contributes to addressing the needs of young people. The participants of the conference will discuss the key elements of a youth-friendly ecosystem and plan joint actions to strengthen local communities with the contribution of youth work.

#### **Objectives**

- Launching the Europe Goes Local platform
- Providing space and time for the national and regional delegations to create activity plans to support local youth work
- Discussing the basic youth work offer and the role of municipalities in providing it in the context of ecosystems beneficial for youth at the local level and using the European Charter on Local Youth Work and other European instruments as tools.
- Meeting local organisations in Cluj-Napoca for peer-learning.







### **Finances**

#### Accomodation

The cost of accommodation, training program and food will be covered by the Romanian and Belgium NA.

#### **Travel reimbursement**

For purchasing and/or reimbursement of your travelling costs, please contact your National Agency in order to find out the necessary arrangements.

For the participants coming from Partner Countries or in some specific cases announced on a case by case scenario, the reimbursement will be done by the Romanian NA. Please keep in mind that the reimbursement can be done after the event based on a reimbursement form and travelling documents that will be provided scanned online. Please keep all proof of payments (invoices, tickets, boarding passes etc).

For the Romanian participants the travelling costs are to be covered by themselves, representing co-funding for the participation at the event.

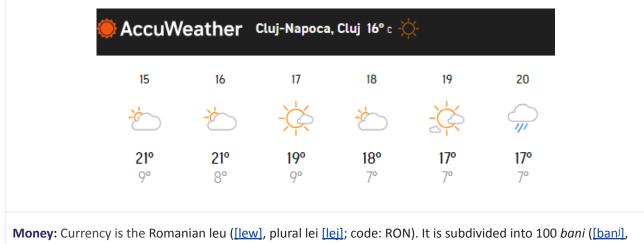
#### <u>Please note: Costs related to PCR test, vaccination, costs related to quarantine and</u> <u>hospitalisation during and after the event will not be covered.</u>

### **Practicalities**

**Weather:** The forecast is expected to be sunny, with around 17° - 21° during the day, but dropping towards 7° in the night time.

Take some warm clothes and an umbrella, just in case! And it might be good to check the weather forecast closer to the moment, just to be prepared:

https://www.accuweather.com/ro/cluj-napoca/287713/may-weather/287713 .





singular: *ban* [ban]), a word that also means "money" in Romanian. If you may need to pay in cash please be aware that payments are made in lei.

The current exchange rate is quite stable at approx. 5 lei for 1 EUR. The exact rate can be found at: <u>https://bnr.ro/Home.aspx</u>

Electricity: For Romania there are two associated plug types, types C and F. The power grid generated 220V.

#### Local transportation network

Bus/ trams: <u>https://ctpcj.ro/index.php/en/</u>

### All about Cluj-Napoca. What is worth knowing and seeing?

Did you know that...

- While the name of the city is Cluj-Napoca, the locals call it simply Cluj? If you take a look at the town signs when entering the city, three names will be revealed: Cluj, Kolozsvár (Hungarian version), and Klausenburg (German version).
- The 'Napoca' from Cluj-Napoca was the name of the Roman citadel founded on the city's territory more than 2,000 years ago?
- During 2015, Cluj was chosen as the 'European Youth Capital'?

17 Cool and Unusual Things to Do in Cluj-Napoca, Romania: https://thatanxioustraveller.com/things-to-do-in-cluj-napoca-romania/

> We are looking forward to seeing you very soon! Have a safe journey, take care!

> > The organising team