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“WE CHOOSE GREEN” YOUTH EXCHANGE

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ST. PETERS, SINT MAARTEN

Project Info and Goals

Participating countries: Malta, Italy, Lithuania, Sint Marteen and Anguilla.

Participants: The project is addressed to youth (age 18-30) coming from participating countries that have different environmental issues. The targeted youth are the ones interested in learning about environmental problems and possible solutions, sharing their knowledge with others, and renewing their local community. Lastly, the participants of the YEs must have personal qualities like tolerance to others, open-mindedness, motivation, and willingness to change and improve themselves. This ensures that ideas and views from different age groups will be presented, yet at the same time the age gap between the participants would not be too big so as to not create difficulties in communication. They will come from all the partner countries (Malta, Lithuania, Italy, Sint Maarten, and Anguilla). 5 pax per country (4+1 team leader).

To reach the key aim of the project mentioned above, the following objectives have been set:

- 1) to increase youth's awareness about the environmental problems in the world;
- 2) to identify the most common negative outcomes of people's habits concerning the environment, as well as find ways to tackle them;
- 3) to promote sustainable behavior by getting closer to nature and the things it offers;
- 4) to encourage youth's proactive approach towards green initiatives, and
- 5) to share practices of eco-friendly lifestyle among youth and increase collaboration between Europe and Overseas territories.

Participants Profile

Participants profile: All participants should be 18-30 years old and group leaders should be 18+. They should be youth who are motivated to learn new things and who are interested in a new innovative way of learning, non-formal education and sharing their experience and knowledge. Group leaders should be youth workers in their sending organization and they should have at least some experience in Erasmus+ program. The group leaders should also have good level of English.

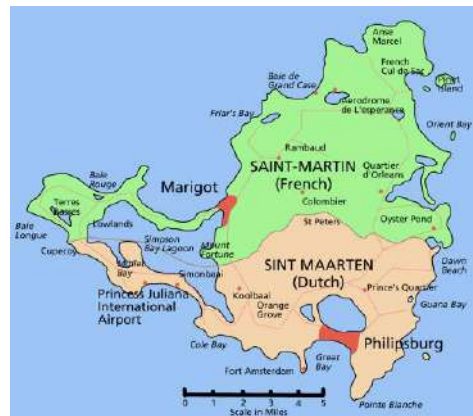
Participant numbers: Each national team will consist of 4 participants and 1 group leader.

Information About St. Maarten

Sint Maarten is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The population of Sint Maarten is a little bit more than 37000 people and the capital is Philipsburg.

The official languages in Sint Maarten are Dutch and English and the official currency is Antillean guilder, but you can also usually pay with US Dollar. On some places, euro is also being accepted.

The northern part of island is called Saint-Martin and it is overseas territory of France. There is also chance that you will fly to the northern part of the island so take this into consideration when planning your trip. Official language in Saint-Martin is French and currency is euro.



The island is divided into two geographical zones.

At the signing of the Treaty of Concordia in 1648 the island was split into two parts: the southern part (Sint Maarten) was granted to the Netherlands and the northern part was given to France (Saint Martin). Never have two neighbouring countries lived in greater harmony.

Were it not for the "welcome" signs as you cross the border there are no obvious indications that you are entering another country, except for a few features that are special to each side.

! Note: Reimbursement of travel costs will only be done upon presentation of all (including return tickets) original tickets, receipt/invoices and boarding passes. Please print in advance all documents, which are related to travel expenses.

Please do not lose your boarding passes; you will need them for the reimbursement of travel cost.

!!!!Note: Finally, please make copies (or even better, scan or take photographs) of all tickets and invoices and email them to caribbeanecf@gmail.com before attending the youth exchange.

The teams should be formed and tickets bought as soon as possible. The partners should fill the **Participants List** (in the attachment) and send it to us as soon as you select participants and they purchase their tickets.

Visa Requirements

EU citizens do not require a visa to travel to Sint Maarten. Please check with Dutch embassy in your country if you need passport or you can travel with ID card to Sint Maarten, it varies from country to country.

Health Insurance

Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organizers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in St. Maarten are quite high.

Some information and To Bring List

- **Facebook group** - We have Facebook group for our youth exchange. If you're still not in it, you can join on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3851485684956775>

- **Intercultural Night** - We would like to ask all partners to come to the youth exchange prepared to deliver a cultural evening to the rest of the group. Cultural nights can consist of games, presentations, cooking or dances that represent the culture of each partner's home country. Feel free to bring any cultural food, drinks, flags, costume or music. We are going to have 5 nights dedicated for intercultural nights, with 1 country on each of the nights. Take this into consideration while planning your activity, it shouldn't be more than 60 minutes long.

- **Money** – Official currency is Netherlands Antillean guilder and USD are widely accepted and used everywhere. You can also pay with euro, but exchange rate is not the best and it's better to bring dollars with you. Credit and debit cards are accepted on most of the places, but we suggest you to bring at least some cash with you as a backup.

TO BRING LIST

- Towels, toiletry, cosmetics, hair dryer, any medication you might need.

- Clothes for warmer weather, temperature at this time of the year in Sint Maarten is around 30°C. Don't forget your beach towel and swimming suit cause there will be time to go to the beach.

- All boarding passes, tickets and invoices because we cannot reimburse your trip without that.

- Comfortable footwear. Flip flops are not always suitable for important meetings or for hiking!

- Most important one: Positive energy and your good mood :)

Accommodation

The venue and accommodation is at Paula's Country Inn in South Reward, Sint Maarten. Groups of 3-6 will be split by gender and stay in dormitory rooms with toilets and showers in each room. The accommodation is quite simple so please don't expect hotel or luxury conditions.

NOTE: Please take your towels and shampoo with you. Also, bring any medication that you use.

Address: Paula's Country Inn

6 Peach Rd, Sint Maarten



Contact Information

For the urgent cases, on the border, during your arrival or if you need some assistance, feel free to contact us:

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