# **INFOPACK**

### Youth Advisory Boards for Peace

Armenia, Italy, Georgia, Hungary, Netherlands, Ukraine Erasmus+ Programme, Key Action 2

Info pack for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Training Course. Kobuleti, Georgia 27<sup>th</sup> June - 04<sup>th</sup> July 2022.





#### PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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#### **ARRIVAL & CHEK-IN**

- ➤ All participants are expected to arrive to Kobuleti on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 before 19:00.
- ➤ The opening of the training is expected to be on the 27<sup>th</sup> June at <u>20:00</u> in the meeting room of the Hotel Amigo in Kobuleti. Before the opening, dinner will be served at <u>19:00</u>.

#### There are three main arrival options:

**Tbilisi-Kobuleti:** From Tbilisi International Airport, right in front of the airport building, there is a bus (N37) going to the city center and the train station. Ticket price for the bus and metro is 1.00 GEL. The bus and metro fare are paid via control devices using plastic "metro-money" card, coins and/or credit card (only in bus). The plastic "metro-money" card should be obtained before the travel. Paying straight to the driver is banned in the bus. You will be charged with 20 Gel if you travel without a valid ticket. Metro money can be bought at the metro stations.

From Tbilisi, you can get to Kobuleti by train, bus or mini-bus. There are 3 spots you can catch appropriate transport for you:

- The best option, safest and fastest, we offer Train. You take the train at Tbilisi Central train station. For the train schedule please refer to this link: https://goo.gl/RDtZwn. Tickets cost 25 GEL and are online available at the following webpages: https://tkt.ge/, matarebeli.ge/en/home, https://biletebi.ge/. Please, make registration first and consider, that we will refund only II Class train tickets.
- 2. At the train station, you can also find minibuses going to Batumi/Kobuleti. The ticket should cost no more than 30 GEL. You pay in cash here.

3. Didube "Okriba" bus station. The easiest way to get to the station is by taking the Metro. Get out at Didube station (the same name as bus station, directions are also available in English in Tbilisi metro). Once there, look for a mini-bus going to Batumi or Kobuleti. The ticket should cost no more than 30 GEL. You pay in cash here. **Estimated travel time from Tbilisi is 6 hours.** 

Batumi-Kobuleti: From the airport to Batumi, just take the bus right in front of the airport building. It will bring you to the city centre. From Batumi city centre, you can get to Kobuleti by mini-bus (Marshutka) they operate till late evening until 10 pm sometimes 11 pm. The travel costs 2 GEL. You can get the minibus at Batumi minibus station in front of Goodwill Supermarket at Chavchavadze str. near the cable car. If you are confused or feel lost please ask locals for directions just saying "Kobuleti Marshrutka". Once in the mini-bus, ask the driver to stop at 270 Agmashenebeli Ave. in Kobuleti. From there it is 2 minutes walk to the hotel through Tabidze st. 4 Estimated travel time from Batumi is 1 hour.

**Kutaisi-Kobuleti:**When the flights arrive, there are always mini-buses available in different directions. Ask/ look for minibuses going to Batumi and drop off in Kobuleti which is on the way. And ask the driver to stop at 270 Agmashenebeli Ave. in Kobuleti. From there it is 2 minutes walk to the hotel through the Tabidze str. 4 You can book your bus connection in advance at the following company: Georgian Bus\_http://www.georgianbus.com/. **Estimated travel time from Kutaisi is 2 hours.** 

#### **DEPARTURE DAY**

Make sure your flights and tickets allow you to attend full programme:

Arrival is on June 27<sup>th</sup>

Departure is on July 04th

#### **ACCOMODATION**

Hotel Amigo is located in Kobuleti, in the seaside of the Black Sea. Hotel Amigo has hosted already several trainings with APD and the group was very satisfied. Kobuleti is an old touristic resort. Nowadays, it receives lots of tourists from the regions in Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkey and Russia. It is 30 minutes away from Batumi, a newly developed touristic hub in the region. The peculiarities of the place are many, but you'll have time to discover them when we are there!

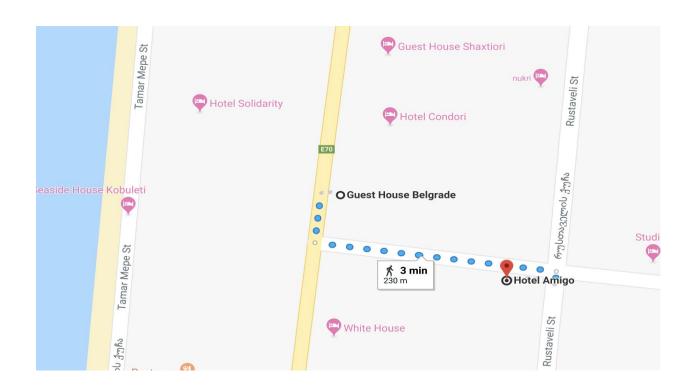


Hotel Amigo is managed by a local hospitable family from Kobuleti. It offers a comfortable Hotel style accommodation and they like to cook local food. We will be hosted in double-triple rooms with private bathroom. Bed linens and towels are provided. The Hotel consists of two main buildings for bedrooms and one building for the seminar and the restaurant. It also has a small basketball court, tennis table, a nice small quiet garden and a swimming pool. It is around 400m from the beach too.



#### **HOW DO WE GET TO THE HOTEL**

- 1. When arriving by train, the best way to get to the hotel is either to catch a taxi which is around 10 GEL or the bus passing Rustaveli st. or Agmashenebeli Ave.
- 2. If you come by bus or mini-bus, you will be passing by Agmashenebeli Ave. and you get out at street No. 270. From there it is 2 minutes walk to the hotel through the Tabidze str. 4



#### WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?

- If possible, a board game, a table game, or any other easy-to-carry game you love to play!
- Some cookies/snacks to share from the place you live in or come from Comfortable clothes for the training
- Warm and rainproof clothes and/or umbrella but also swimming suits! Adjara is a very rainy region with a sub-tropical climate. It can be that we have a sunny week or

that there is a lot of rain. It is difficult to predict at the moment. In the evenings it will be fresh, and during the day, in May, we cannot make an accurate prediction. Before the visit, please check the weather in reliable websites.

#### **CURENCCY IN GEORGIA**

National currency is Georgian LARI (GEL). Currently 1 EUR = 3.30 GEL The exchange of money will be possible at The Airport or at exchange kiosks which are located almost everywhere in the city center. (Some of them has exchange fee and please check in advance)

## Regulations for Crossing the Georgian Border in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic

Foreign citizens taking any mode of travel (air, land or sea) are allowed into Georgia on the following terms:

- VACCINATED VISITORS Must present document proof of full vaccination (two doses or, in the case of Johnson & Johnson, one dose).
- UNVACCINATED VISITORS- Must present negative PCR test results taken 72 hours prior to visiting Georgia. (PCR test results must be presented in Georgian, English, or Russian language.)

For more details on travel regulations please follow the link: https://stopcov.ge/en/page/sazRvris-kveTis-regulaciebi

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

- Health and travel insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. All participants who are traveling to Georgia are requested to purchase individual travel insurance.
- Please wear face masks indoors, and use hand sanitizer.

#### **COSTS & REIMBURSMENT**

All of your travel costs to and from the venue Georgia are eligible for reimbursement, on condition that you use the least expensive route and mode of travel and you stay in the budget for the travel costs. Local travel to the nearest airport/station and local travel costs to the venue are also eligible, if you have used the cheapest options.

Reimbursement will be done upon presentation of original boarding cards, tickets and invoices. Please, ask your organizations to issue a common invoice for the whole group with bank details, after the course.

Reimbursement will be done via bank transfer to your sending organizations after the course upon reception of the return boarding cards.

Armenia - EUR 180 Ukraine - EUR 275 Hungary - EUR 275 Netherlands - EUR 360 Georgia Italy - EUR 360 Georgia - 50 EUR

• Meals and other subsistence costs are not eligible.