



# CONNECT

International Skills Training

**6-10 November 2023**  
Sofia, Bulgaria

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If you received this info pack that means you are one of the people who will participate in the CONNECT International Skills Training!

The training CONNECT is part of the project Make Your Vote, funded by the European Commission under the CERV Programme.

Young people will work together to create participatory tools to promote active participation in policy-making at the EU level. They will participate in sessions and discussions designed to encourage joint analysis, large group debate, action and learning by creating participatory tools aimed at other young people.

The following pages contain important information about the project and the hosting organisation.

Please read them carefully!

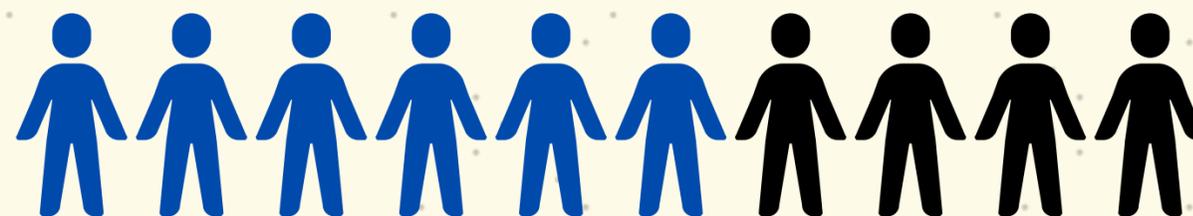
## About Us

Foundation for Entrepreneurship, Culture and Education is a youth and cultural NGO, founded in 2014, based in Sofia, Bulgaria.



**Our mission** is to promote, assist and support the development of culture, education, innovation and the entrepreneurial qualities of young people and people with fewer opportunities. The organisation promotes freedom of cultural expression, encourages and organises creative initiatives in different fields of art, culture, media and education in an independent and creative nature.

**Our vision** is to empower different communities and target audiences through arts, culture and education. FECE provides support for the organisation and implementation of cultural events, seminars, research activities and conferences.



**5 YOUNG PEOPLE**  
from each partner country  
(4 young people aged 18-30  
and 1 representative)

5-day training, which includes non-formal and informal educational methods.

# Objectives

- ▶ To promote EU common values and the importance of voting in elections, both at national and European level.
- ▶ To raise skills and competences of young people to actively participate in the democratic life of their communities.
- ▶ To create tools for civil and civic participation of young people in democratic life.



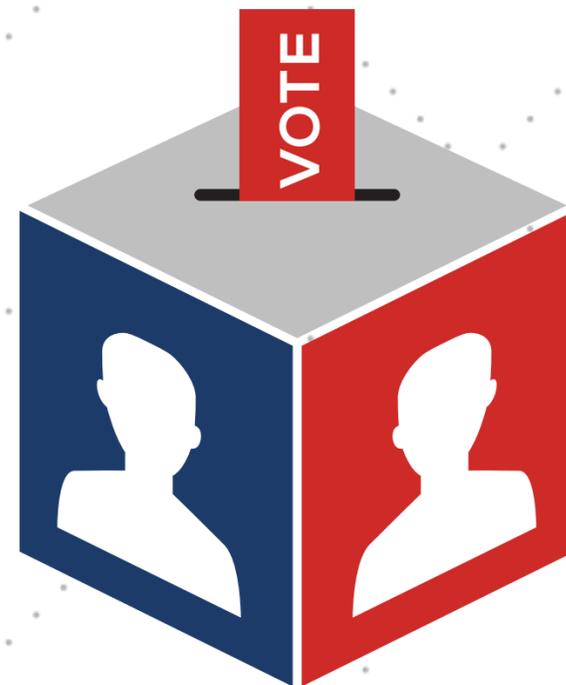
# EU values

Now more than ever it is important to debate on what we want the EU to look like in the future. The Make Your Vote! project aims to raise awareness of the common EU values and encourage the participation of young people and first-time voters in Europe's democratic life.

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# Democracy

The training will raise skills and competencies of young people such as critical thinking and problem solving, knowledge of contemporary events, to engage effectively with others in a common and public interest, as well as, skills to develop arguments and constructive participation in community activities, and in decision-making at all levels, from local and national to the European level.

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# Arrival

5.11.2023



# Programme

6 -10.11.2023

# Departure

10.11.2023

The whole programme for the training will be available soon.

# Arrival

## From Sofia Airport to Hemus Hotel



If you arrive at Terminal 2 you can catch the **metro** and go to the city center. The journey time is approx. 15 min. The metro ticket cost 2 BGN (1 EUR) and can be used for both metro lines. Vending machines for tickets are by the entrance of the Metro station located in the eastern part of T2.

### **DIRECTIONS:**

- Hop on the metro (blue line) and ride to Serdika Station.
- Change at Serdika station and take again the blue line direction Vitosha.
- Go down on the second stop – European Union
- Once you are out of the metro you will see the Hemus hotel (a big building of about 15 floors).

# Accommodation

The training will take place in the Conference room of the hotel.

All rooms (double) are air-conditioned and offer a private bathroom.

FECE undertakes accommodation and meal expenses. This includes breakfast, lunch and dinner, as well as coffee breaks. The participants will receive a questionnaire for the indication of their nutritional needs.



HEMUS HOTEL - 25 Cherni Vrah Blvd., Sofia 1421





### Project partners:

Foundation for Entrepreneurship, Culture and Education  
(Lead partner, Bulgaria)

Youth Center of Epirus (Greece)

Mreža udruga Zagor (Croatia)

FIDU ETS (Italy)

Fundacja HEKET (Poland)

Asociación Amigos MIRA España (Spain)

Stand up for Europe (Belgium)

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