



Reading News Correctly during "Infodemic" Times



PLACE AND DATE: (24 April to 02 May in 2023 to Svarstad, Norway)

COUNTRY: Partner countries will be from Norway, Turkey, Belarus, Croatia, Georgia, The Republic of North Macedonia and Italy

PARTICIPANTS 56 young people (8 participants from each countries) 7+1 Group leader

WHO-AGE: 18-30 Group leader can be over 30+

LANGUAGE: The working language will be English.



SUMMARY OF PROJECT



The youth exchange Reading News Correctly during "Infodemic" Times will take place in Svarstad in the period 24 April to 02 May in 2023 and consist of 56 young people between the ages of 18 and 30 from Norway, Turkey, Belarus, Croatia, Georgia, The Republic of North Macedonia and Italy. In our project Last year we faced post-truth and fake news in the core centers of our lives. As it's well known, the whole world is in a pandemic state since the beginning of 2020 and all the governments try to fight this Covid-19 pandemic. Since the very first days of the pandemic, people spread millions of fake news about coronavirus. At first coronavirus was believed to be a hoax, later it was believed to be a biological weapon of the USA to destroy China, later it became actually China's biological weapon to destroy the USA, later it became 5G's side effect, later it became Bill Gates' mind-controlling trap. Also, at the beginning of the pandemics people shared some fake and/or unconfirmed videos those showed people fell and died because of coronavirus or some videos those showed how Chinese policemen killed Covid-19 patients by using crossfire.

Infodemic is compound of "information" and "epidemic" that typically refers to a rapid and far-reaching spread of both accurate and inaccurate information about something, such as a disease. As facts, rumors, and fears mix and disperse, it becomes difficult to learn essential information about an issue.



So, we firmly believe in that fake news is a big challenge to fight and awareness of fact-checking will be the main weapon for this battle. That's why; we aim to create this awareness on our participants. The dissemination phase of our project will raise awareness also in local platforms of the participating countries. Moreover, we aim to:

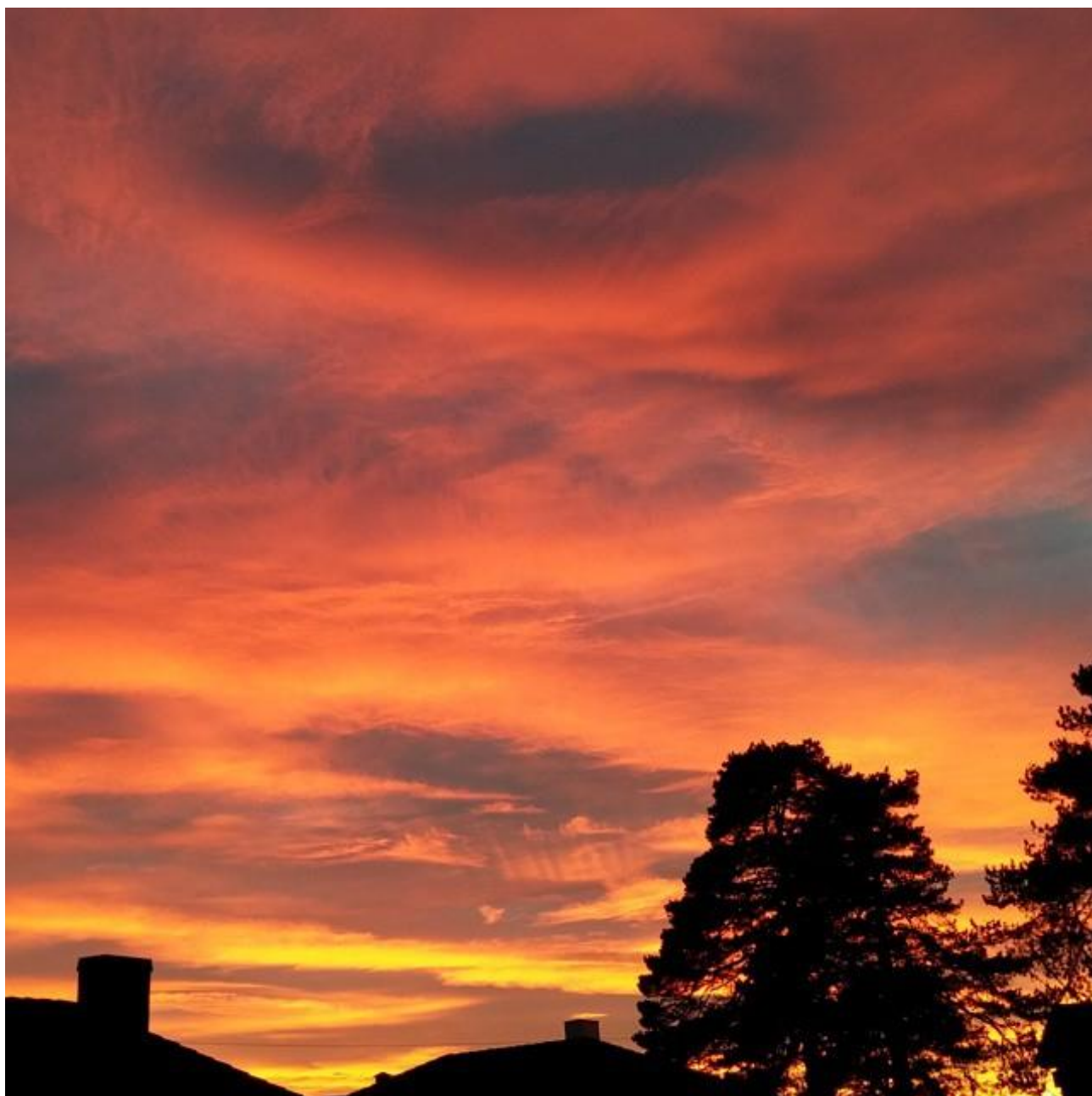
- To promote critical thinking and awareness about media literacy and fact-checking,
- To stop echo-chambers and radicalization,
- To understand how media/social media have effects on young people and our societies,
- To stop anti-health movements,
- To promote active participation of young people by using media/social media,
- To develop a critical approach towards media messages based on youth's experiences, skills, beliefs, and values,
- To develop youth's skills in creating media content and creating videos regarding fact-checking,
- To offer the opportunity to meet partner groups and develop concrete ideas for future projects focusing on cultural diversity and active participation of young people in order to prevent radicalization of young people,
- To support young people to increase their knowledge about Erasmus+ Program and youth exchange projects in order to develop new projects in the future,
- To create videos and use social media actively in order to reach as many as people for outcomes of our project and for the visibility of Erasmus+ Program.

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PARTNERS

The project will host participants from the following 7 organisations.
Partners are from Norway, Turkey, Belarus, Croatia, Georgia, The Republic of North Macedonia and Italy.



TRAVEL COSTS

According to new Erasmus Plus rules, the reimbursement of travel costs will be calculated used a specific program called Distance Calculator:



Country of Origin	Country of Destination	Distance Band	No. of Participants	Travel Grant per Participant
Norway	Norway	0 - 90 km	8	20.00
Georgia	Norway	2999 -3999 km	8	530.00
Turkey	Norway	2000 - 2999 km	8	360.00
Croatia	Norway	500 - 1999 km	8	275.00
Italy	Norway	500 - 1999 km	8	275.00
Belarus	Norway	500 - 1999 km	8	275.00
The Republic of North Macedonia and Italy	Norway	500 - 1999 km	8	275.00

If you can take everything with you so you can give all travel tickets to organizers. All travel expenses will be pay as soon possible pleas don't worry about it.

Travel (flights, other means of transport) expenses are compensated (up to 100%), based on the actual expenses incurred and the distance from your location of residence to the location of the project (Svarstad,Norway). These distances must be calculated using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission. [Distance Calculator | Erasmus+ \(europa.eu\)](#) We don't send money to each participants. We will send only money to sender organization or to group leader or who do you make responsible person so that will pay to participants.

Accommodation, living and other project-related expenses: 100% funded by the EU. This includes everything except for travel costs.

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VISA FEE

Visa costs for participants from Turkey will be covered up to 150 Euro but it will be paid only to the participants whose visa is accepted because of Norwegian NA only pays for approved visas.





THE VENUE



Svarstad is the administrative centre of Lardal municipality, Norway. Its population (2011) is 566, and it is situated on the Numedalslågen river, approximately 46 kilometres (29 mi) north of urban Larvik and 11 kilometres (6.8 mi) south of Hvitvingfoss in Kongsberg municipality. Svarstad Church was built in 1657 and is located here.

Svarstad ski center was a popular attraction for both children and adults and operated 8 ski slopes. But Svarstad Skisenter didn't do very well and became bankrupt and therefore had to close at the start of winter, 2015. Holemyra is a fairly sizable forested area located in the midst of Svarstad, and this is also a popular picnic and hiking area with residents.

HOW TO REACH SVARSTAD



Svarstad is very small place in nature and it has no airport. You can take bus or train from Torp Airport Sandefjord OR Oslo to Svarstad. You can fly to Oslo Gardermoen or Torp Sandefjord Airport. Both airports are the closest to this city.

I'm going to inform you about travel to Svarstad you arrive in Oslo airport you can take train come to (Larvik < city name) Train come from airport to Larvik it takes 2 hour. You can take bus from Larvik to Svarstad.... I will share the link here for the both train and bus. Bus station very close the train station in Larvik 100 meters at a distance.....! same way in returningsame wai!!

Someone coming from Torp airport they can take bus from airport to (Larvik < city name it take's 1 hour to Larvik and take bus from Larvik to Svarstad....!

Those who come from Oslo you can take the same train because train coming from the airport stop in Oslo as well going to Larvik!

Info: The last bus going to 18:30 pm from Larvik to Svarstad if you not catch the last bus so that you should be come to Holmestrand < city name < we pick you in Holmestrand.... It's take 30 minutes to Svarstad. Train coming from both airport to Holmestrand

If you are student it will be discount for train and bus tickets! Price for train 349kr for bus 45kr if the changes Euro 35€ train 4,5€ bus

1) Most important are travel tickets: please start searching for your plane tickets and plan your whole trip. As you saw in infopack, limit for traveling pleas check the it <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/res.../distance-calculator> ! Dont forget that traveling dates are 24.4 April (enough when you will arrive to Svarstad can booking in 14:00 pm and 02.5 May (need to leave accomodation place until lunch time). Also be careful about calculating everything - buses to and from Svarstad are prettty expensive therefore it will be better to find cheaper flights. You can stay extra days (1-5days) in Norway in case flight tickets will be economic. Also remember that all your expenses for accomodation and food during extra days will be on your own and will not be covered via project! More information to which airports in Norway are near by are in infopack or you can directly ask me as well.



All travel documents, tickets, invoices need to be in original version - without proof of travel, those tickets will not be accepted! If you can take everything with you so you can give all travel tickets to organizers. All travel expenses will be pay during project pleas don't worry about it 😊

1) Travel insurance - we highly reccomend you to have travel insurance just in any case. Bear in mind that those expenses will not be covered via project so it will be on your own expenses!

2) Travel requirements - before you purchase the tickets, check all travel requirements regarding Covid19 for entering/leaving your country! Norway don't need PCR test and don't need vaccination. There is no longer a requirement for a negative test before entry or a requirement for entry registration upon arrival in Norway.

No more entry requirements

Regulated requirements for negative testing before entry and requirements for entry registration on arrival in Norway have been repealed.!!

3) Preparation phrase - check the infopack what to prepare BEFORE YE (usually it involves any presentation related to the topic or cultural night)

4) Cultural night - you as group participants are going to represent our country, therefore take traditional food, snacks, drinks or any materials and flag you will use. 😊

Thank you for understanding 🙏

I hope that has been revealing 🙏🙏🙏

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Link the bus <https://www.vkt.no/reise/rutetabeller/>

We will not pick you up at the airport of Oslo and Torp Airport Sandefjord. We will pick you up from the bus station in Svarstad more info we will write on the Facebook group.

INFO FOR CORONA COVID19!



WHAT TO BRING



Since there is going to be an international evening, we will ask you to bring flag something traditional, famous or delicious from home - that you would like to represent your country with, and share with the others, it can be any kinds of food, drink...

April-May period can be Temperatures of +15-22 degrees expected, so be prepared for all kind of weather

ACCOMODATION

SVARSTADHYTTA

Adresse:

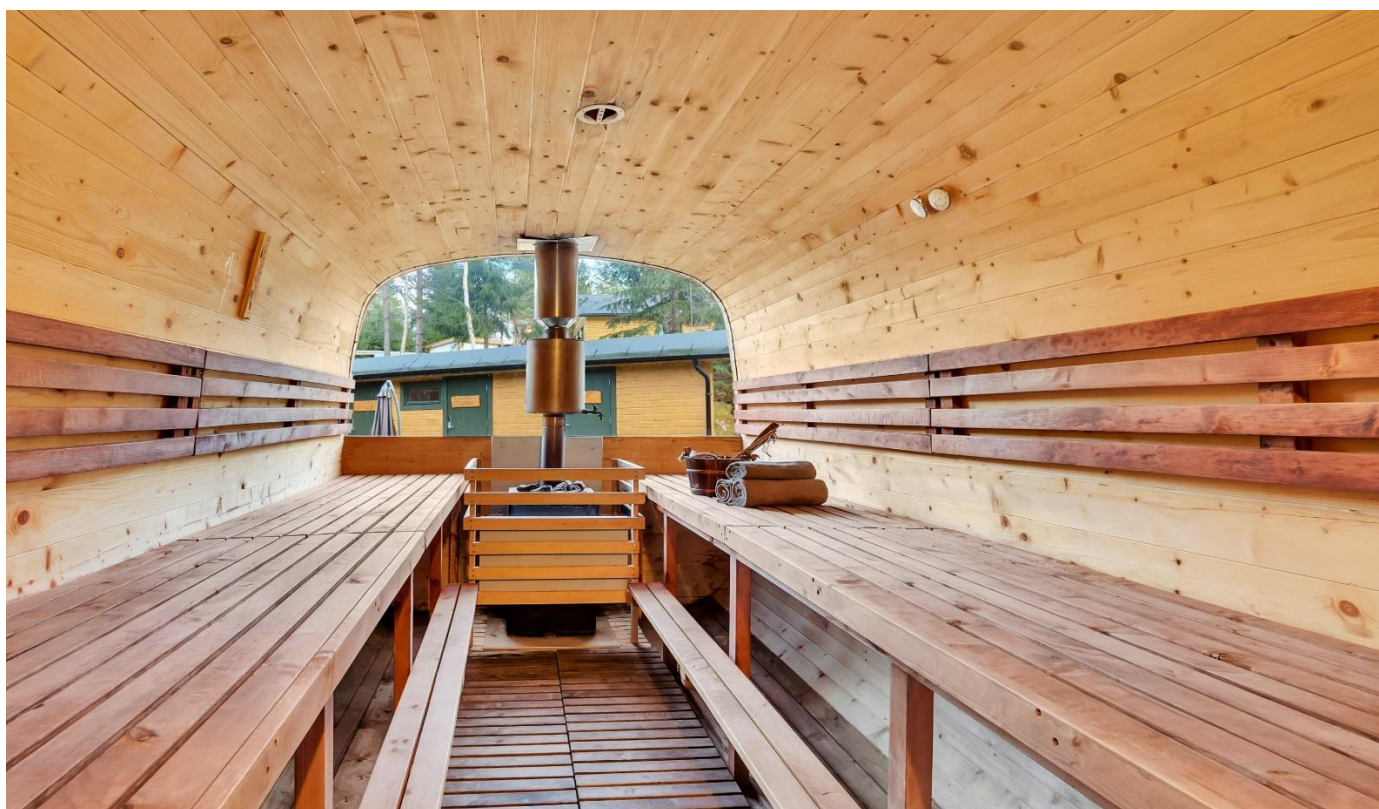
SVARSTADTUNET, Svarstad
3275 Svarstad, Norway
Telefon+47 417 20 852
<http://svarstadytta.no>

There are going to be 2-5 persons per room some participants need to sleep in madras and couch but madras and couch comfortable. Participants Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be made by the cook of hosting organization but it will be difficult to cook for 56 participants we will some participants would be volunteer to help us. We have café serfvice, cappuccino, caffe latte, and te service up until Night. Each participant must bring their own towels, toothbrush, toothpaste and sampo etc.

“JACUZZI AND SAUNA”

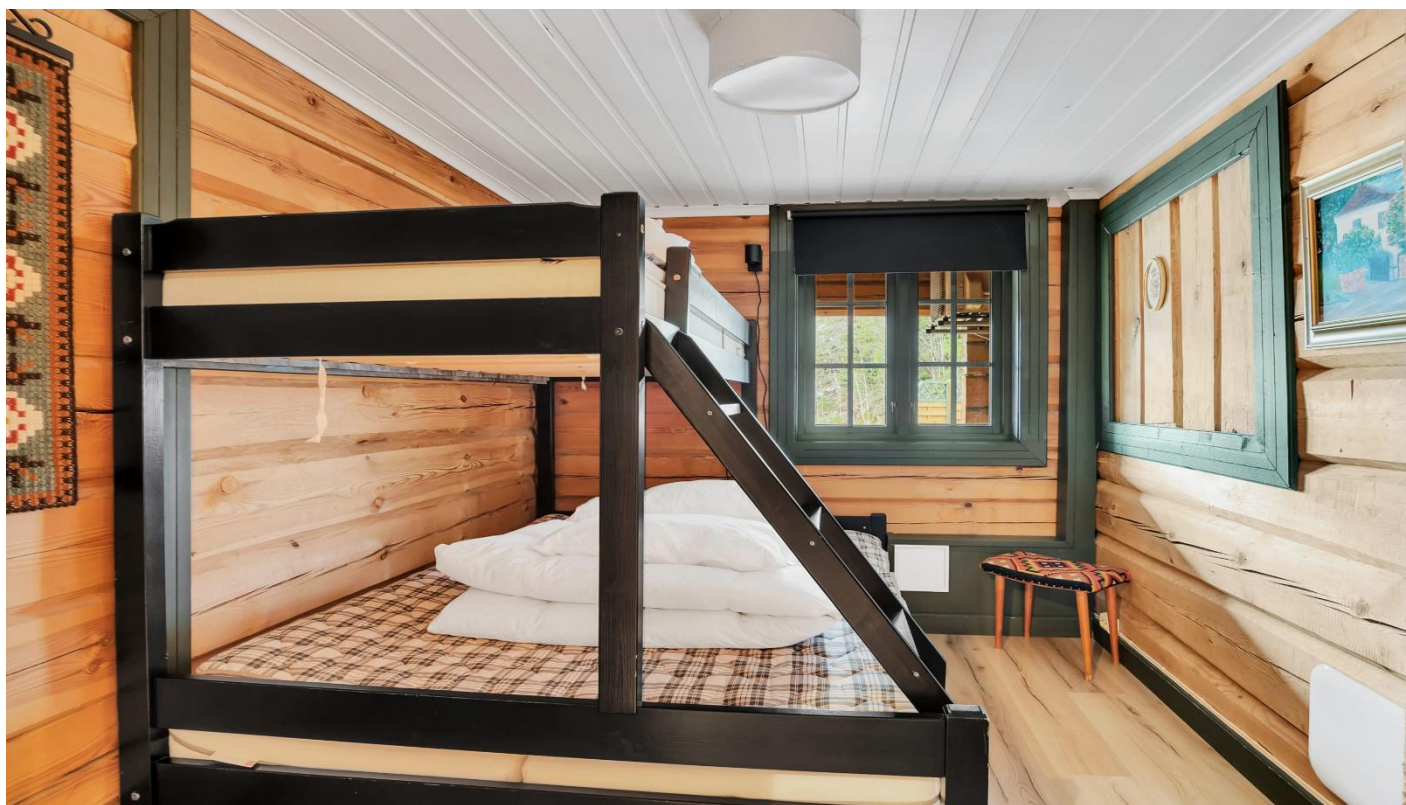
You can use the jacuzzi and sauna in free time this is from us to you.

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HEALTH INSURANCE

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Health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the organisers. All participants are strongly advised to purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in NORWAY are quite high if you don't have.

PREPARATION



The organizers will not provide the participants with any kind of insurance! Therefore, we strongly recommend every participant to acquire travel insurance at their own expense for the



whole duration of the course. Also, please have a valid EU healthcare insurance card (if applicable).

Each of the participating countries should;

- ✓ Bring all your **travel documents** as presented above.
- ✓ Prepare a **presentation about the sending organization** (initiatives they have previously participated in, non-formal learning methods used, etc.). We want to get to know each other, to find out how people work with youth in other countries, and maybe to cooperate in the future.
- ✓ Prepare a **presentation on diversity** in their country.
- ✓ Find **interesting videos / games / exercises / educational activities on diversity**.
- ✓ Prepare **energisers** that could be done in the morning.
- ✓ Prepare for your **country's cultural evening**. Please, try to be fun and creative for this! :) No one likes regular .ppt presentations! Any kind of activities are welcome (e.g. video presentations, dances, songs, games, quizzes, posters, flyers etc.). Don't forget to **bring your national drinks, dishes or snacks** to share with others. Also, please **prepare a mini (and, of course, fun) language course** for the others. We count on you to make these evenings as interactive and fun as possible.
- ✓ check the weather forecast before arrival and **bring adequate clothes**. Please also **bring clothing and shoes that can be used for strenuous activities** (such as dancing).
- ✓ **Bring good spirit, joy and happiness!!!**

Wherever possible, take your laptops, digital cameras, smart phones and tablets – we will be doing some multimedia work that requires mobile equipment!

BASIC RULES



Smoking is prohibited everywhere inside buildings, thus all the smokers will have to go outside or to specially designated areas for a cigarette.

When you come to Norway we can discuss about rules. See you all in Savarstad/Norway

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