

Mobility Programmes in Bulgaria



BulgariaGateway

Work Experiences and Vocational Education projects within the Lifelong Learning Programme

Why Sofia?

The city that grows but does not age

- ≈ One of the oldest European cities with more than 7000 year history
- ≈ One of the greenest capital city in Europe
- ≈ Main cultural, administrative, and industrial centre of Bulgaria
- ≈ Place of one of the oldest Universities on the Balkans, "St. Kliment Ohridski"
- ≈ Very close to the Vitosha mountain, where there are great opportunities for a walk, picnic, and skiing in the winter
- ≈ Vibrant nightlife with many night clubs, pubs with live music, and bars
- ≈ Wide variety of restaurants with traditional Bulgarian food and international cuisine
- ≈ Central location and well connected:
 - Koprivshitzta: 107 km
 - Rila Monastery: 111 km
 - Plovdiv: 148 km
 - Melnik: 175 km



Who we are

Bulgaria Gateway is focused on the management of Leonardo da Vinci and Erasmus programmes but we are also open to collaboration in other projects. We can be your partner in the organisation of vocational and educational programmes for students, teachers, trainers, and people on the labour market.

Our mission is to make Sofia a favourite training place for many people by providing high quality work placements and to contribute to the professional and personal development of the participants.

Our team of professionals successfully combines the interests of the beneficiaries and those of the host companies. Furthermore, receiving groups from all over Europe makes our agency in Sofia a good choice for cultural and vocational exchange.



Services

≈ Organisation of Work Placements

We provide Work Placements according to the trainees' CVs, their previous professional experience and their language skills.

≈ Organisation of Professional Visits and Seminars

We organise Professional Visits and Seminars for teachers, trainers and people employed in the training environment.

≈ Tutoring and Follow Up

We guarantee 24 hours personal and professional support, thanks to our specialised staff. We organise fortnightly monitoring meetings with participants so that a continuous control of the whole experience is carried out.

Both the Host Company tutor and the participant fill in initial and final evaluation questionnaires, analysing all aspects related to the programme.

≈ Bulgarian and English Language Courses

Language courses are taught by teachers specialized in teaching Bulgarian or English as a foreign language. The teaching method is based on communication. Students actively exercise the four fundamental functions of the language: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Particular attention, however, is given to conversation, to develop in the student an increasing capacity to express himself and communicate in the foreign language from the beginning of the course.

≈ Accommodation

Participants are usually accommodated in fully equipped and comfortable flats shared with other beneficiaries. Participants can be also accommodated in hotels or hostels(usually for short stay programmes).

The staff took care of us, always with a smile in their faces. Ivan - Spain



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≈ Maintenance/Pocket Money

Participants accommodated on a self-catering basis receive a weekly pocket money to cover food costs. Participants staying in hotels and hostels are provided with full board accommodation (3 meals / day).

≈ Transfer to/from Airport

We organise the transfer by private bus or taxi at the participants arrival and departure.

≈ Local Transports

We provide participants with a weekly or monthly transport pass.



≈ Cultural Activities

We organise a wide range of visits to the most important cities and monuments in the area, like Plovdiv, Koprivshtitsa, Rila Monastery etc. Also bowling, pointball and ski excursions can be organised.

≈ Certificates

At the end of the programme, Bulgaria Gateway issues both a language course and a work placement certificate. Also a certificate signed by the hosting company is given to the participants.

≈ Europass

Bulgaria Gateway cooperates actively with the sending organisation for issuing the Europass Certificate.

≈ Final Report

At the end of the programme, we prepare for the sending organisation, a final report containing information about the project (work placement companies, professional visits, evaluations, pictures, etc...).

List of fields in which we can organise programmes

- ≈ Administration and secretary
- ≈ Advertising
- ≈ Agriculture, Gardening, Horticulture
- ≈ Architecture
- ≈ Arts
- ≈ Automotive industry
- ≈ Beauty, Aesthetics, Hairdressing
- ≈ Biology
- ≈ Building construction
- ≈ Chemical, Laboratory
- ≈ Crafts
- ≈ Culture
- ≈ Education
- ≈ Electricity
- ≈ Electronics
- ≈ Engineering
- ≈ Environment
- ≈ Food and Beverage industry
- ≈ Graphic industry, Publishing
- ≈ Health, Nursing
- ≈ IT, Computer science
- ≈ Jewellery
- ≈ Marketing
- ≈ Mechanics
- ≈ Media, Communication
- ≈ Plumbing, Hydraulics
- ≈ Socio cultural animation
- ≈ Sports and Leisure
- ≈ Telecommunications
- ≈ Textile industry
- ≈ Theatre, Dance, Music
- ≈ Tourism, Hospitality and Catering
- ≈ Trade, Commerce, International commerce
- ≈ Transports, Logistics
- ≈ Travel agency, Tour operator
- ≈ Veterinary, Animal breeding
- ≈ Volunteering, Social care
- ≈ Woodwork



Some Mobility Projects managed by Bulgaria Gateway in 2010

Country	Project	Sector	Beneficiaries
Italy	Competenze innovative per l'occupabilità giovanile (LLP-LdV-PLM-08-IT-228)	Administration Events management Tourism	11
Spain	Formación en centros de trabajo (ES/09/PAP/CPEC-111)	Administration Nursery education Clinical laboratory	4
Italy	ATHENA – Enhancing new skills in the field of conservation, promotion and protection of cultural and environmental heritage in Europe (LLP-LdV-PLM-09-IT 0056)	Architecture Culture Teaching	3
France	European mobility for apprentices (EMA) 2008-2010 (LLP LDV 2008 FPI 307)	Stone masonry	10
Poland	Praktyki zagraniczne dla uczniów zespołu szkół (PL/09/LLP-LdV/IVT/140544)	Hotel	20

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