

Rural Youth Europe  
invites you to the European Rally 2023



## **Rural Youth Austria and Rural Youth Europe are happy to invite you to the European Rally 2023!**

**Taking place from the 31st July to 5th August (+travel days) at Bildungszentrum Ehrental, Klagenfurt, Austria under the Title “Grow-Eat-Repeat: Circular Economy of Food”**

Rural Youth Europe and Rural Youth Austria warmly invite you to enjoy and explore the beauty of Carinthia, a federal state of Austria.

The European Rally in 2023 will focus on illustrating ways how we as rural youth can make our way of living more sustainable.

## **Aims & Objectives**

- Develop awareness that the way we produce and consume food has a major impact on the future of our planet
- Gain knowledge and competences that are essential to ensure sustainable food choices
- Get an overview of circular economy of food
- Explore sustainable strategies of member organisations including sharing best practices (exchanging creative ideas, methods and activities) and get insights on regional food production, recycling, saving carbon dioxide etc.
- Develop awareness that policies as well as one's own actions have an environmental impact
- Empower young people to develop, strengthen and support their local communities
- Recognize how an individual can support circular economies by themselves and in their organisations.
- Designing a booklet that serves to collect ideas and action plans and can be taken up by the partner organisations.

## **Why Attend?**

- You will meet many new people from all over Europe and find many new friends
- You will get a deeper understanding of sustainability and sustainable food choices
- You will gain new competences and will expand your comfort zone
- You will have a great time

The working methods will include interactive workshops and a series of study visits to explore different aspects of the theme. Sessions are based on non-formal education and will provide opportunities for participants to develop their skills and knowledge, as well as to share their experiences.

There will be a host family day towards the end of the week where you will spend a night and a day with locals to experience the rural lifestyle of Carinthia.

## **Rally Teams**

### **Team Leaders**

The Team leader must be aged over 18 and under 35 years and is accountable for all communication between the prep team and their national team before, during and after the Rally.

Tasks of the Team Leader will include:

- Sharing email communication
- Taking care of team members and making sure everyone follows the behaviour guidelines
- Erasmus+ program evaluation
- Collect all original tickets, proof of payments and boarding passes of the team and submits them to the organisers in a timely manner

## Participants Profile

Participants must:

- Be aged over 18 and under 30 years
- Be active within their own youth organisation
- Be interested in topics like sustainability, food production and circular economy
- Be able to communicate in English
- Collect all original tickets, proof of payments and boarding passes to forward them to the team leader

## Registration

For Team leader or organisation representative only:

Register your full team here: <https://forms.gle/2aQCjWQnmsVPbCbr8>

It is necessary to use this form. Other forms of registration will not be considered.

Deadline for the Registration is **May 29<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

All registered participants will receive a participant's information package with more details about the week, links and contacts shortly after the deadline.

## Participation Fee

The participation fees are as follows:

- 320€ per participant for Band A countries (national GDP > EU GDP)
- 150€ per participant for Band B countries (national GDP ≤ EU GDP)

Registration fees will be invoiced to your organisation by the RYEurope Office following your registration.

## Transport/Travel information

Each organisation is responsible for booking tickets for their National Rally Team. Before purchasing the tickets, please contact the local Prep Team (see contact details) to check your travel plans. All travel invoices and schedules must be sent to the office e-mail by 30th June 2023.

Please consider environment friendly options when arranging your travel. Please see the next page for the address of the venue.

For teams which are travelling to Austria by plane, we advise flights to:

- Venezia Marco Polo Airport (VCE) and take a Flixbus to Klagenfurt
- Vienna Airport (VIE) and take a Flixbus or a train to Klagenfurt
- Salzburg (SZG) and take the train to Klagenfurt
- Ljubljana (LJU) and take the train to Klagenfurt
- Graz (GRZ) and take the train to Klagenfurt
- Klagenfurt (KLU)

Note that the airports which are closer to the venue are very small and the flights may be more expensive.

Use the official website to search and book the train transport: [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at) and for bus transportation [www.flixbus.at](http://www.flixbus.at).

For travel by train or bus, head to 'Klagenfurt (HBF)' train station. The local team will pick up the participants at the station. The easiest way to book public transport in Austria is this webpage: [www.oebb.at](http://www.oebb.at).

For teams travelling by car, please contact the Rural Youth Europe office or the local Prep Team in advance to check details for reimbursements. There is plenty of parking space at the venue.

**Arrival: We ask that all participants arrive at the venue between 11am and 6pm on Sunday 30st of July 2023.**

**Departure: Please consider planning the return journey, starting from 'Klagenfurt (HBF)' train station, on Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> of August 2023, no later than 1pm.**

# Travel Reimbursement

Travel costs will be reimbursed according to the funding budget and varies from country to country (we hope to be able to reimburse up to at least 50% for team leaders and participants). Additional reimbursements will be paid out if the funding budgets allow.

Please note that travel reimbursements can only be paid on the following conditions:

- Cheapest option of travel is used (second class train, economy class flights etc.) and checked by the local Prep Team before booking
- The participants are following the Behavioral Guidelines and general Rally rules at all times
- All original tickets, proof of payments and boarding passes are submitted to Rural Youth Europe in a timely manner (see contact details on next page)

Please note that no travel reimbursement will be made unless ALL ORIGINAL travel documents are received by 20th August 2023.

## Venue

Ehrentaler Straße 119

9020 Klagenfurt am Wörthersee

Austria

(open in Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/w7WsRmFz2icyVUQ8A>)

