

LEARNING BY BUSSING FROM DENMARK TO KOSOVO

*A THREE WEEK EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL USING NON-FORMAL
METHODS*



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WHO ARE WE

ERASMUS PARTNERSHIP: RE-COGNITION PROJECT

Recognition is an Erasmus KA2 partnership project between the University of Prishtina in Kosovo, DNS College in Denmark, INEX in Czechia and De Amicitia in Spain. The Re-cognition project encourages strong connections between formal and non-formal education institutions across Europe. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world experiences, enhancing educational activities by integrating volunteering and non-formal education with university curricula.

One of the key components of this project is the organisation of a 3 weeks bus travel from DNS College in Denmark to the Univeristy of Prishtina in Kosovo.

INEX - SDA

INEX Association for Voluntary Activities - is an NGO founded in 1991 whose primary activities are centered around the area of international voluntary work and intercultural education.

We want to live in society where people respect each other and where people are responsible in regards to the surrounding world. We believe that volunteering and cooperation on a local and global level is the way towards mutual understanding and non-violence.

DE AMICITIA

De Amicitia is an NGO and not for profit or any political ties, registered since 1998.

Our main activity is local development and the environment using international volunteer camps (workcamps) as a tool for non-formal education. We offers an opportunity for volunteers, both young and adult, to participate in local and international volunteering activities, especially about the protection of the environment and sustainable development.

DNS COLLEGE

“DNS” is an abbreviation for “Det Nødvendige Seminarium” which is Danish for “The Necessary Teacher Training College”. We propose a 4-year Bachelor Programme that aims to enable its students to become global citizens and proficient educators, able to act and meet future challenges.

The DNS programme is tightly intertwined with a lifestyle. Throughout the duration of the programme, students and teachers’ study, travel, work, do sports, cook, and share life together. For this reason, DNS can be described as an intentional community with an educational twist.

DNS has a lots of experience in organising bus travel with groups of students. In the first year of the program, students together with teachers go on a 4 months bus travel to Western Africa. We also propose 5 weeks summer camp bus travel to Tunisia or Morocco.

UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA

The University of Prishtina is the largest higher education institution in Kosovo! UP offers a wide range of academic programs to meet the diverse needs of our student body. We take pride in providing our students with a supportive and inclusive learning environment that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and innovation. At UP, we believe that education is the key to unlocking the potential of our students and empowering them to make a positive impact in their communities and the world. So whether you're a local or international student, we welcome you to join our UP community and embark on an exciting journey of learning, discovery, and personal growth.

University of Prishtina - a step UP in your education!

WHEN ? *From the 20th of June, Denmark, to the 11th of July, Kosovo*

WHO? *3 participants from each partner's country*

HOW? *By Bus, with stops in different selected locations*

THE GOAL OF THE BUS TRAVEL

The goal of the bus travel follows the headline of the Erasmus Recognition project of engaging learners in non-formal education (NFE) activities and evaluating its impact on the development of soft skills in the participants.

The travel aims to equip its participants with a strong experience of non-formal education. Throughout the project, you will experience and learn from different places working in the field of non-formal and formal education. Together with the other participants, you will form a strong team, meet many diverse people, and spread your knowledge and experiences of non-formal learning for others to benefit from.

For 3 weeks, the bus will be your home, one that you will share with 15 other people. It is a great opportunity to learn how to collaborate, communicate and organise with a group of people with whom you will rely on and be responsible for. You will live together in the bus and share the daily tasks, from cooking and cleaning to planning the route and assisting the driver with navigation.

By reflecting on the experiences, as an individual and as a team, you will gain an understanding of how NFE activities can help to develop soft skills and acknowledge the learning that happens during the travel. Throughout the journey, you will be encouraged to discuss and share with the group what you are learning and what you can observe.

The Bus Travel ends at the University of Prishtina in Kosovo, where the Prishtina International Summer University is held, and the participants will join this international event for a few days - with the option of staying for the duration of the event.

WHAT WILL YOU DO ?

You will be travelling by bus for 3 weeks, from Denmark to Kosovo. On the way, you will stop at various organisations, communities, educational centres, and more. You will learn about NFE from exchanges with people you meet and experiences gained in the different places. You will reflect on the gained experiences, as an individual and as a team. The travel will also include an investigation (field research) in some of the travel countries - which will allow you to find new ways of discovering new knowledge.

During the travel you will also organise events, activities and presentations to practice NFE methods yourself. In the summer school in Kosovo you will present a workshop related to what you have learned from the experience.

WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF THIS EXPERIENCE

This 3-week experience is intense, and you can get a lot out of it.

You will get an unforgettable, international experience travelling by bus with 15 diverse people from all over Europe. Learning from other cultures from within the group and also from those you will meet on the way.

You will get an understanding of different non-formal educational activities and how they can benefit the learning and development of soft skills.

You will develop further your soft skills, such as teamwork, decision-making in a team setting, facilitating workshops, etc.

ABOUT THE TRAVEL



THE HISTORY OF DNS BUS TRAVELS

DNS has existed since 1972 and one of its key pedagogical tools is the bus and the concept of travelling to learn. To train teachers effectively in the global perspective, we believe that you need to meet different realities and perspectives. Reading and memorising facts and data can only go so far. For over 50 years DNS has been sending its students on busses for months into different parts of the globe. Originally, this was from Denmark to India, through the middle East, but with the current geopolitical situations, we now send students to Guinea-Bissau.

On this travel, students are sent away from the bus in each of the countries they visit to learn first-hand about different topics that they find relevant, whether it is trade and economy, women's rights, climate change, or culture. We call this experience an investigation.

On top of the first-hand knowledge that students gain on these investigations - the bus travel is also a key part of the programme in developing the soft skills of each student. How to cooperate and work in a team, how to take important responsibilities, how to take leadership, how to organise and so much more.

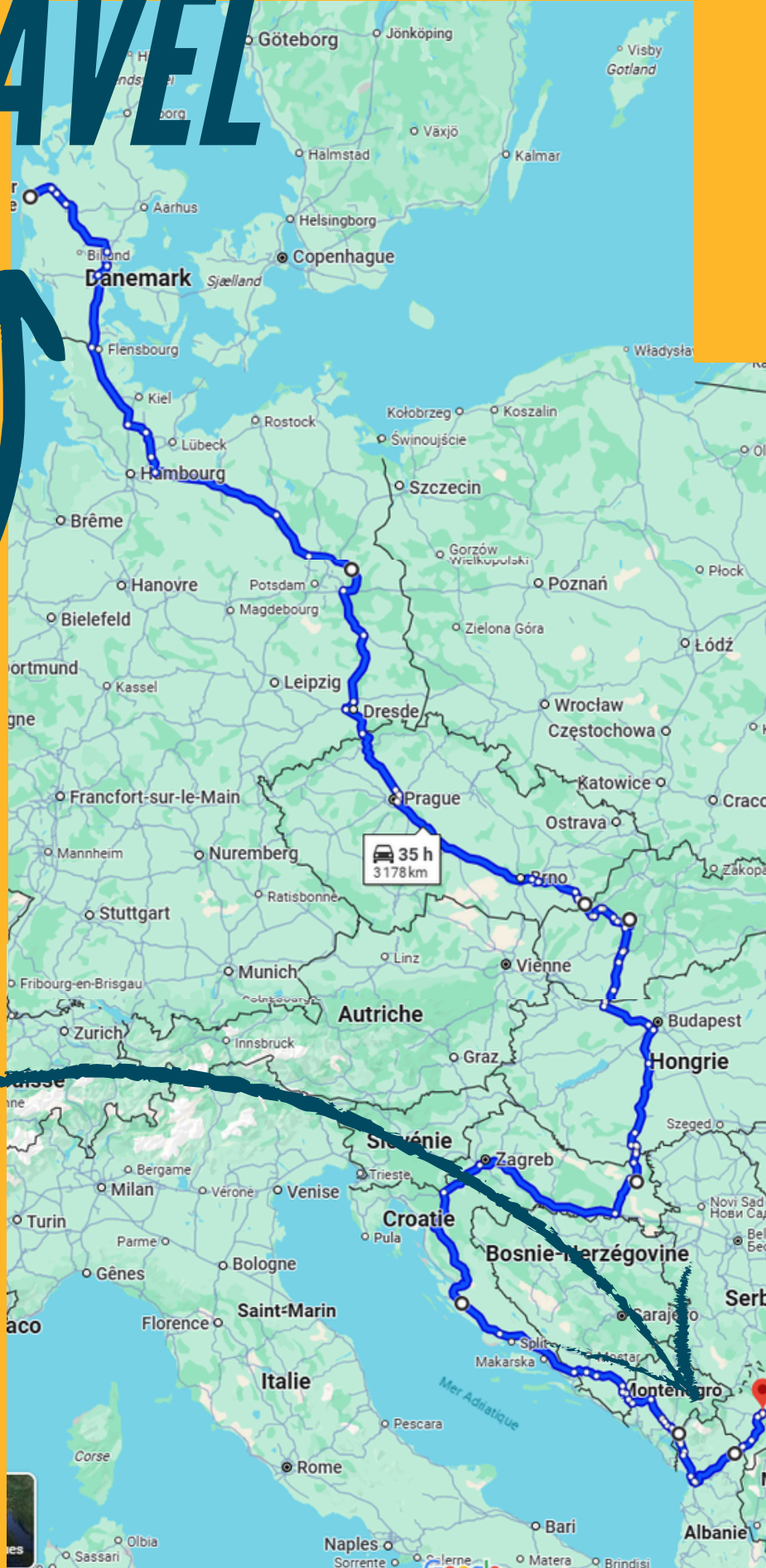
For this travel to Kosovo, we have adapted our traditional travel to focus on the soft skills gained during such an experience, but we will also include an investigation in the Balkan region.



THE TRAVEL ROUTE

DNS, DENMARK

UNIVERSITY OF PRISHTINA, KOSOVO



7+ COUNTRIES

The travel starts in DNS Denmark College, where you will stay for a few days with the other participants to prepare the travel to come, get to know more about the project and about each others. You will then go south through Germany, Czechia, where you will visit some summer camp from the NGO INEX - SDA. You will continue through Slovakia, Hungary, Croatia, Albania, and Kosovo. You will stop on the way in different NGOs, schools, educational centers to learn from NFE Activities. You will also conduct a field investigation in Balkan countries.

PRISHTINA INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY



Since its establishment, Prishtina International Summer University (PISU) has played a key role in the internationalization of higher education in Kosovo, bringing together students from diverse backgrounds to foster academic and professional growth.

The aim of PISU is to unite local and international students and professors, promoting the exchange of knowledge and experiences. Additionally, it seeks to strengthen cooperation between the University of Prishtina and international institutions.

The summer university offers students the chance to attend specialized courses, earn extra credits, and enhance their academic performance. Our vision is to develop a high-standard summer program that enriches students' knowledge and skills, encouraging academic achievement.

PISU has hosted over 6000 students and 400 lecturers, and is organized by the Vice-Rector for International Relations and the Office for International Relations.

The 25th edition of the Prishtina International Summer University (PISU) will take place from July 7th to 18th, 2025, at the University of Prishtina. The program will offer 16 courses in various fields of study, with 200–300 students, including participants from Europe and the Balkans.

Courses will cover areas such as social science, law, economics, agriculture, medicine, and more. Each course will have an international and a local teacher, with teaching in English. Participants who attend at least 80% of classes and pass exams will earn 4 ECTS credits.

Public forums and recreational activities, including weekend excursions, tournaments, and social events, will also be part of the program. Participants will receive certificates based on Bologna standards, signed by the professors.

LIST OF THE COURSES:

1. Japan's Foreign and Security Policy

Visiting Professor: Dr. Tosh Minohara, Faculty of Political Science / History, Kobe University – Japan

Co – Professor: Prof. Ass. Dr. Sabri Kiçmari, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina,

2. Predictive Analytics and Big Data Analysis for Business

Visiting Professor: Prof. Dr. Kohei Arai, Science and Engineering Faculty, Saga University – Japan

Co – Professor: Prof. Dr. Arbnor Pajaziti, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, University of Prishtina,

3. Modelling rating data for the analysis of Fintech and AI

Visiting Professor: Prof. Dr. Maria Iannario, Department of Political Science, University of Naples Federico II – Italy

Co – Professor: Prof. Dr. Asst. Albulena Shala, Faculty of Economics, University of Prishtina,

4. Multiplicative Reasoning in the STEM Context: Concepts and Strategies

Visiting Professor: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Muhammet Arican, Faculty of Education, Bogaziçi University- Turkey

Co – Professor: Prof. Dr. Eda Vula, Faculty of Education, University of Prishtina,

5. Brain-Compatible Classroom Through Virtual Reality and EEG (Electroencephalography)

Visiting Professor: Prof. Dr. Murat Tekin, Faculty of Sport Science, University of Karamonoglu Mehmetbey, Turkey

Co – Professor: Prof. Asst. Dr. Bahri Gjinovci, Faculty of Physical Education and Sports, University of Prishtina

6. Storytelling and cultural memory

Visiting Professor: Maciej Bialous, Philosophy, University of Bialystok – Poland

Co – Professor: Prof. Asst. Dr. Gëzim Selaci, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina

7. Creative Problem Solving in Business

Visiting Professor: Prof. Asst. Dr. Malgorzata Misniakiewicz, Institute of Quality Science and Product Management, Krakow University of Economics – Poland

Co – Professor: Dr. Visar Rrustemi, Faculty of Economics, University of Prishtina,

8. Automata Theory: Formal Languages, Algebraic Structure and Number Theory

Visiting Professor: Islam Foniqi&Justin Trias, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences (FSHMN), University of East Anglia, United Kingdom

Co – Professor: Dr. Qëndrim Gashi, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Prishtina,

9. SEL (Social Emotional Learning)

Visiting Professor: Dr. Rita Khoury, Faculty of Education, Gordon Academic College – Israel.

Co – Professor: Prof. Ass. Dr. Blerta Perolli Shehu, Faculty of Education, University of Prishtina,

10. Practical Special Effects for Tv and Movies

Visiting Professor: Ricardo Spencer de Albuquerque, Faculty of Arts, CIFP Audiovisual de Vigo – Spain,

Co – Professor: Prof. Asst. Blerim Gjinovci, Faculty of Arts, University of Prishtina.

11. Leadership in the GenZ age

Visiting Professor: Edward Cooper, Faculty of Economics, College of Business, Colorado-USA.

Co – Professor: Prof.Ass.Dr. Gentrit Berisha, Faculty of Economics, University of Prishtina,

12. Behavioral Neurobiology and Collective Behavior

Visiting Professor: Prof. Dr. Armin Bahl, Faculty of Natural Sciences, University of Konstanz – Germany.

Co – Professor: Prof. Asst. Dr. Ilir Mazreku, Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, University of Prishtina

13. From Field to Museums: Anthropological Biography of Archaeological Artifacts

Visiting Professor: Prof. Ass. Dr. Christophe Goddard, Faculty of Philosophy, ENS-PSL – France,

Co – Professor: Prof. Assoc. Dr. Arsim Canolli, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina

14. Social Robotics and Persuasive Health

Visiting Professor: Sanja Balalic, Academy of Social Sciences, Hanze University of Applied Science, Netherlands

Co – Professor: Dr. Rita Selimi, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Prishtina,

15. Introduction to Transitional Justice

Visiting Professor: Dr. Fabian Raimondo and Dr. Roland, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University, Netherlands

Co – Professor: Dr. Dren Doli, Faculty of Law, University of Prishtina,

16. Mastering Social Media: Creating Content That Captivates

Visiting Professor: Prof. Assoc. Dr. Nicolaos Pangiotou, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Co – Professor: Prof. Asst. Dr. Remzije Shahini Hoxha, Faculty of Philology, University of Prishtina.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

CONDITIONS

The project is open for anyone older than 18 years old and having a European Passport (or visa that allows them to travel in Europe). There is no prior experience required to be part of this project. We welcome anyone curious about non formal education, working in group settings, travelling and learning about the world through first-hand experiences.

The course will be in English.

You need to be ready to

- Be an active part of the team, following safety and security agreements and being dependable
- Share a living space during the travel period
- Be part of the cleaning and cooking rotas and other responsibilities
- Stick with the group and make decisions together
- One of your tasks will be to document your journey via Social Media handovers and to create stories, posts and videos - so you must be willing to be active on social media and conquer the task together with your team

FEES AND PRACTICALITIES

COST

The travel is part of an Erasmus funded project, and therefore all the expenses of the bus travel (bus expenses, food, program, etc) is covered.

The participants need to pay for their tickets to reach DNS Denmark and to return from the University of Prishtina. These tickets are able to be partially refunded depending on your sending organisation - get in touch with us to find out more.

PRACTICALITIES

The bus will be equipped with a basic kitchen, so you will be able to cook and eat in the bus.

You will mainly be sleeping in tents, and be provided a room while staying at DNS Denmark and in University of Prishtina in Kosovo.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in participating in such a travel, please contact one of the 4 organisations part of this project that you are applying from

- For the University of Pristina, Afërdita Rexhepi, on aferdita.rexhepi@uni-pr.edu
- For INEX - SDA, Hana Al-Jamalová, hana.al-jamalova@inexsda.cz
- For De Amicitia, Gemma Pamies, incoming@deamicitia.org
- For DNS, Jack Stead on jstead@dns-tvind.dk

The deadline to contact us about the travel is the 20th of April.

We will have an online information meeting with those interested in taking part of the project on the week of the 21st of April. We will then hold interviews with those who want to be part of this travel, in which we can also answer any questions you may have.

Look forward to hearing from you!



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