

BUS TRAVEL FROM DENMARK TO CZECHIA

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



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WHO ARE WE

ERASMUS PARTNERSHIP:

DNS College in Denmark and INEX in Czechia are implementing a Youth Exchange initiative under Key Action 1 focused on non-formal education for educators, teachers, and youth workers.

The project strengthens connections between formal and non-formal education institutions across Europe, bridging academic learning with practical experience by integrating volunteering and non-formal education into university curricula. A key component is a 3-week bus journey from DNS College in Denmark to INEX in Czechia.

INEX - SDA

INEX Association of 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.

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 lot 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.

WHEN? From the 7th to the 25th of September

WHO? 17 participants

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 INEX Czechia in Prague, where the organisation will have an Erasmus Activity about **** - 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 Czechia. 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 knowledge. During the travel you will also organise events, activities and presentations to practice NFE methods yourself.

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 17 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 from the learning 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.

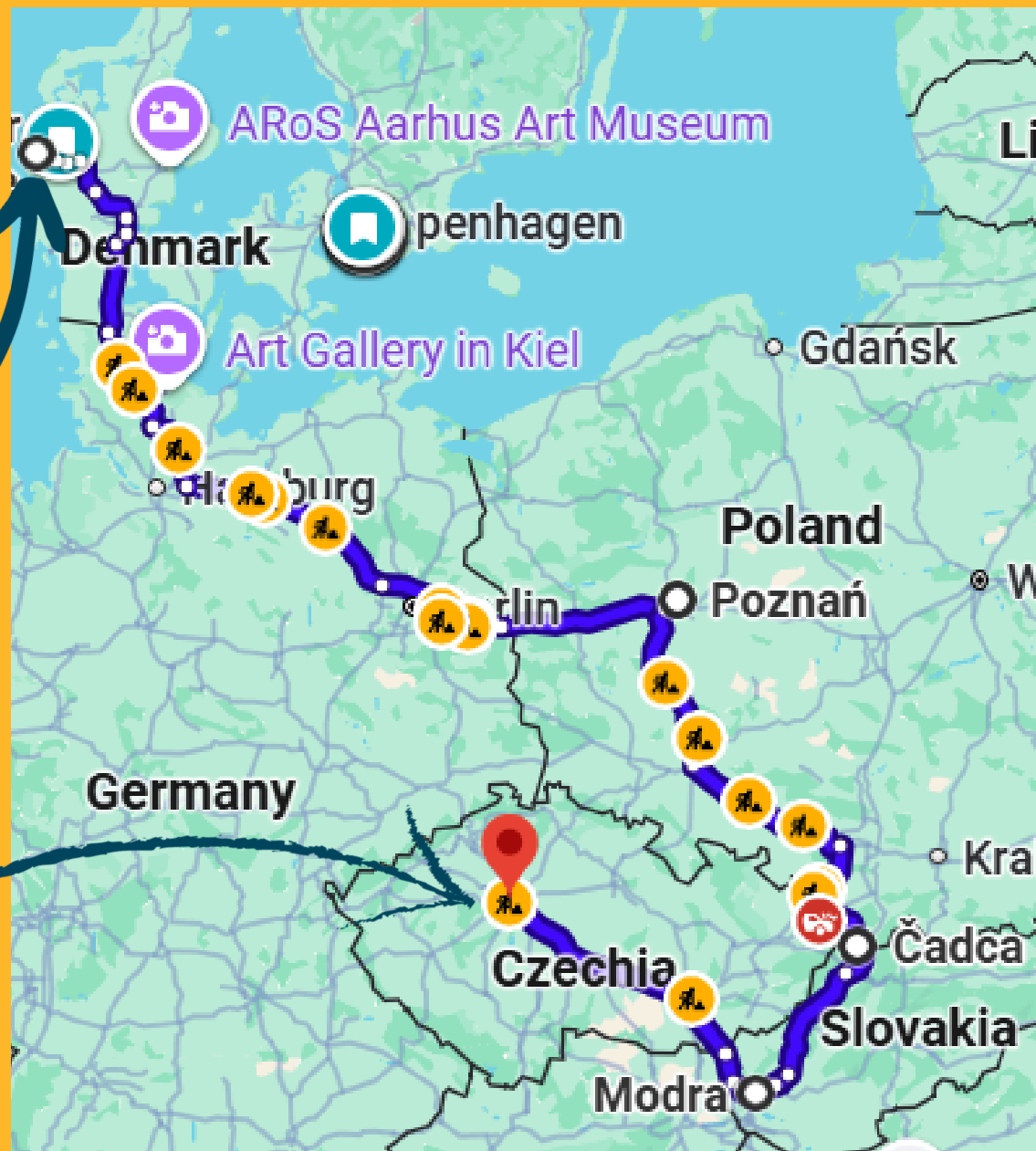
On this travel, students are sent away from the bus in each of the countries they visit to learn first-hand about different topics that they find relevant, whether it is trade and economy, women's rights, climate change, or culture. We call this experience an investigation.

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



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Skorkærvej 8, 6990
Tvind Skolerne,
Denmark

INEX, CZECHIA
30, Varšavská 249,
Vinohrady, 120 00
Prague, Czechia

5+ 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, Poland and Slovakia where you will visit NGO and organisation working with non formal education. The end will be in INEX Czechia, where we will finalise and reflect about the travel, the experience lived and we will have the option to join a three days project in INEX.

Weekend in INEX

Explain

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 INEX. These tickets are able to be partially refunded depend on your sending organisation - get in touch with us to find outmore.

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.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in participating in such a travel, please, apply in the form, if you have any question contact contact:

INEX - SDA, Hana Al-Jamalová, hana.al-jamalova@inexsda.cz

The deadline to contact us about the travel is ***

We will have an online information meeting with those interested in taking part of the project on ****. 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!

