

**“EUROPEAN YOUTH RHYTHM” PROJECT (YOURHYTHM)
ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME KA1 YOUTH EXCHANGE
FIRST ROUND – BULGARIA (AUGUST, 2016)
-Selection Procedure of General Directorate of Social
Services and Social Integration of the Community of Madrid-**

On the basis of the EU's political priorities, Member States' reports on the implementation of the Framework, data and needs analysed at local/regional level, the European Youth Rhythm project will focus on the involvement of:

- young people with a migrant or ethnic minority background, refugees and asylum seekers;
- young people, in particular those at risk of marginalisation;
- young people, with a special focus on the long-term unemployed and those in transition from education to work.

Youth Exchange proposed in Bulgaria (21st to 27th August) have followed this selection procedure:

1. This General Directorate announced call to local public/private entities (charities, refugee/migrant house centres, NGO, etc.) and to its own organisation departments for the previewed youth activity. The call contained detailed information on the Youth Exchange specific requirements for participation.
2. DGSSIS-CM has spread the document and collected application forms from the candidates until fixed deadline.
3. DGSSIS-CM met the candidates in person and made a pre-selection, based on the following criteria:
 - a) participant must have specific personal or professional interest related to the theme of the activity (dance styles)
 - b) once finished the exchange, participant must be willing to committ in spreading information about the lived experience and make use of her/his learning within the local community
 - c) participant must show interest in the project by gathering information about the hosting country and start some preparation work on his/her own
 - d) participant must have a basic knowledge of English or the language of the Youth Exchange host country.
4. DGSSIS-CM had difficulties in the process because some of the selected did not have their papers in order to travel outside of Spain.
5. DGSSIS-CM made final selection based on: the application forms and CVs received and additionally organised interviews with the selected candidates, following the principle of equal girls and boys participation.



All participants selected by DGSSIS-CM in the European Youth Rhythm activities (3 girls and 3 boys) have the following requirements:

- Youngers ages are 25 years old (1 girl and 1 boy), 21 years old (1 girl), 20 years old (2 boys) and 18 years old (1 girl).
- 5 of them have a basic knowledge of English, except 1 boy who speaks English fluently.
- 2 girls and 1 boy are immigrant youngers.
- 1 girl is NEET.
- 2 boys are in a disadvantage social situation.
- 1 girl and 3 boys are playing musical instruments as violin, guitar & bongo drum and 3 of them are studying at the Music Conservatory.
- 2 girls are singers.
- All of them are collaborating with NGO and charities associations.

