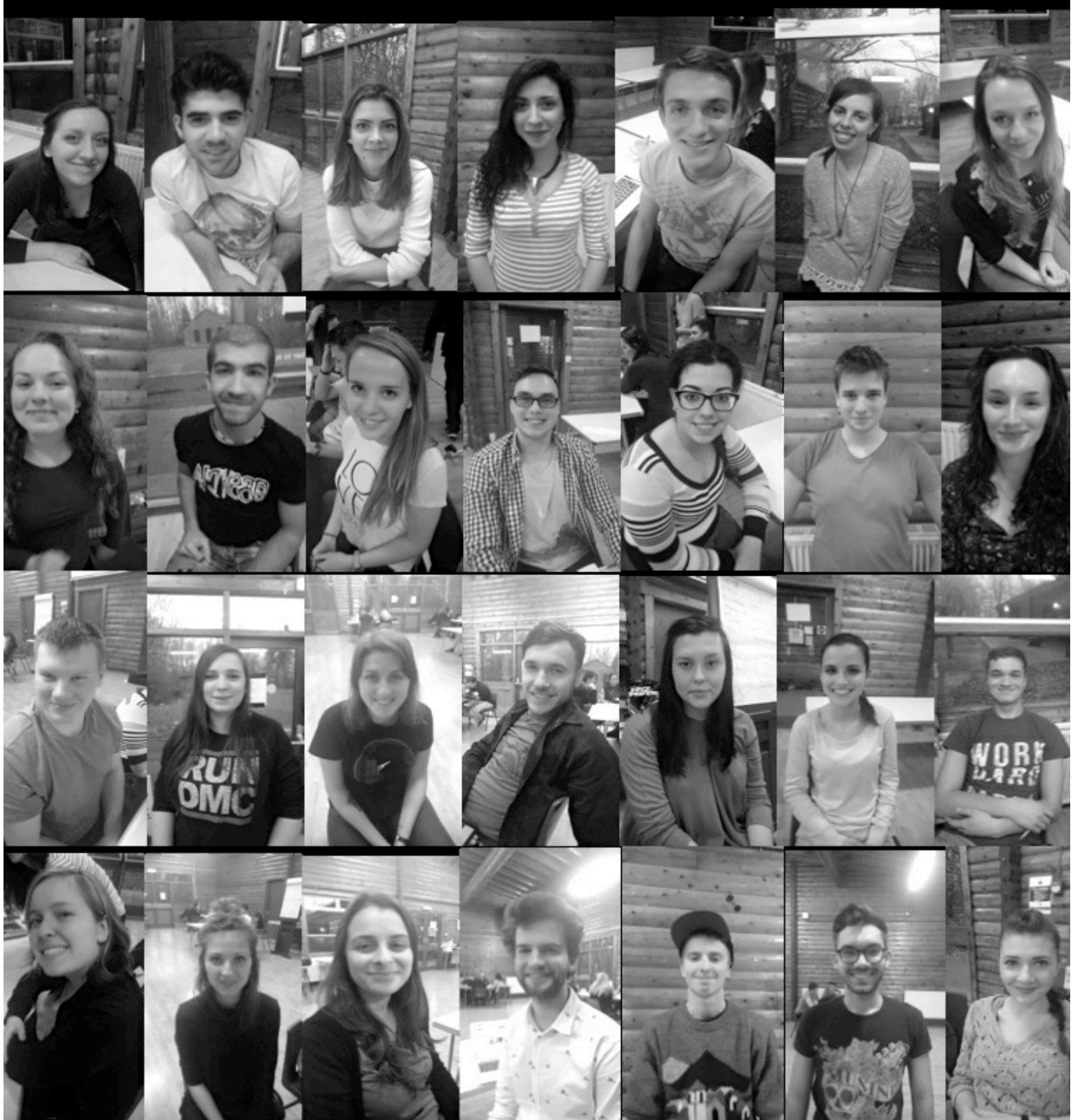




*Break the borders*

Go youth!



## Living in Another Country. Tips and Guidelines

Living in other countries has always been something common in the EU. As you can see below, this is a map of Europe with the flag of the first minority in every country, and the migration process is changing as we speak.



For us, Romanians, living in other countries has always been something very tempting, over two million Romanians work and live abroad, most of them in the EU. If you want to make this step and start a new life moving definitely or for a long period of time from your country you should follow some basic rules, tips and guidelines.

What should you do before and after moving abroad?

If you are not decided in which country to go especially on these times of economic crises, you should make a list of what are your life expectations and think about your new place benefits.

First on your list should be the “language factor”. You should be aware that not everyone speaks English, not even in the western more developed countries. It’s different going for a vacation and ordering some fries and steak than needing a doctor, plumber and other necessities.

Second place should be the economic factor, but this is a very tricky choice because even though the minimum wage for example is very high in other countries also you’ll pay high taxes as well and probably you’ll have more expensive costs of living. It’s kind of stupid for you to go somewhere else and lower your living standards.

Even though the most common decision factor to choose your next living destination is the place you went for your last vacation, this is not the best decision you can take, because in vacation you are relaxed, full of money, ready to do sightseeing, meet people and take lots of pictures. But when you plan on living and working abroad you should analyse some details about that place you've been on vacation.

Next you should read a lot about the country you want to immigrate: history, culture, economy, law and weather. Talk to as many people as you can and don't rely only on the opinion of your friends living there.

Your evaluation should be at least 2-3 months until you make your final decision and when you actually make this step, wait and see how you manage the first months but not as a tourist: get contracts, search for jobs, try to act as if you already are living there.

Be as realistic as you can and don't start from the idea that you will never return to your home country because everything will be wonderful, don't sell all your properties back home and keep your strong connections there.

Everyday in our lives should be an adventure: play, explore, learn, so if you don't have the guts to go abroad probably you will never know how it could be and later you'll probably end up regretting it.





## Joining the European Union. Benefits, Advantages, Disadvantages, Losses etc.



What are the benefits provided to the Member states? As a member of the EU, you will be able to enjoy many advantages and some of them are perfect for you, young people.

Some of the benefits of the European Union include: Broad political and legal benefits like European harmony, legal and human rights and the opportunity to modernise the state.

EU membership can offer economic benefits, because it is one of the strongest economic areas in the world. The countries which are members of the European Union have also environmental benefits, taking in consideration that EU has raised the quality of the sea water and beaches, the concern regarding acid rain and global warming.

Also, EU membership can offer amazing advantages for young people. Up to 2014, more than one million young persons have completed part of their studies in another member state with the help of the Erasmus program. More than that, the possibility to study abroad is considered positive for 84% of the European Union citizens.

Another advantage in joining European Union is the fact that it is easier to use qualifications in different countries and this makes it easier to work abroad, without having to retrain in different national qualifications.

So, the Citizens of European Union are free to move from one member country to another – citizens can freely travel, study, work, or live in any European country of their choice. Furthermore, more jobs are generated – more or less than 3.5 million jobs have been generated over the years.

On the other hand, the European Union membership has also some disadvantages like the communication barriers because it becomes difficult for EU to communicate with all its citizens as they all speak different languages.

Also, leaving can be a problem for member states because once a country decides to join the European Union, it is difficult for it to leave.

Also, for some countries it seems to be a problem that the EU has power over the government in these countries.

Joining EU has a lot of advantages But also some disadvantages. What weighs more in your decision?



# EU Opportunities for Youth to Gain Work Other Experience Abroad

By Opening the borders, the European Union (EU) provides opportunities for everyone from his/her country to travel freely to find a job or another occupation as volunteering or as a student. This outlines the two main lines through which young people can find a job. The information platforms the EU provides and one's own initiative to find work and connect to various private employers. The European Commission (EC), for example, helps a lot of people finding a workplace in the youth field, but not only.

Erasmus + is one of the options for young people to gain experience abroad for short or long-term period depending on their desires: training courses, youth exchanges and EVS (European Voluntary Service). In the *Erasmus+ Programme Guide*, issued on the 7.01.2016 from the EC you can find almost everything you need to know about this program in the field of education, training, youth and sports for the period 2014-2020.

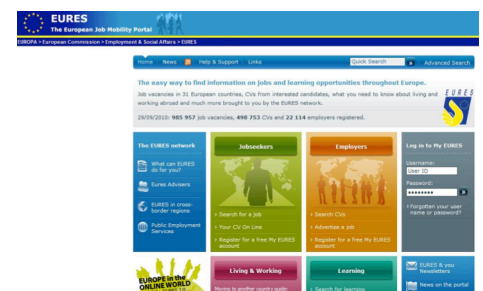
Even though that program is not providing you a work place or career, it's actually fighting against unemployment, because it helps you develop your full potential and helps you find the field you are best at. Challenging you during the time of the projects, the program aims to the development of social capital, active participation in society, working in team, etc...

Useful information about job vacancies, internships, voluntary services can be found on the website of the *European Youth Portal- Europa.eu*. Such information can also be found on websites such as *eurojobs.com*, *gapyear.com*, *transitionabroad.com*. But the biggest platform for job mobility is called *EURES*. Aiming to promote the development in Europe, the transmission and exchange of information on the European labour market, *EURES* is connecting thousands and thousands jobseekers and employers all over the EU.

In each country, there are consultants, different advisors and local websites, which offer opportunities for jobs, volunteering and exchanges. It doesn't matter if you are a student or an experienced professional looking for another challenge, the EU offers exciting opportunities according to your skills and interests. It will broaden your outlook and knowledge about different countries and cultures and for sure it will make you a lot more self confident and constantly learning.



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