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# DRONI NEWS

*The Youth Association DRONI Newsletter*



## THIS ISSUE'S FEATURES

### *MEET OUR NEW VOLUNTEER!*

On 5th of May Rike Park in Tbilisi turned into a 'Eurovillage'- everything due to the celebration of Europe Day.

This day gave the opportunity to go on a journey across the EU with informative and fun activities.

### *PROJECT UPGRADE*

During the event, the presented EU programmes have shown how the EU has helped Georgia to develop further and have also presented the opportunities offered to the citizens of Georgia by the EU.

### *DRONI MEMBERS ABROAD*

Program of the event was full of musical performances, family activities and also theatrical presentations of Georgian and European fairy tales. Of course, there was also room for the food court, where Europe could be literally 'tasted'.

*Europe Day 2019 was a joint initiative between the Delegation of the European Union and Tbilisi City Hall, in co-operation with EU Member State embassies and EU programmes & partners.*

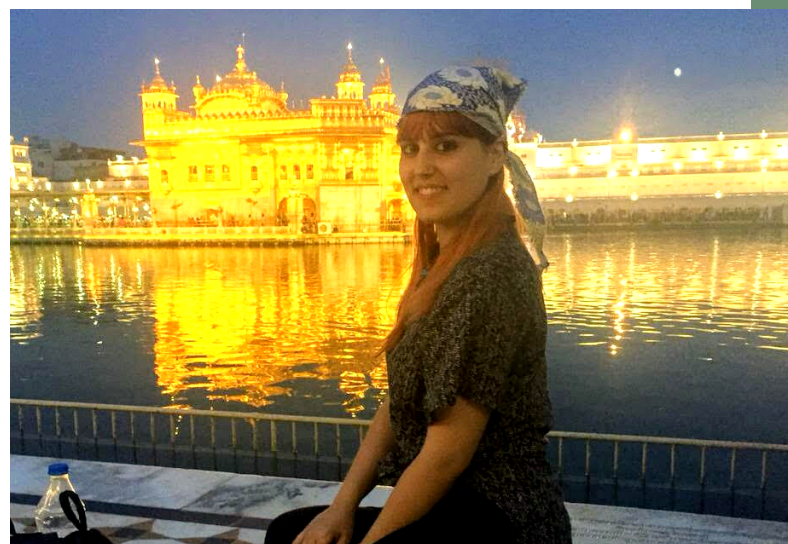
# EUROPE DAY

# MEET OUR VOLUNTEER!

Hello, my name is **Jolanda**, I'm from Italy and I'm a new long term volunteer.

I am a student of languages and cultures of Asia and Africa, although in recent years I have abandoned my studies in order to travel. I am very interested in linguistics and the study of new cultures and that's why I chose to come to Georgia.

I took part in another EVS program in Poland, but only for two months and it was a fantastic experience, I hope this experience will be fantastic too and I hope to come home with new knowledge, awareness, and new friendships as well.



# THE PROJECT UPGRADE

Increasing Capacity of Participatory Youth Work is one year project funded by the Erasmus+ programme, including various educational activities, fellowships, youth exchanges and etc. for the Youth workers from different European Union members states and partner countries.

One of the educational activity within the project, a training course, was held in Tbilisi from 5th of May until the 12th of May.

The main aim of the training course was increasing awareness of the youth workers regarding the development of Youth work and its challenges, increasing their competences and in the long run strengthening the youth centers in the partner countries.

Training course involved 29 participants from Georgia, Ukraine, Poland, Estonia, and Sweden. Within the framework of the training, participants got familiar with the experience of partner organizations in the youth work and active participation, participated in the study visit in Ponichala Youth Center and got acquainted with various realities in the field of youth work.

*Sopho Gogsadze*



# DRONI MEMBERS ABROAD

*Venue: Bodrum, Turkey. Date: April 15th- May 31st*

The Expectations of my short - term EVS program was high, but it was way too much than I expected. **Bodrum Dance Club - Youth, Culture and Art Center** organizes International Dance and Modern Dance Festivals every year.

Dancers from all over the world meet in Bodrum and take part in several cultural activities apart of dancing competitions.

Undoubtedly, one of the most interesting parts of EVS is the on-arrival training, which predominantly aims to direct and prepare new volunteers for their oncoming ventures.

Volunteers of "Think dance" project were working on preparations of this festivals and take active part during the festival.

The volunteers had a chance to develop competences to directly lead activity, develop creativity and leadership skills.

We used different technologies in our work to disseminate results and project and activities visibility (video, photo, articles/news) and tools for information, develop and design brochures, flyers, presentations, editing photos and movies from activities, had Turkish language classes, attended different workshops organized by the volunteers and etc.

One of the most memorable day was taking part in the dance choreography with other volunteers to perform during the Festivals . We helped the festival committee members on guiding the festival participants, introduced our country, culture to local community during informal meetings.

I've attended more than 17 projects within Erasmus frame, but this EVS was an amazing experience, with unforgettable memories and new friendships.

Thanks "Droni" for giving me the chance to become a member of this team and wish you good luck with your future projects.

*Ana Danelia*

# DRONI MEMBERS ABROAD



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:**

*The older you get, the better you get*

**ELENE KAPANADZE**



**GIVI AMAGLOBELI**

**GIO LEJAVA**



**GIORGI PRUIDZE**

**MARIAM PHERADZE**