

# CONNECTED FOR FUTURE



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WEBSITE LINK:

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LOCATION:

Sofia, Bulgaria

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Connected for Future is a non-profit, non-governmental voluntary organization. Its main objective is to provide the generation of today with an empowering international environment where they can fully embrace their identity, and gain all the skills they need to be leaders tomorrow.

Our goals are to shape the way youngsters live their lives and teach them the fundamentals of social responsibility, healthy living, and cultural acceptance.

This is done through the various voluntary activities organized by our organization on a regular basis.

"Connected for Future" is managed by young people experienced in Erasmus+ exchanges and training courses and truly passionate to engage in further international missions and to provide such to a broader target of youngsters. The organizations' regular members are dedicated volunteers who facilitate the administration and logistics within the network's framework.



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## OUR AIMS AND MEANS

As an NGO inextricably linked to the youth, Connected for Future aims to provide youngsters with the necessary knowledge, skills and opportunities for their further development. By using non-formal education and the implementation of different youth programs as our main tools, we strive to support mobility, social inclusion, gender equality and cultural acceptance as well as form a better understanding of healthy living, active participation and sustainability.

For the achievement of those aims we have chosen projects under the Framework Programs of the European Community and other international programs and initiatives in the field of science, culture, arts, technology and sport as our main field of action.

### SKILLS AND EXPERTISE OF KEY STAFF

Our staff has gathered extensive experience with Erasmus+ program by participating on both sides in many international projects and previous volunteering experience in NGOs. By doing so the team of Connected for Future has acquired the skills to impeccably select, prepare and manage national groups providing active and responsible participants.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR EXPERIENCE

To achieve our mission we have chosen several different programs. Up until now some of the projects that we are the most proud of are the following:

1. **“Trash-Formation” – Capture the Magic** - This project was delivered in cooperation with a leading school committee in Sofia. Held in 2017, “Trash-Formation” was a creative project with a fund-raising aspect as well. The main goal was to collect financial resources for young people from Bulgaria, willing to take part in an UNESCO marathon, held in the North of Germany. As a project, “Trash-Formation” included five active days, three of which were focused on an active fund-raiser in a Christmas cabin at “Weihnachtsmarkt Sofia” – Christmas Market Sofia. During the project workshops, our participants manufactured eco-friendly products which were sold at the Christmas Market. Our mission resulted in guaranteeing financial support for twelve youngsters from rural areas in Bulgaria and facilitating their participation in the UNESCO-headed project in Western Europe.

2. **5km Charitable Sports Marathon** – In honor of 26<sup>th</sup> of June, declared by the UN to be the official day marking the battle against illegal drug usage and trafficking we decided to organize a sports event involving 500 youngsters aged 14 to 19 from local schools, supporting the cause by promoting healthy living. Thanks to the cooperation between “*Connected for Future*” and the organizations “*Interact club 73 SOU*”, “*Student Council*”, “*Student Red Cross*” and “*Club of the Enthusiasts 73*” we managed to secure 11 official sponsors of the event, gathering over 3000BGN that were donated to a drug rehabilitation centre. Furthermore the Sports Marathon turned into an annual project carried out by students inspired to spread our mission.
3. **Student visit to an orphanage** – As a mutual project between our NGO and the “*Student Red Cross*” we arranged a visit together with the transportation to an orphanage located near Sofia, where both student volunteers and members of both organizations could donate clothing, toys and art supplies as well as pay company and interact with the children living there.
4. **Cooking lessons for students** – Our organization has always put value on health and the maintenance of a healthy lifestyle. Therefore, not overlooking the importance of good nutrition, we decided to carry out a seminar teaching freshmen at university the ABCs of cooking. With the help and guidance of a nutritionist and a professional chef we organized a program consisting of theoretical educational seminars joined with gaining practical experience in cooking. The project continued 3 weekends during which it included over 200 first year students that were yet about to start living alone and take care of themselves.