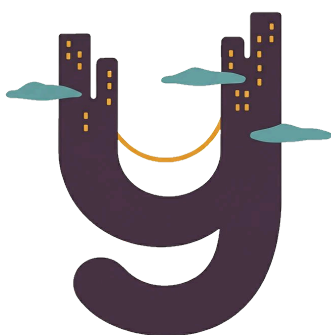




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# Youthopia

## Mobility in Croatia

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## Introduction

This mobility is designed to empower you with the tools to bridge the gap between young citizens and decision-makers. In a world where urban environments often feel disconnected from the people who live in them, we believe that youngsters are the key to creating more functional, inclusive, and vibrant "third spaces."

Throughout this exchange, we will dive deep into political literacy and urban planning. You won't just be talking about change; you'll be learning how to draft official proposals, evaluate the quality of public spaces, and learn how to engage in direct dialogue with local authorities. From mapping problematic areas to executing a physical intervention in the local space, this mobility is a platform to practice active citizenship. During the mobility we will co-create an interactive guide and a social media campaign to inspire other young people across Europe to take charge of their local environments.

The main aim is to empower young people to understand and actively participate in the creation of public spaces designed for them.

This overarching goal will be achieved through three specific objectives:

- strengthening youth political engagement and participation,
- informing young people about civic participation and urban planning processes,
- educating youth on how to prepare and draft formal proposals for local government representatives, and connecting them with community decision-makers to foster closer relationships and initiate active dialogue.

## Methodology & working flow

Throughout the exchange, we will utilise non-formal education methods rooted in a "learning by doing" approach. Sessions will involve a dynamic mix of group and individual work, presentations, games, and visual arts, such as photography and collage making, to explore the connection between society and space. We will use interactive digital tools like the Genially application and practical site-specific assessments to evaluate our surroundings, ensuring the methodology remains engaging and hands-on. This approach is designed to facilitate the effective sharing of skills, knowledge, and experiences among participants, especially during the co-creation of the interactive guide and the physical intervention in the local area.

During the youth exchange, we are going to encourage participants to reflect on their learning process and support them in writing a **Youthpass** certificate. At the end of the exchange, we are going to provide a Youthpass certificate to all participants. In the spirit of informal and non-formal learning, there will be space for participants to contribute to the

programme with their own knowledge and skills, undertake their own analyses, including reflections on competences acquired during the exchange.

## Participants profile

Residents of Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Croatia, Serbia, Spain, Poland or Portugal, above 18 years old, actively involved in the field of youth work (project manager, project coordinator, teacher, social worker, youth worker, volunteer, animator etc.) with experience in activities related to active citizenship, media literacy, and critical thinking. Three participants are going to be selected from each partner organisation.

Experience in the field of youth work and motivation are decisive in selecting the participants. Please fill the application form completely and with dedication.

[APPLY Here \(click\)](#)

## Accommodation, working venue and food

Iž Island has become a central point for Prizma's activities since we opened the space [DKC Školj](#) for training, exchanges, and cultural events. The town of Veli Iž and its 400 inhabitants reside on the northern coast of the island. This former fishing village has a catamaran, a boat, and a ferry operating regularly to Zadar. Veli Iž is known for its traditional pottery pieces, called Iški Lopiži, and for its olive oil.

Sessions will take place in DKC Školj, which features both indoor and outdoor spaces by the sea. Participants will be accommodated in nearby apartments with shared rooms. Food, including breakfast, lunch, dinner, and coffee breaks, along with accommodation and materials necessary for the sessions, will be provided by the coordinating organization.

## Travel guide

**Please do not buy flight tickets before our approval.** To enter Croatia you will need a valid passport or, for citizens of the EU, a personal identity card will be enough.

## Flying to Zadar

We recommend you to fly to Zadar (closest airport to Veli Iž), but you can also fly to Zagreb or Split. It takes about 45 mins from each airport to reach a bus or train terminal from where you can continue your trip to Zadar. Below you can find websites where you can check timetables

and buy tickets. Timetables can change according to the time of the year and will be announced on the website. If it is not possible to buy a ticket online, don't worry, you can buy a ticket at the station. We recommend buying return bus tickets, but be sure to check the return schedule also because a return ticket must be used with the same bus operator.

## Reaching Zadar by bus

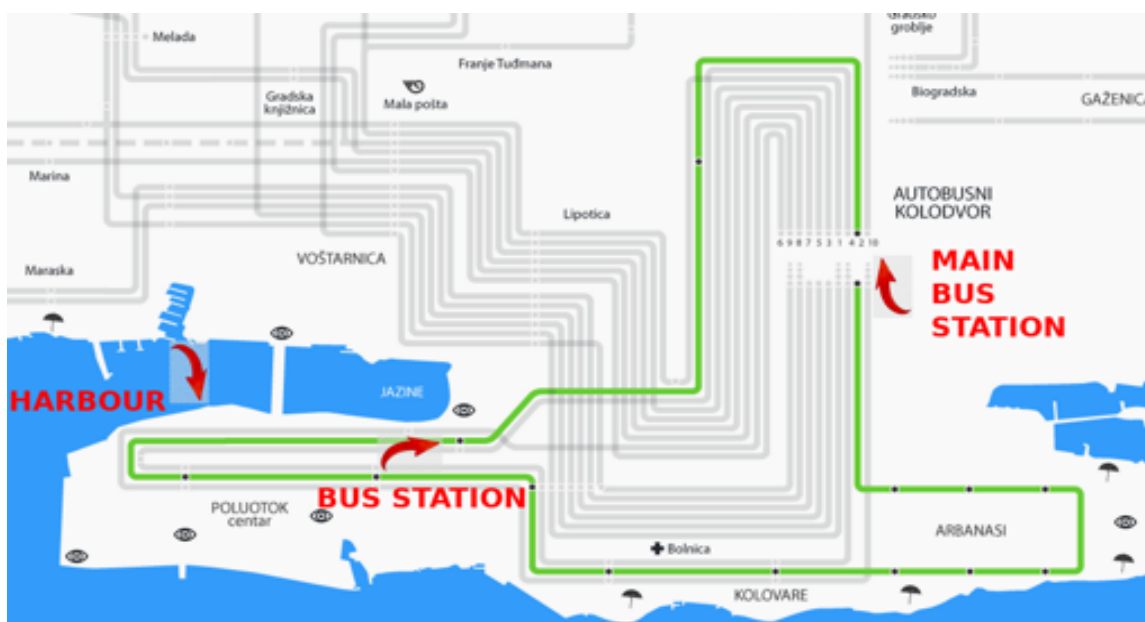
- from Zadar Airport - [schedule](#);
- from Split - [schedule](#);
- from Zagreb - [schedule](#).

Split Airport is connected both to Split (20 km) and to Trogir (just 6 km). There are many buses connecting Trogir and Zadar, so this is another travel option. There are no suitable train connections to Zadar.

## From Zadar Bus Terminal to Zadar Harbour

When you arrive at Zadar Bus Terminal, take a local bus to **Zadar Harbour** in the Old Town (**do not go to the harbour Gaženica** which is in the opposite direction). Take a [bus line](#) 2 or 4 to the bus stations near the harbour on Poluotok (semi peninsula). Ask the driver to tell you where it is more convenient and closest to get out at the harbour in the Old Town of Zadar.

If you decide to [walk](#), it takes around 30 minutes to arrive from the Bus Terminal to the harbour.



Bus line 2



Bus line 4

## Reaching the island

There are two boat connections between Zadar Harbour and Veli Iž. [Jadrolinija](#) and [GV – Zadar](#). **Please consult the catamaran/boat timetables before searching for flight tickets and wait for our confirmation before buying the flight tickets.** Moreover, a catamaran line is connecting Zadar Harbour with Bršanĳ, a small harbour on island Iž. Bršanĳ is located 10 minutes by bus/car from Veli Iž. Please use the line to Bršanĳ only if there is no other option since we have to arrange a transfer by car to Veli Iž.

Zadar Gaženica is a ferry port on the south of the city and it's connected with Bršanĳ on the island Iž. It's more convenient to use the main port in Zadar city centre. Cars are not needed on the island Iž, therefore vehicles can be left in a free parking place in Zadar.

Boarding time starts 30 minutes before departure. The departure location is "Zadar" and the arrival location is "Veli Iž" or "Iž Veli". **The boat leaves from Zadar Harbour, which doesn't have a precise address - the coordinates are: 44°07'05.8"N 15°13'26.5"E.**

**Where to buy the tickets?** Ticket offices are close to the departure place (more info below).

Ticket costs around 4 EUR payable by cash and card. Ask at the ticket office for the name of the boat. You can also buy tickets online. We will wait for you just in front of the arrival point of the boat at Veli Iž, and take you to your accommodation.

**IMPORTANT:** Veli Iž is usually the second stop from Zadar, but on some boat lines it's the third stop. Always check where you are before leaving the boat.

Be sure to check the boat operator's websites (below) for boat schedule updates before planning your flights.

#### [G&V Line Iadera](#)

Poljana Natka Nodila, Zadar

+385 23 250 733

[info@gv-zadar.hr](mailto:info@gv-zadar.hr)

#### [Jadrolinija Zadar Old Town](#)

Liburnska obala 4, Zadar

+ 385 72 30 33 37

[ag.zadar@jadrolinija.hr](mailto:ag.zadar@jadrolinija.hr)

## Financial conditions

### Travel costs

Please **save all original travel documents** (public transport tickets: flight tickets, boarding passes, bus and train tickets). We will not be able to reimburse travel expenses incurred by private carriages such as taxis, Uber or Bolt if public transport is available. Carpooling is eligible (minimum two passengers in a vehicle).

Travel costs will be reimbursed following the submission of original travel documents. We encourage you to use online check-in to minimise the effect on the environment and reduce administrative paperwork. **Reimbursements are going to be executed through bank transfer to the participant's sending organisation up to the maximum amount listed below.** The maximum travel budget per distance:

- Croatia: 50€
- Estonia: 309€
- Spain: 309€

### Health and travel insurance

We strongly encourage you to bring a **European Health Insurance card**.

The European Health Insurance Card (or EHIC) is issued free of charge and allows anyone who is insured by or covered by a statutory social security scheme of the EU to receive medical treatment in another member state for free or at a reduced cost, if that treatment becomes necessary during their visit. It covers treatment that is needed to allow you to

continue your stay until your planned return. It also covers treatment of pre-existing medical conditions and routine maternity care, as long as you're not going abroad to give birth.

The EHIC is not an alternative to travel insurance. It does not cover any private medical healthcare. Therefore, it is important to have both an EHIC and a valid private travel insurance policy. Udruga Prizma is going to purchase travel insurance for all selected participants.

## Other information

### Emergency numbers in Croatia

- (+385) 112 – emergency number
- (+385) 192 – police
- (+385) 193 – fire brigade
- (+385) 194 – ambulance
- (+385) 1987 – road assistance
- (+385) 1 4640 800- HAK (Croatian automobile club)
- (+385) 18981 – general information

### Official currency

The official currency in the Republic of Croatia is euro (EUR).

### [Weather conditions](#)

For any inquiry, assistance or help please contact your sending organisation, or directly Udruga Prizma - Margareta Beltran Miranda at [margareta@udrugaprizma.hr](mailto:margareta@udrugaprizma.hr)