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путовање у ЕУ

У прилогу достављамо обавештење Европске комисије о конкурс за бесплатну путну пропусницу за путовање у ЕУ у оквиру програма „Еразмус+“ (*DiscoverEU*). Предвиђено је да у оквиру овог конкурса 36.000 младих људи добије бесплатну путну пропусницу за путовање железницом по Европи у трајању од месец дана у периоду од 1. марта 2024. до 31. маја 2025. године.

Пријаве се подносе преко портала *European Youth Portal*, а позив је отворен за особе рођене 2005. године.

Рок за подношење пријава је 18. октобар до 12.00 часова.

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Applications are open for 36,000 young people born in 2005 to receive a free travel pass thanks to DiscoverEU

Brussels, 4 October 2023

Today, the Commission is launching the DiscoverEU autumn call, thanks to which 36,000 young people will receive a free travel pass to explore Europe.

The application round starts today at 12:00 CEST and will end on Wednesday 18 October at 12:00 CEST. To win a travel pass, young people are invited to apply on the [European Youth Portal](#), answer 5 quiz questions and one tiebreaker question. Successful applicants born between 1 January 2005 and 31 December 2005 will be able to travel in Europe for up to 30 days during the travel period 1 March 2024 and 31 May 2025. The call is open to applicants from the European Union and the third countries associated to the [Erasmus+ Programme](#), i.e. Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia and Türkiye.

Participants will be able to discover the [New European Bauhaus route](#), launched in January 2023. It aims to inspire young people when choosing their destinations and raise awareness on the importance of making the European Union 'beautiful, sustainable, together'. Participants will also continue to benefit from the initiatives launched in 2022 during the European Year of Youth, such as 'Youth discovers culture thanks to DiscoverEU in 2022' and the [DiscoverEU Culture Route](#). The latter combines various destinations and cultural branches, including architecture, music, fine art, theatre, fashion, design and more. DiscoverEU travellers can visit the [European Capitals of Culture](#), destinations added on the prestigious [UNESCO World Heritage List](#), or holders of the [European Heritage Label](#). Moreover, they can also stop by locations with the [Access City Award](#) label. These are cities that have gone above and beyond to become more accessible to everyone, regardless of age, mobility or ability. Another activity that will continue is the provision of a [discount card](#) to the participants, with more than 40,000 discount possibilities on public transport, culture, accommodation, food, sports and other services available in the eligible countries.

[Erasmus+ National Agencies](#) support young people through pre-departure information meetings, preparing them for their journey. The National Agencies frequently organise the [DiscoverEU Meet-ups](#), an exciting cultural programme that lasts from one to three days across all Erasmus+ countries. Over 100 Meet-ups have taken place so far and will continue in future years.

As social inclusion is a top priority of the Erasmus+ programme, participants with disabilities or health issues will be supported on their journeys. Furthermore, in October 2022, the Erasmus+ National Agencies launched the DiscoverEU Inclusion Action, allowing organisations working with young people with fewer opportunities as well as informal groups of young people to apply for a grant. Participants under the DiscoverEU Inclusion Action will receive extra support, such as the possibility to travel with accompanying persons. Two calls of the Inclusion Action are taking place in 2023. During the first call that took place in October 2022, 108 projects were awarded by the Erasmus+ National Agencies. The first travellers under this specific action started their journey in March 2023.

The Commission encourages sustainable travel by rail. However, special arrangements are available for young people from outermost regions, Overseas Countries and Territories, remote areas and islands.

Background

The Commission launched [DiscoverEU](#) in June 2018, following a preparatory action from the European Parliament. It has been integrated into the [Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027](#).

Since 2018, more than 1 million candidates applied for 248,000 available travel passes. According to the last results of the post-travel survey, 72% of candidates declared that they travelled for the first time by train out of their country of residence. For many, it was also the first time they travelled without parents or accompanying adults and the majority indicated that they had become more independent.

The survey reveals that the DiscoverEU experience has given them a better understanding of other cultures and of European history. It has also improved their foreign language skills. Over two thirds said that they would not have been able to finance their travel pass without DiscoverEU. Participants are invited to become DiscoverEU Ambassadors to champion the initiative. They are also encouraged to contact fellow travellers on the official [#DiscoverEU Official group online](#) to share experiences and exchange tips, particularly on cultural experiences, or on how to travel digitally and sustainably.

To apply, eligible candidates need to complete a multiple-choice quiz on general knowledge about the European Union and other EU initiatives targeting young people. There is also a tiebreaker question. The closer the estimate is to the correct answer, the more points the applicant gets. This will enable the Commission to rank the applicants. The Commission will offer travel passes to applicants following their ranking, until the available tickets run out.

For More Information

[DiscoverEU](#)

[European Youth Portal](#)

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Quotes:

With 248,000 travel passes distributed since it started in 2018, DiscoverEU is one of the most attractive EU programmes for young people. Participants from across Europe are increasingly enthusiastic about travelling by rail, exploring their European identity, making new friends, and getting skills of value for their future life. Now young people can apply for an additional 36,000 DiscoverEU passes and embark on this wonderful adventure!

Iliana Ivanova, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth - 04/10/2023

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