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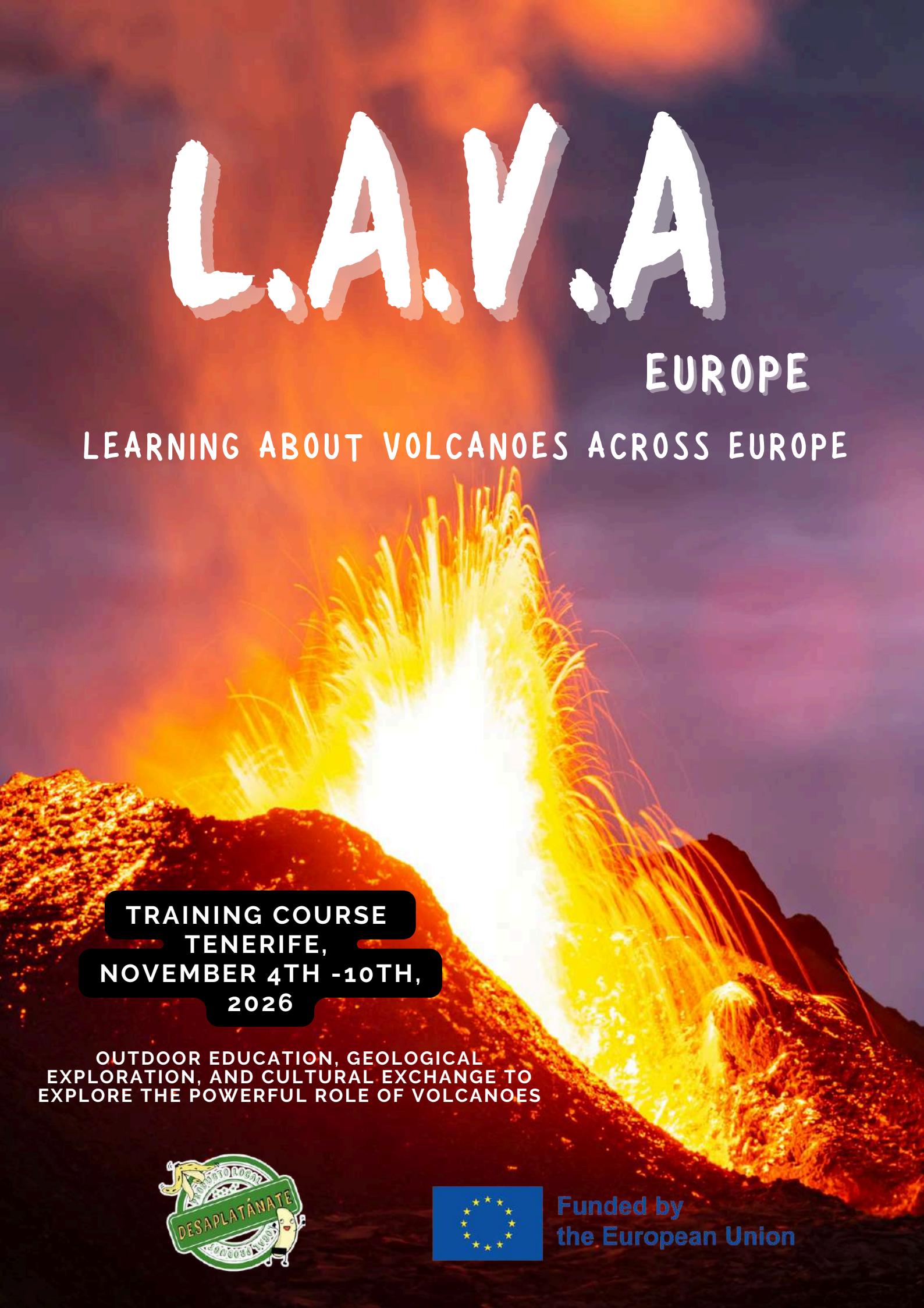
LEARNING ABOUT VOLCANOES ACROSS EUROPE



TRAINING COURSE
TENERIFE,
NOVEMBER 4TH -10TH, 2026

OUTDOOR EDUCATION, GEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION, AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE TO EXPLORE THE POWERFUL ROLE OF VOLCANOES

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THE PROJECT

The L.A.V.A. (Learning About Volcanoes Across Europe) project arises from the urgent need to understand volcanoes and raise awareness of their risks while addressing key challenges related to environmental education, sustainability, and intercultural understanding in Europe. All of this is achieved by using volcanoes as a central theme. This unique and innovative project aligns with Erasmus+ priorities, tackling inclusion, digitalization, environmental sustainability, and active youth participation

This Erasmus+ Training Course that will take place in Tenerife, **from November 4th to 10th, 2026**. Set against the stunning backdrop of Tenerife, the project **will bring together 27 youth leaders and youth workers from 12 countries**, creating a vibrant space for learning, sharing and collaboration.

Objectives:

- **Awareness & Resilience:** Educate youth on volcanic ecosystems and practical risk management.
- **Cultural Connection:** Explore how geomorphology shapes European traditions and shared identity.
- **Innovative Methods:** Equip youth workers with gamification, storytelling, and digital teaching tools.
- **Sustainable Tourism:** Promote outdoor education and responsible environmental leisure.
- **Lasting Impact:** Develop replicable resources (like exhibitions) and build international networks for future Erasmus+ collaborations.

The participants come from the following organisations:

Desaplatánate - **Spain**
VšĮ uMunthu **- Lithuania**
Asociația Gutenberg **- Romania**
EQuality **- Poland**
ASNU aps **- Italy**
Worldwide Friends **- Veraldarvinir - Iceland**
Villagers of Greece **- Greece**
POENTA **- Serbia**
Association for youth AURORA NETWORK Bitola **- North Macedonia**
Women International Network **- Georgia**
Bioliving **- Portugal**
Association Of Natural and Historical Heritages Protection **- Turkey**

ACTIVITIES

The project will train 27 youth workers and leaders from 12European organizations (spanning diverse geological backgrounds) in environmental education, sustainability, and natural risk management, ensuring the inclusion of individuals with fewer opportunities and maintaining sociodemographic balance.

The activities are structured into the following key areas:

- **Training & Fieldwork:** Education in volcanology, community resilience, and responsible tourism using non-formal methods, complemented by interpretive educational hikes in Teide National Park to apply outdoor learning techniques.
- **Cultural Exchange & Best Practices:** Collaborative spaces to share methodologies for inclusion and youth entrepreneurship, alongside storytelling activities (such as at the Chinyero volcano) to connect geology with European mythology and culture.
- **Resource Creation:** The collaborative design of replicable pedagogical tools, including an interactive website, infographics, and the self-replicating "Lava and Culture" photographic exhibition.
- **Community Impact:** Direct practical actions in the local environment, highlighting environmental awareness workshops and a gamified volcanic beach cleanup.
- **Evaluation & Future Projection:** Daily reflection spaces, competence evaluation, and networking designed to structure future collaborations within the Erasmus+ KA2 framework.

Field visits to:



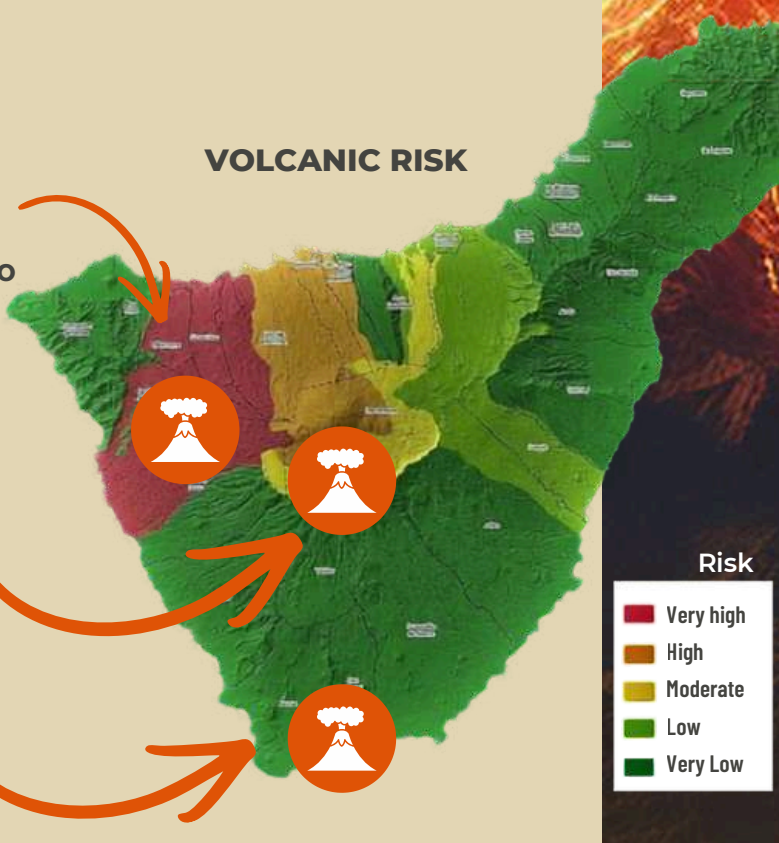
Historical Volcano



Stratovolcano



Explosive volcano



PARTICIPANTS

Each of 12 partners will send 2 participants from their country (no age limit).

The "LAVA Europe" Training Course is designed for **individuals who are actively involved, either professionally or voluntarily, as trainers, educators, or facilitators in non-formal education with young people**. Participants may include **leaders** or **members of youth organizations**, as well as **educators** who wish to integrate innovative approaches like outdoor education and astronomy into their work. **Prior experience in non-formal education is welcome but not required,** making this project an excellent opportunity for both seasoned and emerging practitioners to expand their knowledge and skills.

Motivation to engage in outdoor and interactive learning is essential. The program will include activities such as soft hikes., and hands-on workshops, requiring participants to be open to physical activity and an active-learning approach. By immersing themselves in these experiences, participants will not only gain practical skills but also contribute to a shared vision for the future of youth work in Europe.

LANGUAGE

The official language of the Training Course is **English**. We will communicate in English during all the activities. A good level of English is needed to allow us to work together, get involved, understand all the activities, and get the most out of this exchange.

FOOD

Participants will be provided with **three meals per day,** and the cost of all meals is fully covered by the project. To align with our commitment to reducing the environmental impact of traveling to Tenerife, all meals will be mainly **vegetarian** and occasionally **vegan.**

This choice reflects our effort to balance the carbon footprint of the project by promoting a more sustainable and environmentally friendly diet. The menu will be thoughtfully designed to ensure it is nutritious, delicious, and inclusive of diverse tastes. If you have any specific dietary requirements or allergies, please let us know in advance so we can accommodate your needs.

By choosing plant-based meals, we aim to inspire participants to reflect on the relationship between food and sustainability while enjoying the flavors of this conscious approach.

ACCOMMODATION

We will be staying at a **youth hostel**, where most of our meals during the exchange will be provided.

The hostel is situated in **Guía de Isora town**, which is well-equipped with essential services and conveniently located for quick drives to both the coast and the mountains. We will have three vans available for transportation to our activities.

As this is a youth center, strict rules are in place: **alcohol and smoking are absolutely prohibited** anywhere on the hostel premises. Violating these rules will result in immediate dismissal from the project and forfeiture of travel cost reimbursement.

The hostel offers **internet access**, though the bandwidth may be limited if many people are online at the same time. You may also use your mobile data, but please note that signal strength may vary depending on your phone carrier.







LOGISTICS

Tenerife has two international airports. Our venue is close to the one in the south (Aeropuerto Reina Sofía). **It is important that you inform us of your travel plans in advance.** The pick-up time will be set and confirmed after we've gathered everyone's arrival details:

- **Pick-up point:** Costa Adeje - Bus Station (Costa Adeje Station - Google Maps)

You can reach the bus station from either airport, or anywhere on the island, by public bus. From the southern airport, there are many bus services to the Costa Adeje bus station. The journey takes around 20 to 40 minutes depending on the line (e.g., 40, 343).

You can also use Google Maps or the local public transport website to plan your trip.

Remember: Only tickets with the name of the participant are valid for reimbursement. Local bus tickets are not eligible for reimbursement, as they do not include passenger names.





TRAVEL RULES

- **It is mandatory to get approval from LOCAL ORGANIZATION** Javier González (desaplatanate@gmail.com) **before booking any travel tickets.** Tickets that are purchased without the organisers' permission may not be refunded.

- **Tickets need participants name, prices, destinations, and dates.** About flight tickets, upload invoice and boarding pass to shared drive. Please provide a clear scan of all paper tickets and write your name on an A4 paper with tickets on it!

- After purchasing any online ticket, forward the email to **desaplatanate@gmail.com**. Failure to do so may result in non-reimbursement of expenses.

- It is mandatory to have a valid travel and **medical insurance** (i.e. European Health Insurance Card) during your travel. The host organization will not cover any personal health costs.

REIMBURSEMENT RULES

- Reimbursement applies only to **public transportation** such as flights, trains, and buses with your name on it. **Travel by car, cabs, or any other private means of transport is not eligible.** Please ensure to select a **10 kg hand luggage** solution.

- You can **arrive max two days before and leave max two days after** the mobility. Arriving during the activities is not allowed.

- If you don't participate in at least **80% of the activities** without a valid reason, there will be no reimbursement.

- Invoices from travel agencies will not be accepted. Please **book your tickets directly on the websites of flight airlines, trains and buses**.

- **Reimbursement will be done in EUR**. According to the exchange rates from the official European Commission website via bank transfer once all your original documents are uploaded to the folder and the dissemination activity is done.

- Tickets for other dates and expenses related to food and accommodation outside of the activities period will be not covered by the European fund.

- Once all the necessary documentation is uploaded to the designated folder and the dissemination is made, the reimbursement process will commence. Please note that the process might take up to a month.

BUDGET

Accommodation, food, and local transport will be covered by the project. **Only during the days of the project.**

As for the trip, we have a limited travel cost per person, calculated according to the Erasmus+ distance calculator:

ESPAÑA (TENERIFE)	**DESAPLATÁNATE**	28 €
PORTUGAL	**BIOLIVING**	309 €
ITALIA	**ASNU APS**	580 €
SERBIA	**POENTA**	580 €
MACEDONIA DEL NORTE	**AURORA NETWORK BITOLA**	580 €
GRECIA	**VILLAGERS OF GREECE**	580 €
ISLANDIA	**WORLDWIDE FRIENDS**	1.188 €
POLONIA	**EQUALITY**	1.188 €
RUMANÍA	**ASOCIAȚIA GUTENBERG**	1.188 €
TURQUÍA	**NATURAL & HISTORICAL HERITAGES**	1.188 €
LITUANIA	**VŠĮ UMUNTHU**	1.188 €
GEORGIA	**WOMEN INTERNATIONAL NETWORK**	1.188 €

Long distance transport is fully covered. Local transport, such as local bus, or transport to the closest airport will be covered if it is in direction from/to our venue/meeting point.

Due to our peripheral position, the only valid option is to come by plane. You can come and/or leave up to 2 days before and/or after the dates of the exchange but only if the connection is cheaper. However, the project budget will not cover the expenses of those extra days.

To send you the reimbursement, we need the original receipts of the plane tickets, as well as the boarding passes. We will make the international bank transfers as soon as the individual reports and dissemination activities will be finalized.

In order **to be refunded, participants must attend 80% of the activities of the TC, and follow the common rules,**

DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES

After completing the "LAVA Europe Training Course", participants must organize **dissemination activities in their home countries to share the knowledge and skills gained.** These activities are essential for achieving the project's objectives and will serve as a prerequisite for the reimbursement of travel costs.

Objectives:

1. Share the knowledge you gained during the project about volcanology, natural risk management, and outdoor education methodologies.
2. Inspire youth and youth workers through non-formal learning tools, local talks, or field trips.
3. Promote environmental awareness, sustainable tourism, and cultural exchange.
4. Help distribute and promote the educational resources created during the mobility, specifically the self-replicable "Lava and Culture" photographic exhibition.

Reporting:
Participants must document their activities with photos, videos, and feedback, submitting a brief summary report to the organizers.

These activities will amplify the project's impact, ensuring its benefits reach local and international communities.

WHAT TO BRING

The weather in Tenerife is very changing, and we will be moving a lot around the island, so weather and temperatures can change a lot.
The south of Tenerife has rather constant and warm weather, it is around 15°-24°, but you have to be prepared for everything since we will have some stargazing activities during the night and then it can be very cold! We will have some activities in the coast, where the temperature can rise up to 30°, and some activities in the mountain, where the temperature can drop to 0°, so get ready!
We will be allocated in double or triple rooms, with mattress, sheets, pillows and blankets, but you need to bring your own towel.
We also recommend you to bring:

- Solar cream, cap, sunglasses
- Towel, swimming suit
- Flip-flops
- **Hiking or sport shoes, backpack** (we will do some easy-medium hikes)
- Refillable water bottle
- Rain jacket, jumper, even gloves and scarf if you want to feel very warm - in the mountains can be cold and wet, especially in the evening
- Comfortable clothes - we will be working mainly outside

INFORMATION & LINKS

- Here you can find more information about our association, Desaplatánate:
  https://desaplatanate.org/en/
  https://www.instagram.com/desaplatanate/
  https://www.facebook.com/desaplatanate

- Here you can find more information about Erasmus+ projects:
  http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

- Here you can find more information about the Canary Islands:
  en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canary_Islands

- And here some touristic information about Tenerife:
  www.webtenerife.co.uk

WHATSAPP GROUP

To start to know each other, share info and keep contact after the exchange we have opened a **group in WhatsApp**, so **when your participation is confirmed**, you can join in and feel free to ask anything that you need.

Join the chat on WhatsApp here!

For anything else you can ask your group leader, or use the groups to ask.

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