

**Rural Youth Europe
In cooperation with the German Rural Youth Association
invites you to the European Rally 2022**



**“Shaping Future – Dialogue for Sustainability in Rural Areas”
July 31th – August 7th 2022
Nienburg, Germany**



The German umbrella-organisation of Rural Youth Clubs “Bund der Deutschen Landjugend” unites 18 federal state organisations. One of them is the Rural Youth Association of Lower Saxony “Niedersächsische Landjugend” which is hosting the Rally in 2022. We warmly invite young people from all Rural Youth Europe Member Organisations to enjoy and explore the beauty of Northern Germany.

The European Rally in 2022 will focus on dialogue for sustainability in rural areas. We are looking forward to interesting discussions, intercultural exchange and fun.

Aims & Objectives

- to raise awareness of the need for sustainability through sharing knowledge developing understanding of the importance of sustainable practices
- to get an overview of different aspects of sustainability such as consumption of land, water, forest, workforce etc.
- explore sustainable strategies of different organisations, regions and countries including sharing best practice (exchanging creative ideas, methods and activities)
- examine businesses within rural communities and explore any strategies they have in place to ensure a sustainable future and get insights on regional food production, recycling, saving carbon dioxide etc.
- explore the democracies of each country and youth organisations and connecting this with community life, pressures, methods of creating strategies/policies and how they are disseminated
- empower young people to develop, strengthen and support their local communities

Why Attend?

- ✓ You will meet many new people from all over Europe and find many new friends
- ✓ You will get a deeper understanding of sustainability
- ✓ You will gain new competences
- ✓ You will have a great time

The working methods will include interactive workshops and a series of study visits to explore different aspects of the theme. Sessions are based on non-formal education and will provide opportunities for participants to develop their skills and knowledge, as well as to share their experiences.

We will host a home stay day towards the end of the week for all participants to experience the local rural lifestyle of Northern Germany.

Rally Teams

Team Leaders

The Team leader is accountable for all communication between the prep team and their national team before, during and after the Rally. Tasks of the Team Leader will include:

- Sharing email communication
- Taking care of team members and making sure everyone follows the behaviour guidelines
- Erasmus+ program evaluation

Participants Profile

Participants should:

- ✓ Be aged 18 - 30 years
- ✓ Be active within their own youth organisation
- ✓ Be willing to work on topics like sustainability and climate change
- ✓ Be able to communicate in English
- ✓ Collect all original tickets, proof of payments and boarding passes and submit to the Prep team or RYEurope in a timely manner

Registration

Register your full team here: <https://forms.gle/PfdzkcmAjYaaDyCL7>

Deadline for the Registration is **June 05th 2022**.

All registered participants will receive a participant's information package with more details about the week, links and contacts shortly after the deadline.

Participation Fee

The participation fees are as follows:

- 320€ per participant for Band A countries (national GDP > EU GDP)
- 150€ per participant for Band B countries (national GDP ≤ EU GDP)

Registration fees will be invoiced to your organisation by the RYEurope Office following your registration.

Transport/Travel information

Each organisation is responsible for booking tickets for their National Rally Team. Before purchasing the tickets, please contact Rural Youth Europe to check your travel plans. All travel invoices and schedules must be sent to the [office e-mail](#) by 28th June 2022.

Please consider environment friendly options when arranging your travel. Please see the next page for the address of the venue.

For teams travelling to Germany by plane, we advise flights to Bremen Airport or Hannover Airport. If necessary, Hamburg Airport could also be possible. Note that cheaper flights to faraway airports might create more expensive local transport. From the airports there are good connections to continue the journey by train.

For travel by train or bus, head to 'Nienburg (Weser)' train station. The local team will pick up the participants at the station but it is also possible to reach the venue by foot. The easiest way to book public transport in Germany is this webpage: <https://www.bahn.com/en>

For teams travelling by car, there is plenty of parking space right next to the venue.

Arrival: We ask that all participants arrive at the venue between 11am and 6pm on Sunday 31st July 2022.

Departure: Please consider planning the return journey, starting from 'Nienburg' train station, on Sunday 07th August 2022, no later than 1pm.

Travel Reimbursement

Travel costs will be reimbursed up to at least 50% for team leaders and participants. Additional reimbursements will be paid out if the funding budgets allow.

Please note that travel reimbursements can only be paid on the following conditions:

- Cheapest option of travel is used (second class train, economy class flights etc.)
- The participants are following the Behaviour Guidelines and general Rally rules at all times
- All original tickets, proof of payments and boarding passes are submitted to the Prep team or RYEurope in a timely manner

Please note that no travel reimbursement will be made unless ALL ORIGINAL travel documents are received by 30th August 2022

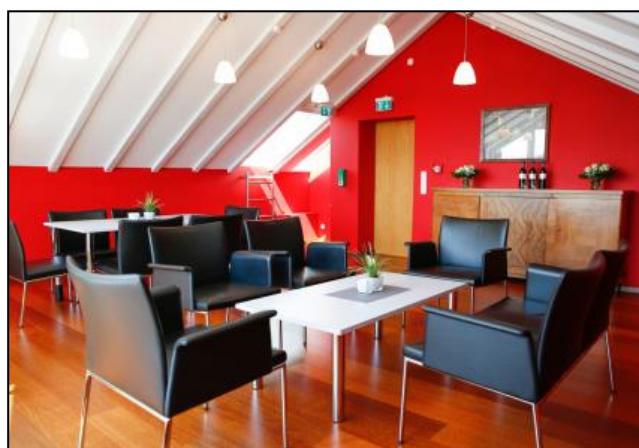
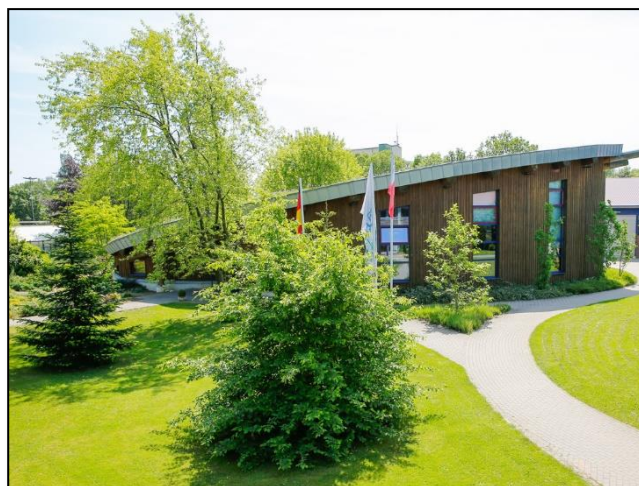
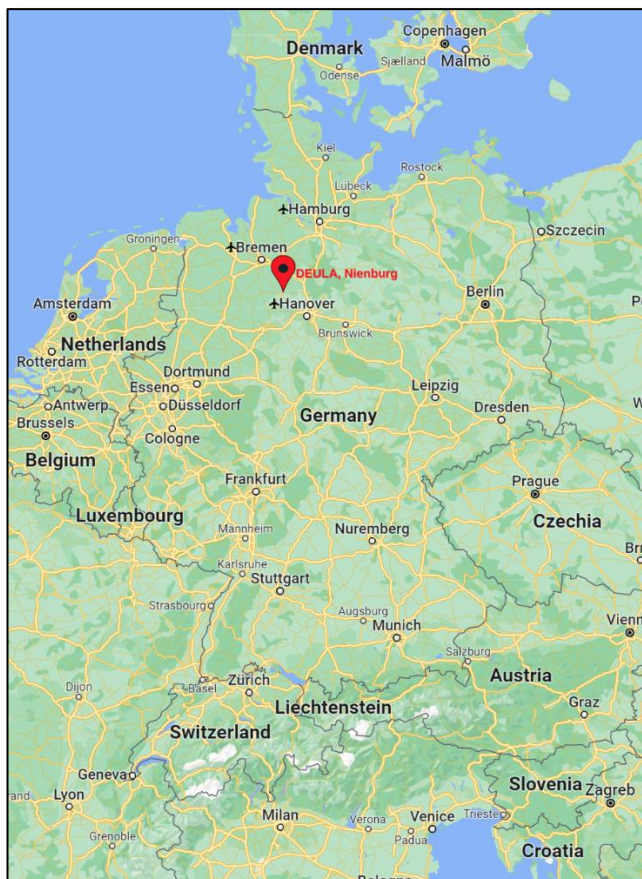
Venue

Max-Eyth-Str. 2
31582 Nienburg/Weser
Germany

(open in Google Maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/zXvmzq9D9moQvxVi8>)

Further Information:

<https://www.deula-nienburg.de/en/home.html>



Other Info

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Behaviour Guidelines

General Rules are:

- Participants must attend the whole Rally program and be on time for workshops.
- Smoking is allowed only in specially marked areas.
- Participants shall be inclusive and participate in the program. General communication language should be English so that everyone can understand everything.

Please read and understand the attached Behaviour Guidelines made by Rural Youth Europe Member Organisations at the General Assembly.

Pandemic Issues

Due to uncertainties regarding the COVID19 pandemic, all participants need to follow the official German regulations that are in place during the event.

The participants should inform themselves of the regulations in place in their home country, in Germany and applicable while travelling, before the event and contact the RYEurope Office if they face difficulties.

Most Information can be found here: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/coronavirus/2317268>

We will try to summarise possible expected restrictions in the participant's information package and keep the participants updated before the event.

Team Preparations

Participants are asked to investigate at least 3 problems and examples of best practice regarding sustainability, climate change and environmental compatibility in rural areas. Participants can investigate their local communities, home organisations, employer, local companies etc. It would be great to have also examples from daily life & work in rural communities.

More information on preparation required before the event will be included in the participant's information package which will be circulated closer to the event.

Insurance

Participants are required to have insurance that covers travel (including luggage), third party liability, health and accidents. All participants should bring a European Health Card.

What to bring?

- ✓ Comfortable clothing (according to the unpredictable northern German weather)
- ✓ Traditional costume or formal clothing for the opening ceremony and closing dinner
- ✓ A flag from your country
- ✓ Personal hygiene items including soap, shower gel etc. (towels will be available at the venue)
- ✓ Medicine and other personal items
- ✓ Food and drinks for the sustainable International Buffet. No cooking facilities will be available – please be mindful that we do not want a lot of food waste
- ✓ 1 laptop per team
- ✓ A small present for your host during the home-stay

More details will be provided in the participant's information package sent to each team member after registration.

Social Media

To get more information and sneak peaks ahead of the event, follow our social media channels:

[Facebook – RYEurope Rally](#)

[Instagram- RYEurope Rally](#)

**If you have any further questions please contact Rural Youth Europe at
office@ruralyouth europe.com**

**German Rural Youth Association, Rural Youth of Lower Saxony and Rural Youth Europe
look forward to welcoming you to the European Rally 2022**