

CRITERIA FOR THE EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

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According to Article 9, paragraph 1), the provincial law n. 12/2000, the Autonomous Province of Trento promotes exchanges between young people, who were born abroad, **descendants of Trentino emigrants, and young people living in Trentino**, in order to foster mutual knowledge and offer opportunities to experience, during stays in their environmental contexts, different models compared with social, educational, cultural and economic topics.

It is based on mutual hospitality, up to three weeks.

STEP 1 - stay in Trentino

The period of the stay is set each year by the Emigration Office of the Autonomous Province of Trento

STEP 2 - stay abroad

The second phase should take place the year after the first phase.

The beneficiary must indicate on the application form the assumed period of execution of the journey; that period will be later agreed with the partners under the supervision of the competent provincial office.

Whereas a large number of people of Trentino origins live in areas of the southern hemisphere and therefore there are different social, educational and economic situations (eg. School calendars, work commitments, seasonality), it might be possible to complete the journey over December 31, also taking into account that the beneficiary has already bolstered its expenses.

1) BENEFICIARIES AND REQUIREMENTS

The beneficiaries are young adults, in a maximum number of 44, aged between 18 and 35 at the time applications are submitted, of which 22 resident abroad and 22 residents in Trentino.

Applicants must be in possession of a serious and legitimate interest in relating constructively with other peers subjects, constituting relations of knowledge and attendance, both in Trentino and in the different countries of emigration.

During the period of stay, each host will have to devote to their guest an adequate personal presence, without prejudice to study and / or work commitments, in order to ensure proper sharing of the experience.

More members of the same family can not apply to the same edition.

No applications will be accepted from candidates who have already benefited from the same intervention.

2) TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF SUBMISSION

The application form, prepared in accordance with forms available on the corporate website of the Autonomous Province of Trento, as well as on the website of the provincial Emigration Office (www.mondotrentino.net), must be submitted to the Emigration Office, and must be received in the period January 1st to February 28th, together with the following documents:

a) photocopy of an identification document:

a.1) *Young residents in Trentino*: identity card or equivalent identification valid document (eg. passport, driving license, identity cards, provided it has a photo and stamp or equivalent marking issued by administration of the State) pursuant to art. 35 of Presidential Decree n. 445/2000;

a.2) *Young residents abroad*: identification card issued by the European Countries, or passport or equivalent valid identification document;

b) doctor's certificate, showing the updated status of physical and mental health.

Because of the criticality and complexity of the international mail network, the sending of the application must be exclusively made using one of the following ways:

- sending via computer to the certified e-mail (ufficio.emigrazione@pec.provincia.tn.it);
- sending by fax (fax nr. + 39 0461493155). The candidate must take care to keep the fax receipt showing that the documents have been sent within the aforementioned times;
- direct delivery to the Emigration Office.

3) SELECTION

The selection of candidates, which will be described in a special report, will be made by April 1st on the basis of the potential "most appropriate" pairings, mainly considering gender, age, and, where possible, correspondence between geographical area of origin of candidates from abroad and the place of residence of candidates living in Trentino.

It will also be considered:

(for candidates of Trentino origins living abroad)

- a) representativeness and numerical consistency of the Trentino community in the specific Country of residence abroad;
- b) the active involvement of candidates in their Trentino communities abroad (e.g. Trentino Clubs, Trentino worldwide network);

(for candidates residing in Trentino)

- a) representativeness, where possible, of the local valleys;
- b) the active involvement of candidates in their local community (e.g. youth groups, cultural/social/sport associations...)

In each case priority will be given to:

- candidates whose brothers / sisters have not already benefited from the same intervention;
- candidates from abroad who have never been in Trentino.

The General Manager of the qualified Department of the Autonomous Province of Trento will approve the list of those admitted to the contribution and their combinations as partnerships, by an official resolution.

4) CONTRIBUTION

For both, candidates who live abroad and candidates living in Trentino, the maximum extent of the contribution is the following:

- a) EURO 990,00 from/to non-European countries;
- b) EURO 450,00 from/to European countries.

5) ELIGIBLE COSTS

The Province recognizes, on presentation of documentation, the following types of expenditure:

- a) round-trip expenses for journeys in "economy class", by plane, ship, public bus or private bus, train. This includes any expenses related to agency fees, taxes, seat reservation;
- b) cost of insurance charges against diseases and injuries of beneficiaries, relating to 21 days of the period of official stay.

This health cover insurance is mandatory.

6) REPORTING AND LIQUIDATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION

The beneficiary will have to submit to the Autonomous Province of Trento/Emigration Office documentation of expenses incurred under point 5). The settlement of the grant shall be determined on the basis of actual expenditure and within the limits set out in point 4).

The liquidation in favor of beneficiaries residing abroad may be made during their stay in Trentino (STEP 1), while for residents in Trentino it will be after their return from abroad (STEP 2).

If expenses are documented in a foreign currency, the liquidation of the contribution will be made in euro, after conversion, using the exchange rates published by the Bank of Italy, the day on which the expense documentation was issued.

7) SUSPENSION OF THE BENEFICIARY AND CANCELLATION OF CONTRIBUTION

If the beneficiary's behavior is inadequate compared to the civil rules of coexistence in order to schedules, tasks related to coexistence with the host families and / or schedule laid down by the provincial Emigration Office, the Autonomous Province of Trento reserves the right to suspend her/his participation in the program and / or to invalidate the contribution.