

Dear PEACE participants,

As you have read in the PEACE Program Student Manual, the PEACE Badge System is available for you to use.

During your exchange, you will experience a significant change in your life as you live in a new country and family, attend a new school, establish new friendships, learn another language and find yourself in unexpected situations. These discoveries will have an impact on you and allow you to grow as a person who will probably become more independent, understanding and culturally aware of your surroundings. At times, you are able to notice these changes, however sometimes you will need help in understanding your growth and expressing it to others.

The main purpose of the Badges is to help you understand how much you are learning on your exchange and to recognise the skills and qualities that you already have or developed on the programme.

Here are four points to help you understand the PEACE Badge System and how it works!

### 1) What are badges?

Badges come in the form of digital images which you claim after completing different tasks or answering questions. This system is called the Open Badges.

You can collect 9 Badges and 22 Sub-badges which represent AFS goals, Europe/Asia key competences and your learning throughout the exchange.

### 2) What can you do with the badges?

After earning a badge, you can share it on Facebook and other social media platforms.

Badges are also proof of your learning and may be useful for you in the future as you can link the badges you have claimed to your resume. People who have access to your badges will be able to find information of your badges such as the location and activities you completed and the organisation which gives you the badge. However, they will not be able to see the task or answers you have submitted.

You can also print your badges at the end of the programme and it will become a certificate.



### 3) How to get started?

Please follow these steps to start using the badge system.

#### a) Register for the PEACE Program Badge System

- i. You will receive an email invitation from Badgecraft.eu by Hanan Anwar.
- ii. Click on the link in the email and it will bring you to the Badgecraft registration page.
- iii. Register with your Facebook/Google account and join the PEACE program.
- iv. You will see all the badges which you can claim. Start with the Departure Badge!

#### b) The next time you want to claim a badge after you have registered

- i. Visit <https://www.badgecraft.eu/en/login>
- ii. Log in to your account
- iii. Start your quest and collect badges.

#### c) If you have a smartphone, you can download the “Badge Wallet” App

- i. Search for “Badge Wallet” and download the app from your App/Play Store
- ii. Log in with your Facebook or Google Account
- iii. After that, you can start quests, earning badges and seeing the badges you collected.

### 4) Get your first badge!

- The Departure Badge is ready for you! Complete the tasks and you will gain your first badge
- There are six more badges available for you to claim this month.



Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or problems with the PEACE Badge System. We are here to help you.

We hope that you will learn a lot in your first month on PEACE and earn the badges for it. We encourage you to make the most out of this opportunity!

Sincerely,

**The Prep Team**

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