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PARTICIPATORY MEETING IN POLAND report



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ORGANISATIONS

Since 2018, we have been cooperating and working with young people from the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship in Poland, who have a wide range of interests, from film, photography, international relations to sports and music. Young people who create and work in ROE come from various backgrounds and have extensive experience in cooperation with young people and in the implementation of European projects. We focus on increasing knowledge about the European Union – its history, activities and values, increasing youth participation in social, civic and political engagement and decision-making, creating opportunities for dialogue, meetings and exchange of experiences, involving young people in the informal educational process and promoting intercultural dialogue.



Founded in 2018, Youth on board is a youth-driven non-profit organization based in the University town of Shtip, North Macedonia, striving to promote youth development and empowerment through philanthropy. Run by youths, for youths, we plan and execute events to show the impact one can make in the community while encouraging the act of giving back.



We believe in the power of education to transform young people's lives, families and communities for the better.



We promote best practice in youth development by giving young people and people working with young people advice, training and resources. Our organization develops and promotes Active Youth Citizenship. This is young people using knowledge, skills and experience to participate confidently in their communities.

ETV EuroTreviso (ETV) is a non-profit organisation established in 2016 by a group of young professionals promoting active citizenship and human rights as well as social inclusion, volunteer activities and international cooperation.



The Staff of ETV already had experience in international mobility programmes in different fields, as volunteering, training and education projects (LLP Leonardo, Erasmus+, ESF).



ETV aims to develop and to implement strategies and local, national and international programmes giving young people the basics and the tools to address their future in a multiethnic society. For this reason we are establishing international partnerships with similar organizations in order to create a knowledge exchange and to improve practices in no-formal education.





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PARTICIPANTS



1. Kamil Stanos - President of the Board
2. Tomasz Gajewski PhD - Vice President of the Board
3. Magdalena Smorągiewicz - Member of ROE
4. Dominika Chmielewska - Member of ROE
5. Aleksandra Niewczas - Member of ROE



1. Sanja Maksimova - President of the Board
2. Kiril Jordanov - Vice President of the Board



1. Francesco Truini - President of the Board
2. Marco Stella - Member of ETV



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ABOUT THE PROJECT AND PROGRAMME

The project “The European Union – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow” aims to raise awareness of the history of the European Union and to show the benefits of EU membership, especially for young people. Thanks to the participation of organizations from countries with different experience of European integration (Italy – founding member), Poland (member since 2004), North Macedonia (candidate country), young people will learn about different perspectives of integration and approaches to the Union itself. What is equally important, our actions will not take place in large cities but in smaller locations, so we can reach people who have limited access to information.

A number of actions are planned under the project: 3 events entitled “EU Festival” in each partner country with debates; table discussions; European workshops for young people; the European Union knowledge contest and the presentation of youth works. In addition to young people, representatives of all partner countries, external experts, local authorities, lecturers and seniors will participate in the meetings.

A conference summarizing the project will be held at the end of the project. The works prepared by young people in the “I-European” competition will be the primary result of its implementation. All works will be translated into English and presented on the Internet websites. Winners of individual competitions will go abroad to specific events with partners. In addition a brochure summarizing the project will be produced at the end of the project. It will be sent to the most important people and institutions of culture, local authorities, politicians, etc.



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Europe for Citizens is an EU grant programme supporting non-governmental organisations and municipalities, and other non-profit organisations/institutions active in the field of civil society, culture and education, in the implementation of civil society projects, local initiatives on social engagement, democratic participation and European remembrance.

Aims of the Programme:

- to contribute to citizens' understanding of the EU, its history and diversity
- to foster European citizenship and to improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at EU level
- to raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values
- to encourage democratic participation of citizens at EU level, by developing citizens' understanding of the EU policy-making process and, by promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at EU level.





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PROGRAMME

16TH of MARCH (Wednesday)

DAY
1

09:00 - 19:00

ARRIVALS (accommodation in Hotel Senator in Starachowice)

19:00 - 21:00

Welcome dinner at Atrium Restaurant in Starachowice

17TH of MARCH (Thursday)

DAY
2

Kielce Technology Park, Olszewskiego st. 6, Kielce 25-663, Barcelona Room

09:00 - 09:30

Welcome speech. Partner's presentations.

09:30 - 10:00

Introduction to the project - main objectives and activities

10:00 - 10:30

Contest for youth - target groups, regulations, promotion

10:30 - 11:00

Future activities - planning - timetable

11:00 - 12:00

Financial issues, reporting

12:00 - 13:00

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13:00 - 15:00

Networking lunch in Dumplings bar

15:00 - 16:00

Meeting with associate partners - Youth City Council, Europe Direct, Youth Assembly in Swietokrzyskie Region

16:00 - 19:00

Study walk in Kielce, networking

19:00 - 21:00

Networking dinner in Rynek 11 Restaurant - planning events

18TH of MARCH (Friday)

DAY
3

09:00-10:00

Evaluation meeting in Starachowice

10:00-20:00

Departures



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FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. TIMETABLE

1. Preparatory meeting in Poland – 16-18th of March 2022
 2. EU Event in Poland – 7-10th of June 2022
 3. EU Event in Italy – 7-10th of July 2022
 4. EU Festival in North Macedonia – 19-22nd of September 2022
 5. Final Conference in Poland – 27-29th of October 2022
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2. AGENDA OF EU EVENTS

1. It is extremely important to present the perspectives of 3 countries to the European Union, i.e. Poland, which has been a member since 2004, and North Macedonia - a candidate country and Italy - founding member.
2. The European Union and the war in Ukraine - presenting the biggest challenges and fears, problems and opportunities for the community.
3. Inviting mainly young people aged 16-25 (schools and students) and experts from universities, NGOs and where possible Representation of the European Commission from each country or politicians active at the European level.
4. An important element of the EU Event will be the presentation of young people's works (more information in point 3).
5. The three main elements of the EU Event are - a. A debate on the prospects of the EU and the Schuman Declaration between representatives of individual countries, experts and young people b. world cafe - 3 national tables and a discussion with young people about individual countries c. youth workshops about EU values
6. Introducing e-participation elements to the event, e.g. EU knowledge contest on Kahoot and the opportunity to ask questions during the debate through mentimeter
7. The methods of evaluation of individual meetings were discussed - questionnaires and individual interviews with participants - feedback and improvement for the future
8. The meetings will be delegated from each country: min. 1 expert specialized in the EU and min. 2 young people interested in EU issues.



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3. CONTEST FOR YOUTH

1. Details of the form of the competition for young people were discussed - announcement of the competition for a maximum of 2 weeks before each event.
 2. The winners of individual competitions go to the next international meeting within the project i.e. the winner from Poland will go to the event in Italy, the winner from Italy will go to the event in North Macedonia, the winner from North Macedonia will go to the final conference in Poland
 3. The subject of the competition - "I, European" - how do you see the future of the European Union
 4. The form of the competition - video (up to 30 seconds), poster (in any technique) or photo.
 5. The rules of the competition will be prepared by the Leader and sent at a later date
 6. As part of the project, other awards will also be purchased for distribution
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4. FINAL CONFERENCE

1. A public meeting for all interested persons, i.e. youth + residents, seniors, teachers etc.
 2. Summary of work at individual meetings in Poland, Italy and North Macedonia
 3. Presentation of all works from all countries
 4. Knowledge competition about the European Union
 5. Debate on the future of the EU
 6. A detailed agenda will be developed after the last meeting
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5. TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. Financial matters were discussed in detail in accordance with the rules of accounting in the Program Europe for Citizens
2. The documentation needed during the meetings was thoroughly discussed - attendance lists, contracts, regulations, statements, forms, etc.
3. Particular attention was paid to promotion and dissemination of results and information about the project and the Europe for Citizens Program in the media, including social media.



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