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**For the Love of Film
Youth Exchange
10 – 16 October 2022
Grotniki / Łódź, Poland**



Dear Partners,

We are happy to inform you that our youth exchange project **For the Love of Film** was awarded the Erasmus+ grant! We are very excited to realize this project together with you!

Dates of the youth exchange: 10 October 2022 arrival day - 16 October 2022 departure day. Participants may want to come one day earlier or return one day later. The additional nights will be on their costs.

Advance Preparatory Visit will be from 10-11 September in Łódź, Poland with the possibility to switch to on-line meeting. Please nominate your leaders and get in touch with us to arrange this APV as soon as possible (sorry, there is not possible to move the dates as we are coordinating other projects as well!).

Here are the partner organisations and the number of people!

1. FUNDACJA INSTYTUT EUROPEJSKI Poland 5 participants + 1 leader
2. ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE EUFEMIA APS Italy 5 participants + 1 leader
3. Medunarodna udruga mladih EUTOPIA Croatia 4 participants + 1 leader
4. ASOCIACION JUVENIL INTERCAMBIA Spain 4 participants + 1 leader
5. SDRUZENIE AKTIVNO BALGARSKO OBSHTESTVO Bulgaria
5 participants + 1 leader
6. FAJUB - Federação das Associações Juvenis de Braga Portugal
4 participants + 1 leader
7. You in Europe Greece 5 participants + 1 leader

Location:

As you can see we aim to organize this project in Grotniki, 20km from beautiful town of Łódź, centre of Poland! On 31 October 2017 Łódź joined the UNESCO Creative Cities Network as the City of Film – and that's way we chose this city. Our resort in Grotniki is surrounded by a forest and there is a huge garden at our disposal.

COVID:

We are of course aware of the COVID situation but we are optimist to consider that all will be back to relative normality and that you all will be able to come!

APV:

The APV for this project will happen from 10-11 September 2022. There will be 1 person from each organization invited for the APV (ideally: the group leader!). The airport you should use is Łódź (LDZ) or Warsaw airport (WAW, WMI). From Warsaw you can take train directly to Łódź – only 1,5h.

Your participants:

We are looking for groups of 5 people + 1 leader for the youth exchange. Groups should be between 19-28 years of age (i.e. students) and leader without age limit. Groups should be gender balanced. Also, please note that there should be 2 people who are in difficult situation, ideally migrants, or refugees who have legal permission to live in your country.

Dates of the youth exchange and the arrival and departure:

Arrival – 10 October

Departure – 16 October

The airport you should use is Łódź (LDZ) or Warsaw airport (WAW, WMI). From Warsaw you can take train directly to Łódź – only 1,5h.

Financial conditions:

Organizers will cover 100% of accommodation and board during the project as well as local transportation. There will be a modest fee of 25 EUR to contribute to extra budgetary programmatic activities. Please have this ready in Euro in cash. Thank you! Please inform us if your participants will have difficulty in paying these extra costs.

The international travel will be reimbursed by bank transfer **within 2 weeks after the exchange** based on receipts and will amount to maximum (including local transportation, so your flight ticket should be less than this! Please be in touch with us regarding the price and the dates of the flights!):

- Poland 20 EUR
- Italy 275 EUR
- Croatia 275 EUR
- Spain 360 EUR
- Bulgaria 275 EUR
- Portugal 360 EUR
- Greece 275 EUR

About the project:

Our main goal is to familiarize young people with the language and film and European film art, as well as to encourage them to discuss the problems of contemporary Europe that are touched by films. We think there is often no time to look for built-in meanings in movies, but we also have no way of confronting our point of view with colleagues, especially from abroad. The youth exchange is supposed to enable us to do this, because cinema, like most plays, does not exist in a vacuum, outside of society. Movies are often a conscious reaction to the reality in which we live and require confrontation, discussion, and addressing the audience. European films deal with issues that matter to modern Europeans, such as refugees, emancipation, gender equality, unemployment, personal crises, and changes in society. Recent months have shown that COVID-19 also opens up a whole new chapter of problems. The theme of the Film we have chosen is therefore to be a starting point for a discussion about the problems of Europe and European identity.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Łódź in October, and the leaders on 10 September 2022! We will be sending more updates in the coming days / weeks.