



Until You Laugh
Youth Exchange
24 – 31 August 2022
Jastrzębia Góra, Poland



Dear Partners,

I am happy to inform you that our youth exchange project **Until You Laugh** was awarded the Erasmus+ grant and it was highly scored! We are very excited to realize this project together with you!

Dates of the youth exchange: 24 August 2022 arrival day - 31 August 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 29-31 July in Gdańsk, 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:

- FUNDACJA INSTYTUT EUROPEJSKI Poland
- ASOCIACION JUVENIL INTERCAMBIA Spain
- SDRUZENIE AKTIVNO BALGARSKO OBSHTESTVO Bulgaria
- Youth Mind, Turkey
- ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE EUFEMIA APS, Italy
- SYLLOGOS NEANIKI EPIXEIRIMATIKOTITIAS, Greece

Location:

As you can see we aim to organize this project in a beautiful town of **Jastrzębia Góra**, some 50 km north of Gdańsk, on the Polish coastline, by the Baltic sea! From our hotel to the beach will be some 500 metres and we hope to catch some last warm summer days by the sea!

COVID:

No restrictions in Poland.

APV:

The APV for this project will happen from 29-31 July 2022. There will be 1 person from each organization invited for the APV. (ideally: the group leader!). The airport you should use is Gdańsk (GDN) airport, alternatively WAW or WMI airports in Warsaw and then train/bus.

Your participants for the youth exchange:

We are looking for groups of 5 people + 1 leader for the youth exchange. Groups should be between 20-26 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 – 24 August

Departure – 31 September

The airport you should use is Gdańsk (GDN) airport, alternatively WAW or WMI airports in Warsaw and then train/bus.

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 a month 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 180 EUR
- Greece 275 EUR
- Italy 275 EUR
- Spain 360 EUR
- Bulgaria 275 EUR
- Turkey 275 EUR

About the project:

The Until You Laugh project is a joint project of six youth organizations from six European Union countries. Its aim is to:

- analyse the phenomenon of comedy, cabaret, satire and caricature in the lives of young Europeans
- define the boundaries between humour and taboos, as well as insult and violation of the dignity of people, and thus learning tolerance and helping people with fewer opportunities
- show the differences and common elements of a sense of humour in European countries as a counterbalance to national stereotypes
- show the role that comedy, cabaret, satire and caricature plays in democratic societies as a carrier of social moods, and on the contrary — in totalitarian societies as the so-called safety valve
- stimulate the creativity of participants and strengthening their competences through active forms of activities, in the form of preparing satirical materials, using informal methods such as workshops, role playing, brainstorming, including, above all, a cabaret program, which will be the main product of the youth exchange

The project was created as a result of the common needs of partner organizations, it results from the lack of knowledge of young people about comedy, cabaret, satire and caricature. In this context, the project contributes to the personal, educational and vocational training of young people. The project promotes social cohesion, supports innovative thinking, and strengthens European identity and civic activity. It makes participants sensitive to satirical forms, opens their minds to critical thinking, encourages them to comment on reality in a humorous form, which favours participation in democratic life, realization of common values and civic involvement. Through non-formal methods and on the basis of an interesting topic, the project develops a number of competences useful in personal and professional life that will serve young people throughout their lives and in their future professional careers. By addressing the subject of comedy in the context of a taboo and a possible border beyond which there is only hate speech, the project supports intercultural dialogue and the feeling of being European (including for people from immigrant backgrounds who will come to the project); The project develops youth skills and attitudes; strengthens European values and breaks prejudices and stereotypes; By selecting an interesting but not obvious topic, our project will increase the awareness of young people in the field of socially important issues (e.g. discrimination, taboos, politics, democracy, and the environment), and thus will contribute to the involvement of young people in active social life.
