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# Report from EU 4 Youth Event in Poland



*Starachowice, Poland 20-24.02.2023 r.*



## Organization & participation

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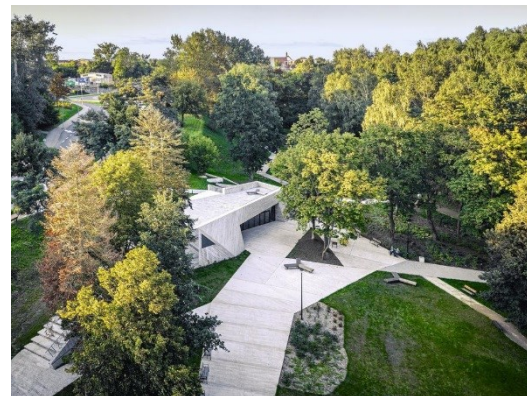
## Arrival Day

Place: Starachowice

8:00 – 18:00	Arrival of participants to Starachowice	The easiest way to get to Starachowice is from the following airports: Warsaw Chopin (WAW), Katowice Pyrzowice (KTW), and Kraków Balice (KRK). You can also get to the Warsaw Modlin Airport (WMI), however, getting to Starachowice will take a little longer.
18:00 – 19:00	Kick off meeting with management team – agenda, timetable, promotion and networking	Place – City Hall
19:00 – 22:00	Welcome dinner – discussing plans for the visit, networking by Youth City Council in Starachowice	Place – City Hall



  
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Day 1

Place: High School no 2 in Starachowice

21.02.2023 (Tuesday)

<p><b>8:30 – 14:00</b></p>	<p><b>YOUth for EU DAY:</b></p> <p>8:30 – 9:00 – Registration            9:00 – 9:15 – Welcome Speeches            9:15 – 9:45 – National presentations “Youth in my country is ...”            9:45 – 12:45 – Workshop-World café style for young people about future of EU and youth (ecology, dezinformation, security, labour market – team work with international groups with PL, PT, ES, GR, IT, NL            12:45 – 13:30 – International stands and networking            13:30 – 14:30 – EU Knowledge test via Kahoot powered by Piotr Maciej Kaczyński with prizes</p>	<p><b>Place:</b> High School no 2 in Starachowice, Szkolna 10 st.</p> <p><b>Experts and guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mayor of Starachowice Marek Materek,</li> <li>- Deputy of Mayor of Starachowice – Marcin Gołębiowski,</li> <li>- Principal of High School no 2 – Ewa Sajór-Ruszczak</li> <li>- Piotr Maciej Kaczyński – Trainer, Euroactive journalist, Brussels correspondent</li> </ul> <p><b>Please prepare</b> – national traditional meals, sweets, songs and traditions</p>
<p><b>14:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	<p>“Miś” Milk Bar</p>
<p><b>16:00 – 17:00</b></p>	<p><b>Press conference</b> - with Mayor of Starachowice, President of Youth City Council and representatives of each delegation – Q&amp;A, photo sessions, interviews. Presentation of project and CERV program.</p>	<p>Place – City Hall in Starachowice</p>
<p><b>17:00 – 18:00</b></p>	<p><b>Study visit in the City Hall</b> – presentation about Youth City Council in Starachowice and youth projects realised by Municipality of Starachowice, discussion about youth policy in Europe</p>	<p>Place – City Hall in Starachowice</p>
<p><b>19:00 – 20:00</b></p>	<p><b>Networking dinner</b></p>	



On the first day of the event, workshops were held using the "world cafe" methodology, organized around five thematic tables. Each table had one leading theme, and these were: *values / digitization, security, climate changes, social challenges, disinformation.*

At each table, each group was given a task to complete or a question to discuss. The available materials allowed for the development of a list of common conclusions or graphic manifestations of views. After 15-20 minutes, the group moved to the next table, developing another question from a different category.

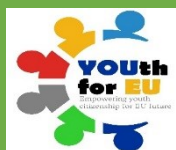
After three planned rounds, we organized the fourth rotation, thanks to which all participants took part in the conversation on 4 out of 5 topics.

**1. ECOLOGY and the EU** (Climate change and global warming: what to do with ski lifts in places where there will be no snow in a few years?, Air pollution and what exactly is this low emission - how to accelerate decarbonization?, Does segregation of garbage make sense?) **2. DESINFORMATION IN THE EU** (Disinformation: have you encountered disinformation? What sources to use and how to counteract disinformation; How to help the elderly with e.g. phishing?) **3. EU SECURITY** (One European army or many national armies in Europe - arguments for and against; Does pacifism have a future?; Who is a friend and who is an enemy for Poland and Europe?), **4. VALUES** (Write on a piece of paper 3 values that are important to you (5 minutes) and compare with the rest of the group; Write on a piece of paper 3 values that are important for the EU (5 minutes) and compare with the rest of the group - choose those that you think are the most important for the EU; What is this rule of law, do Poles care about it at all?) **5. SOCIAL ISSUES** (Europe is aging: whether and how to counteract it? Do you accept refugees and economic migrants from outside Europe?; The European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg has ruled that states have an obligation to recognize same-sex unions - what do you think?).

Each group was multinational, consisting of students of High School no 2 in Starachowice and guests from Portugal, Italy, Spain, Greece and the Netherlands. Thanks to this, it was possible to talk in English for students of High School no 2 and a substitute for intercultural conversation. Thanks to these discussions, many participants noticed how much they have in common with colleagues from other European countries, despite the differences between nations.



Later in the day, the participants of the EU 4 YOUTH event in Starachowice visited the City Hall, where they were welcomed by the Mayor of Starachowice, Mr. Marek Materek. During the meeting, a conference was held on the implementation of the project, international cooperation of European countries and the functioning of youth policy in various European countries. Then it was time for the mutual integration of the participants and discussions on youth policy in Europe. Representatives of the city of Starachowice presented how the youth city council functions in their city, why they joined it and how they want to promote it.



## Day 2

Place: City Hall of Starachowice

### 22.02.2023 (Wednesday)

<b>9:30 – 12:30</b>	<b>Oxford Debate</b>  9:30 – 10:00 – Registration 10:00 – 10:15 – Welcome, introduction and project and programme presentation 10:15 – 10:30 – Partners Presentations 10:30 – 12:30 – Oxford Debate	<b>Place:</b> City Hall in Starachowice  <b>Experts and guests:</b> - Mayor of Starachowice Marek Materek, - Deputy of Mayor of Starachowice – Marcin Gołębiowski, - Grzegorz Gil - doctor of Political Sciences at the Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	Presentations of the EU projects from Municipality of Starachowice and Primary Schools - exhibition	<b>Place:</b> City Hall in Starachowice
<b>13:00 – 15:00</b>	International workshops about each country “My country is ...” with Starachowice’s youth	<b>Place:</b> City Hall in Starachowice
<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Networking pizza</b>	<b>Place:</b> City Hall in Starachowice
<b>16:00 – 18:00</b>	<b>Tik-Tok Session for the project’ results –</b> recording TikTok about EU Creation of National tik tok videos for the project	<b>Place:</b> City Hall in Starachowice
<b>18:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Management meeting – finance, risks analysis and evaluation</b>	<b>Place:</b> City Hall in Starachowice
<b>19:00 – 21:00</b>	<b>Networking dinner</b>	



The second day of the international event in Starachowice as part of the "YOUth for EU" project was held in the building of the Municipal Office in Starachowice, in the Conference Room in Starachowice. In addition to representatives of the project partners, the event was attended by young people from secondary schools in Starachowice and students from Primary School No. 11 in Starachowice. The event began with a welcome to the guests and a short speech by the vice-president of the city of Starachowice, Mr. Marcin Gołębiowski. He introduced the meeting to the topic of the Oxford debate on "Should the EU, given the current circumstances, start accession negotiations with Ukraine".



Then the debate, led by Mr. Grzegorz Gil, began. The defending team consisted of: from Poland - Julia, Piotr, Dominik, from Italy - Letizia and Anastasis from Greece. The opposing team included: Dominika and Klaudia from Poland, Amleto from Italy, Stefano from Spain and João from Portugal. Both teams presented strong arguments, they mainly focused on economic, cultural and legal aspects. They tried to convince the audience to their point in a very short time. The choice of the winning team belonged to the audience, which, after voting, chose the team that was in favor of Ukraine's admission to the EU in an accelerated procedure. Another item on the agenda set for the second day was the recording of TikTok with representatives of the Youth City Council in Starachowice. Shortly afterwards, an international workshop about each country was launched under the title "My country is ...." in cooperation with members of the Youth City Council of Starachowice. The participants from different countries had to describe and then introduce their country, e.g. what he is famous for. For example, what is the most famous person from a given country, or food, dance, etc. This task was aimed at bringing project participants closer together, getting to know each other's cultures, customs and traditions.





Day 3

Place: Provincial Public Library in Kielce

23.02.2023 (Thursday)		
9:00 – 10:00	Transportation to the City of Kielce by bus	
10:00 – 13:00	Meetings and workshops with the Youth Assembly of Świętokrzyskie Region and Youth City Council in Kielce – youth policy on the regional level in Poland	<p><b>Place:</b> Provincial Public Library in Kielce</p> <p><b>Experts and guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrzej Pruś – President of the Regional Assembly</li> <li>- Oskar Frydrych – President of the Youth Assembly</li> <li>- Maciej Kwiatkowski – Deputy of the President of the Youth Assembly</li> <li>- Monika Solińska-Pela – Director of the Chancellory of Assembly</li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:30	Meeting with Center of NGO in Kielce	<p><b>Place:</b> NGO Center in Kielce</p> <p><b>Experts and guests:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michał Piasecki – President of the Center of NGO</li> <li>- Kamil Żuława – Project Coordinator</li> </ul>
14:30 - 15:30	Dumplings time	<b>Place:</b> Pierogowa Izba Restaurant
15:30 – 16:30	Study walk in Kielce – meeting with the Eurodesk delegation	
16:30 – 18:00	Free time in Kielce and Tik Tok recordings with representatives of Youth Assembly	
18:00 – 21:00	Evaluation dinner	







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On February 23, the participants of the international event in Poland visited the Youth Assembly of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship. The meeting was held at the Provincial Public Library in Kielce. The aim of the project was to exchange good practices between young people and local governments regarding youth policy, to encourage young people to get involved in social life and civic activity, and to develop intercultural competences. The meeting was attended by Marta Solińska-Pela, director of the Chancellery of the Sejmik of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship.

The meeting, which was attended by representatives of partner countries, councilors of the Youth Assembly of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship and representatives of the Youth City Council of Starachowice and Kielce, was also an opportunity to enrich young people's knowledge about the common history of Europe and to appreciate diversity as an inseparable part of civil society.





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Day 4

24.02.2023 (Friday)

The participants of the meeting could also find out what the youth policy looks like in individual countries, what are the main problems and needs of young people, they also discussed examples of social activity, interesting projects implemented by and for young people. After the meeting with the councilors of the Youth Assembly of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship, the participants of the event visited the NGO Center in Kielce, where they talked with Mr. Michał Piasecki - president of the NGO and Mr. Kamil Żuławski. During the stay at the NGO headquarters, the issues of EU youth policy, support for non-governmental organizations and the future of the EU were discussed. The next point of the program was devoted to visiting the capital of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship, the city of Kielce, and recording TikToks promoting project activities.



9:00 – 10:00	Visit in the Museum of Nature and Industry in Starachowice	
10:00 – 12:00	Evaluation and dissemination meeting and planning next steps	Place – City Hall
12:00 – 20:00	Departures of participants	Place – City Hall





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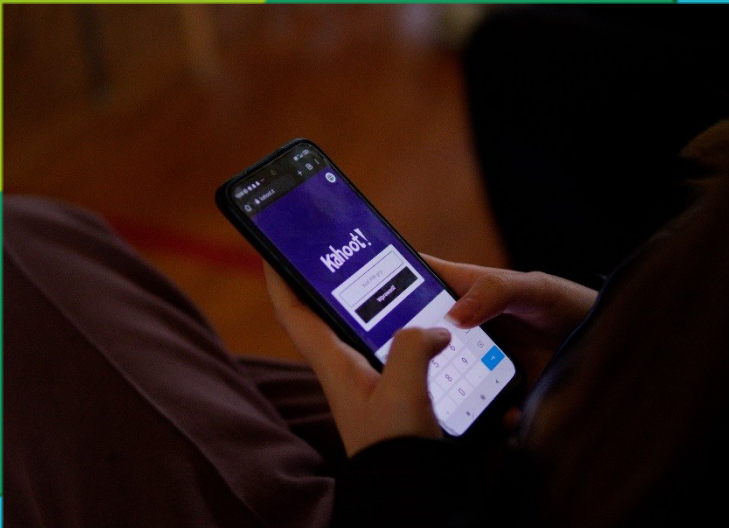


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Departures day

Place: Starachowice





# MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

*During Event, the international steering group addressed the following management topic*

## FINANCIAL ISSUES

**Budget categories lump-sum, financial documents, eligible and ineligible costs, reports (financial part), lump -sum rate accounting documents, invoices ad their descriptions**

## MANAGEMENT

**Reports, setting a timetable, review the Management Plan, problems, risks, COVID-19 situation as an impact on future activities, contracts with young people during trainings, project settlement**

## EVALUATION

**Evaluation of project activities to date, filling in evaluation questionnaires, planning evaluation activities.**

- **On the first and last day, meetings of the management staff were also held, during which the progress of project matters, finances, and the schedule was discussed, and evaluation and risk analysis were carried out. As a result of the conducted surveys, we came to the following conclusions. They agreed that the most important aspect of the meeting for them was exchanging good practices and discussing youth policy and how it is conducted in various European countries. At a later level of importance was making new contacts/acquaintances, increasing your language skills, and acquiring new skills during the event. Participants admitted that the project influenced their development to a large extent.**

## PROMOTION AND DISSEMINATION

**Preliminary work on project publication, review of dissemination activities, establishing a plan of promotional and dissemination activities.**



## EU Event in Poland meets all the following requirements

### 1. Preparation and project management

**Online meetings with partners, working on Management Plan, public procurement, DEOR, information and promotion, formal documents, etc. Offline meetings in each partner.**

### 2. Debate “EU 4 YOUth” in Starachowice

**Project second debate, where young people will meet decision-makers (e.g. local government officials, Members of the European Parliament, experts, decision-makers, academic lecturers, etc.). The main theme will be European citizenship and European values. Organize lectures, an Oxford debate, presentations of youth projects and online joining.**

### 3. Test of Knowledge – contest for youth about EU

**The test of knowledge about the European Union on the Kahoot platform for young people from Starachowice schools on the EU.**

### 4. World Café discussion

**Table discussions organized in Kielce together with the Youth Parliament of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship and the Marshal of the Świętokrzyskie Voivodeship discussions on European citizenship, ecology, health, cybersecurity, fake news.**

### 5. Study visit about youth policy in municipalities

**Exchange of good practices regarding youth policies at local and regional level, meeting with local government officials and experts, presentations of youth projects, networking, discussions**

### 6. International workshops for young people

**Workshops on European citizenship led by experts (e.g. from Team Europe, university lecturers, etc.).**

### 7. Evaluation

- **Evaluation (ex ante and ex post surveys)**



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## The following project objectives have been achieved

Enrich youth's knowledge of the importance of active citizenship and participation thanks to their participation in the events and contest, their interaction with people from other countries, different backgrounds and different ages.

Increase their awareness of the importance of the shared history of Europe, the significance of the values it stands for and their appreciation of diversity as intrinsic part of European societies.

Increase their level of understanding of the values, rights and freedoms of the EU through increasing young people's capacity for contextualization and encourage young people to get involved in social life and civic activity

Gain encouragement to engage for the future of their community through better understanding of the policies of the EU and the instruments the Union provides for employment, mobility, education and training and volunteering.

Gain awareness of the impact of political choices individual citizens and communities make on the long-term welfare of society.

