

„V4 4 Easter”

Youth Exchange

1. WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

The project aims at fostering cooperation between Visegrad Group countries through sharing common traditions, celebrated in different way.

2. WHO WILL BE DOING IT?

5 people from each country aged 18-25 and **1 team leader** per country from all Visegrad Group (Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland). However the working language of the project would be English there is no need to be extremely fluent at it! Just bring your enthusiasm and curiosity for other cultures!

3. WHAT WILL WE DO?

We will focus on intercultural learning through presenting our Easter traditions to local community.

Day 1: arrivals

Day 2: intercultural learning day

Day 3, 4, 5, 6: Easter in your country (during those days we will prepare, altogether, a show that will be presented during the Eastern Market; it will consist of Easter traditions, Easter meals etc.)

Day 7: Presentation on the town's market place

Day 8: editing the publication about Easter traditions

Day 9: Final cuts for the publication, evaluation of the project, departures

4. WHEN WILL WE DO IT?

13-21 March 2016

5. WHERE WILL WE DO IT?

Wodzisław Śląski, Poland.

Wodzisław Śląski is a 50-thousand people city located in Upper Silesia, 50 km from Katowice (the capital city of a region) and 15 km from Polish-Czech border. The town is one of the oldest city in Poland (little bit older than Kraków) with picturesque market square and old church on its top.



The Polish currency is called “**złoty**” (**PLN**) with exchange rate around **1 EUR = 4,2 PLN**. There is plenty of exchange offices (which are called “kantor” in Polish), so Euros and Check Crowns you can exchange without any problem, however there can be some problems with exchanging Forints. So, except Hungarians, there is no need to exchange money in advance. In most of shops you can also pay with your card, so if you don’t have any additional fees for paying abroad, there is no need to worry.

The weather in March is rather cold with temperature around 3-10 degrees, so please prepare some warm clothes!

On the spot we will have access to kitchen where we would be able to cook and prepare the meals as well as we’ll have some space in case we would want to set up some performance. We also have some funds to buy most necessary products on the spot. From the program point of view, as mentioned before, each team is just asked to bring the stuff that, in their opinion, will not be



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available in Poland (we suggest to contact the project coordinator for that). We also recommend taking some pieces of national decorations (unless they can be made on the spot). We also advise to have at least one person per team speaking good English.

6. HOW TO GET THERE?

From Czech Republic we recommend to take a train to Bohumin, which is right at the Polish-Czech border. From there we can pick you up. You can also take train Praha-Warszawa, which stops in Wodzisław Śląski, however in that case the prices would be much higher. **From Slovakia and Hungary** the best way to get to Poland is to take *polskibus* (polskibus.com). **From Bratislava** to Katowice it takes 6 hours. From there we can pick you up. **From Budapest** you can take *polskibus* to Kraków (7 hours), which is 130 km from Wodzisław Śląski, but we can also pick you up from there. From Budapest you can also take a train to Katowice, however this option would be far more expensive.

7. HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

The organisers cover the costs of meals and accommodation during the exchange. The **transport** will be reimbursed up to **50 EUR/person**, provided that **original tickets** will be given to the organisers.

Each national team is also kindly asked **to buy some traditional food**, which will not get spoiled fast and which you could present to the local community or which will be needed to prepare the meals due to traditional recipes and which you think would be impossible to buy here.

8. WHAT WILL BE THE RESULT?

The result of the project would be an event for local community presenting Easter food and traditions to inhabitants of Wodzisław Śląski.

The main output would be a publication in printed and electronic form. It will contain Easter traditions from V4 countries as well as recipes for traditional Easter meals. The publication will consist of 20 pages, there will be 4 versions, each one in English and in the native language of all the participating countries



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9. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THAT?

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