# The Mythical Europe Youth Exchange

# **29 August – 03 September 2020**

## Jastrzębia Góra, Poland



## Partner organisations:

- 1. FUNDACJA "INSTYTUT EUROPEJSKI PRO FUTURO EUROPAE" Poland
- 2. ACADEMY OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP ASTIKI ETAIREIA Greece
- 3. Asociatia ZIMBRUL CARPATIN Romania
- 4. ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE EUFEMIA Italy
- 5. Geoclube Associação Juvenil Portugal
- 6. EUTOPIA Croatia
- 7. ASOCIACION JUVENIL INTERCAMBIA Spain
- 8. SDRUZENIE AKTIVNO BALGARSKO OBSHTESTVO Bulgaria

#### Location:

The exchange will take place in the beautiful town of **Jastrzębia Góra**, about 50 km north of Gdańsk, on the Polish coastline, by the Baltic sea! The distance from our hotel to the beach is around 500 metres and we hope to catch some last warm summer days by the sea!

## **Participants:**

We are looking for 5 people + 1 leader for the youth exchange. Participants should be between **20** and **26** years old (i.e. students) and there is no age limit for the leader. Groups should be gender balanced. Also, please note that there should be 2 people with a migrant background, who have legal permission to live in Greece.

#### Dates of the youth exchange and the arrival and departure:

Arrival - 29 August

Departure – 03 September

The closest airport is Gdańsk (GDN).

#### **Financial conditions:**

Organizers will cover 100% of accommodation and board during the project as well as transportation in Poland. There will be a modest <u>fee of 30 EUR</u> (in cash) to contribute to extra budgetary programmatic activities. Flights and local transportation are also covered by the project.

#### **About the project:**

**The Mythical Europe** project is a joint venture prepared by members of youth organizations from 8 European Union countries. It is an idea to present European integration, the European Union and the future of Europe by referring to mythology, both ancient and modern. Through the project, we want to tell the history of Europe in our words, referring to known legends and stories, about what unites us, not divides us, about common values, about our identity as Europeans.

The youth exchange will concern basic knowledge about Europe and our beliefs: common European values, international dialogue, tolerance, openness to different cultures, human rights and diversity. Participants, together with representatives of partner organizations, will look for a way to interesting stories about Europe, in order to show their peers that the European Union is a great undertaking and you can talk about it very interestingly, convince other people to integrate through interesting stories, stories, myths. We intend to achieve these using storytelling methods to describe European issues.

**48 young people** will participate in the project, including 16 disadvantaged (migrants and refugees). Half of the participants will be people who are participating in the Erasmus + program for the first time. The participants will be young people from our organizations at the student age and shortly after graduation.

In addition to the hard results of the project in the form of movies, photos, posters, recordings and other materials submitted for distribution, the project contains a lot of soft results, which are crucial from the point of view of the change that should occur in the minds of participants.

During the exchange, participants will have the opportunity to not only directly **improve their knowledge** of Europe and Europeanness, including European values, but also bad emotions, e.g. Euroscepticism, but also improve their **general competencies**, such as **self-esteem**, **foreign languages**, **cultural awareness and presentation**. By working in an international group in an informal environment, participants **will improve other soft skills** such as **group work**, **decision making**, and **assertiveness**.

## Interested to participate?

Make you application here: https://forms.gle/dkjbyJrFpTcA6GGPA

For any inquiries/questions, please contact <a href="mailto:info@akep.eu">info@akep.eu</a>