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Let's Talk About the Future: Euro-Arab Youth Workshop Warsaw, 6-12.09.2007

Dear All,

Since we know most of the program details I have decided to send you a short update regarding the activities and the venue. Some of the places you can check on the Internet – others you can find on a map of Warsaw. You can find one here:

- <http://mapy.eholiday.pl/mapa-warszawa.html> - "ulica" at the top means "street"
- <http://www.euroave.com/maps/00mapx.php?xcity=warsaw> – and here is one in English

06/09 THURSDAY

Arrival of all participants: we will wait for you at the airport (regardless the time of your arrival – which varies from 8:15 to 23:00 ☺). You will get to the hotel with taxis. For those of you who arrive by train – if you need any assistance please write what time are you going to come to Warsaw.

Your hotel is called "Hera" and it belongs to the University of Warsaw. Even though it is called hotel it is rather of a hostel standard so bring all the necessary bathroom equipment with yourself. Hera has quite an interesting history as it was the hotel of the delegates of the Polish ruling party in the socialist era. It has also two big free-time-related advantages: it is very near to the city center and there is a beautiful Łazienki Park just behind the hotel.

Hotel HERA
ul. Belwederska 26/30
00594 Warsaw
<http://www.uw.edu.pl/pl.php/dzial/hera.html>

For those of you who arrive earlier we will have dinner at Hotel Karat which is just few minutes walk from Hera.

Hotel Karat

ul. Słoneczna 37
<http://www.hotelkarat.pl>

07/09 – DAY 1: FRIDAY

Ice-breakers – this is the time for meeting and getting to know each other, in other words, for ice-breaking. The session will be prepared by Jacek, who is a social psychologist

Program & the NGOs – introduction of the participants, partner organizations and the organizers. You will also learn the basics (or rather details, because the basics are here) about the program

The venue for all the workshop activities will be Centrum Partnerstwa Społecznego “Dialog” which was designed by the Ministry of Labour and Social Work in order to facilitate the social dialogue in Poland. Many conferences and seminars take place in the Dialog center – most of them organised by labour unions or employers. As you can see it is also about dialogue, however a slightly different one. At the Dialog center we will also have lunch.

Centrum Partnerstwa Społecznego “Dialog”
ul. Limanowskiego 23
02943 Warsaw

<http://www.cpsdialog.pl/tabs/index/2> - at the bottom of this page there is a Powerpoint presentation of the center (“zobacz prezentację w formacie ppt”)

Story-telling: for this activity we are moving to the northern part of the city (Limanowskiego is in the southern-east) to Chłodna25 café-club. It has an alternative style and hosts many cultural events and discussions. The story-telling will take place in a slightly dark, but cosy basement room. For the coffee break we will go to the ground floor.

Chłodna25
ul. Chłodna 25
<http://www.chlodna25.pl>

We will go for the dinner to Oberża pod czerwonym wieprzem. This is a very nice restaurant in PRL-style (People’s Republic) with many humorous references to the socialist regime – you can see there a picture of Castro, Honecker, Tito, Mao – who all apparently met there once in ’70 (this is of course a fake legend!). They serve Polish cuisine and the place feels very Polish – the room is abuzz and feast-like.

Oberża pod Czerwonym Wieprzem
ul. Żelazna 68
<http://www.czerwonywieprz.pl> – the webpage is really nice and also in English. For the Muslim part of the group – don’t be afraid of the pig in the logo. We will have a halal menu, and Dalia personally takes care about it ☺
And here you have an article in English:
<http://www.czerwonywieprz.pl/wpoint1.jpg>.

08/09 – DAY 2: SATURDAY

Cross-cultural workshop – this one will be about cross-cultural awareness and differences in general. It will be prepared by two cross-cultural psychologists – Ewa and Malina – just to give you some general input. For the rest of activities most of the inputs will come from you – this is what the exchange is about. The venue is Dialog centre.

Sightseeing – after the workshop we will explore a bit of Warsaw. We will start the Old Town with a lunch at “Pierogarnia”. It serves *pierogi* which is original, traditional Polish food (even though some claim that the recipe came to Slavic countries from the Asia). If you are curious about *pierogi* feel free to google it.

Zapiecek. Polskie Pierogarnie
ul. Freta 1
<http://www.zapiecek.eu>

At the Old Town you will have a Warsaw quiz so that you can explore the city on your own and also have a chance to talk with people (however most of people in the Old Town are tourists). The second part of the quiz (and sightseeing) will be in the beautiful Łazienki Park. We will end up the day with a dinner at Café Bar Rozdroże which is nearby. At Rozdroże (yeah, try to say it!) we will have a meeting with a Tatar – Polish native Muslim, who will tell you about himself and the Tatars in Poland. As some of you might know Muslims have been living in Poland over 600 years – much longer than in Western Europe (even though they are far less numerous – merely 0,05% of the population in total)

If you are already curious about Warsaw you can visit it virtually at:

- http://um.warszawa.pl/v_syrenka/perelki/ - click on “trakt królewski” or “stare miasto” for the Old Town
- <http://www.lazienki-krolewskie.pl> – for Łazienki Park

Cafe Bar Rozdroże
Al. Ujazdowskie 6
<http://www.rozdroze.pl>

10/09 – DAY 3: SUNDAY

Role of the religion – this one moved from Friday, because we will probably have a special guest (a Catholic priest, PhD who is also university lecturer) who will be in charge of this part. He will provide you with a Polish-Catholic viewpoint and this will be a start for a discussion and further activities. We are still waiting for his confirmation.

Gender and Family – this workshop will be prepared by Dalia and myself. It will be about gender and family roles with a special focus on women (this is what usually comes beyond the word “gender”). Please think about challenges (social, political, economic) that women face in your societies.

Dancing workshop – this one moved from Thursday for various reasons. The scope of this activity depends on what you are going to choose (singing or dancing). By the way – please make up your mind as I got only one reply so far. Anyway, it is going to be a lot of music and moving.

The venue for all the activities will be Dialog center. For the dinner we will go to Gospoda pod młynem which is located in Ursynów district (southern part of Warsaw, typical residential area). It is a nice place in Polish countryside-style (what you can see from the webpage).

Gospoda pod Młynem
ul. Wiolinowa 14
<http://www.gospodapodmlynem.pl>

10/09 – DAY 4: MONDAY

School visit – we are going to a primary school located in Praga which is on the other side of Vistula river. Praga is a working-class district, it used to be the most dangerous districts in Warsaw (but don't worry – it changed a lot). As you know, you will be visiting classrooms and present your countries to the children. After that we will have a joint event of arts and crafts in the gym.

Szkoła Podstawowa nr 255
ul. Kamionkowska 36/44
http://sp_255.republika.pl

And after that we will go for a lunch to a nice – this time not Polish, but Italian restaurant, also in Praga.

Pasta Café
ul. Kamionkowska 48a
<http://www.pastacafe.pl>

Singing festival – for this activity we are moving again to Chłodna25. The scope of the activity depends on your choice (between singing and dancing) and that is why I would like to ask you to make up your mind, so that we can prepare everything on time. There will also be a surprise part of this activity, but since it is a surprise I won't write a word more. We will stay for the dinner at Chłodna25 as well.

11/09 – DAY 5: TUESDAY

Calligraphy and languages workshop – you know already what you are supposed to prepare. Just be aware that in one of the activities you might have to teach other participants how to write in your language. For those who use a language written in Latin alphabet: if you don't manage to think up anything special it is all right. We will have fun enough with all the other non-Latin languages. This part will be prepared by Dalia and myself.

Special guest – the special guest will discuss with you the issues of international politics (so that the topic corresponds directly to the topic of our workshop – Let's talk

about the future). We are still waiting for the confirmation, but anyway it is going to be someone from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After his intro you will have an opportunity to ask him all possible – there are quite a few international issues worth asking and discussing that involve Poland but also many of your countries/regions.

Summing up and evaluation – we will sum up all we have been doing for the whole week and you will have a chance to evaluate the whole program. After that we will leave Dialog center. The dinner will be again in Karat hotel. The scope of free time will depend on the option you chose in the application form (see below).

Concert – for those who chose classical music: we will go to the Warsaw Philharmonic in the city center. There is going to be a concert with music of Wojciech Kilar (September Symphony, Magnificat) – a Polish composer. The concert starts at 19:00.

Filharmonia Narodowa
Ul. Jasna 5

<http://www.filharmonia.pl>

And for the information about the composer you can visit <http://kilar.soundtracks.pl> – you can see that he is also famous for movie soundtracks (e.g. “The Pianist”, “The 9th Gate”).

Orient Express – a party with Oriental music for the rest of the group. It will take place in CDQ – Central House of Culture (or rather Culture). There are two floors in the club – chill out on the top and dance floor on the ground. About 400 people can fit – many of them sit, but some also dance. Except for oriental music we will provide shishas, while habibi.pl will provide food. Feel free to bring your own music for the DJ. The party starts at 21:00

CDQ
ul. Burakowska 12
<http://www.cdq.pl>

12/09 – DEPARTURE

It will be time to leave Warsaw. We will assist you on your way back to the airport and wish you nice flight home.

PS: I am leaving Warsaw on Thursday morning for a TC and come back on 1/09 at night. I am not sure about my Internet access. For this time and all matters Dalia will be in charge. Just in case – you can still CC me in the emails – maybe my access won't be that bad.

Here are Dalia's contact details: Dalia Nazmi, dalianaz@wp.pl, +48 502 174 081.

See you all in Warsaw!

- Katarzyna