



**Assembly of European Regions
Youth Regional Network
2nd Meeting of Youth from the European Regions**

'Shaping the Future of Europe – on the Eve of the European Elections'

**Krzyżowa, Dolnośląskie (PL)
20-22 May 2009**

Practical Information

DATES AND PLACE

Meeting will take place in Krzyżowa. It will start on 20 May (Wednesday) in the evening and finish in the early afternoon on 22 May 2009 (Friday).

Meeting Venue/Hotel and Youth Hostel:

Krzyżowa Foundation for European Understanding
Fundacja Krzyżowa dla Porozumienia Europejskiego
Stiftung Kreisau für Europäische Verständigung
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Krzyżowa, a village with a great history, is located 55 km from Wrocław, at the foot of the Sowie Mountains in Dolnośląskie region, in Poland. The venue of the meeting, hotel and youth hostel are at the same place in Krzyżowa Foundation (for more information please see the last section).

PARTICIPANTS

Invitations will be sent to 100 young people between 18 and 30 years old who represent youth region-level parliaments, councils and organisation. Each region can be represented by maximum 2 members. Please bear in mind that only in the case of a small number of registrations more than two participants from each region will be invited to participate in the event.

TRAVEL

The participants are asked to cover the travel costs to and from Wrocław, however, AER is kindly asking the regional authorities to cover the costs (or part of the costs) of the travel of young people representing regional-level youth parliaments, councils and organisations (between 18 and 30 years old). The letter with request will be sent to the presidents of the AER member regions and any young person who would like to go to Krzyżowa should ask the regional authority about this possibility.

The easiest option is to get to Wrocław, where a transfer to Krzyżowa will be provided. It takes approximately around 1,5 hour to get from Wrocław to Krzyżowa by car/bus.

There are three ways to reach Wrocław:

By plane:

The closest airport to Wrocław is: Wrocław Airport: www.airport.wroclaw.pl/en/index.php

Other recommended flight connections include Dresden, Berlin, Poznan, Warszawa and Katowice (with a train connection to the Wrocław Central Railway Station).

**By train:**

Central Railway Station in Wrocław is well-connected with other national and international train stations: <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/?q=en/node/143>

By bus:

A bus connection with Eurolines buses with all European countries: <http://www.eurolines.com/>

Please note:

The recommended time of the arrival in Wrocław is 20 May between late morning and afternoon (before 17.00).

Return journey:

The meeting will finish on 22 May at 13.00 with lunch. A transfer to the Wrocław Airport and Wrocław Railway Station will be provided to all participants at 14.00. Please note that the transfer takes around 1,5 hour from Krzyzowa to the airport/station. In this case, return tickets should be booked for the late afternoon.

TRANSFERS

Dolnoslaskie Region is providing the transfers for participants from and to:

1. **Wrocław Airport**
2. **Wrocław Central Railway Station**

Please fill in the registration form with all travel details **carefully**. If you do not provide your travel time, we will consider that you do not need the transfer and we will not organise transfer for you. The volunteers will be waiting for you at the entrance at the airport and train station in order to inform you about possible transfer options. The preferable time of the arrival in Wrocław is 20 May between late morning and afternoon (before 17.00 - as the last transfer will be at around 17.00).

Return transfer will be on 22 May at 14.00. It will be the only transfer this day (please bear in mind when booking tickets).

If you want to reach Krzyzowa on your own or if you arrive on a different day than 20 May, the possible railway connections from Wrocław to Krzyżowa are available at: <http://rozklad-pkp.pl/?q=en/node/143>

However, we highly recommend using the transfers offered by Dolnoslaskie region, as it might be quite difficult to reach the Krzyzowa Foundation Palace.

The cost of taxi from the Airport or Railway Station to Krzyzowa Foundation is approximately **500-600 zł (110 -120 euro)**

EUR 1 = 4,5 PLN (as of March 2009)

REGISTRATION

The registration of participants will start on 20 May at 14.00 in the Krzyzowa Foundation. The registration point will be next to Multifunctional Room. During the registration each participant will receive the Information package with badge, street map, information materials and working documents.

ACCOMMODATION

The AER will cover the accommodation costs for 2 nights of 100 young participants in the Krzyzowa Hostel.

Young participants will stay overnight in the Youth Hostel rooms (from 2 to 4 persons per room).

Please, take **TOWELS** with you.

In case of losing your hostel key, you will be asked to pay 100 PLN (around EUR 22).

Checkout: participants are asked to check out on 22 May before the beginning of the meeting, i.e. between 8.15 and 8.45. Participants will give back the key at the reception and leave their luggage in the storage room.

If you want to arrive earlier or leave later:

In the case of earlier arrival or later departure, it is recommended to stay overnight in Wroclaw. The list of youth hostels in the city centre is available at:

<http://www.hostelsweb.com/cities/wroclaw.html>

Please make your reservation in advance as you can have problems when waiting until the last moment.

WORKING LANGUAGE

All plenary sessions and working groups will be in English.

MEALS

Breakfasts will be provided in the mornings on 21 May from 8.00 and on 22 May from 7.45.

The first dinner will take place on 20 May from 19.00 in the Krzyzowa Foundation restaurant. The second dinner on 21 May will be in a form of outside barbecue in the park of Krzyzowa Foundation.

Two lunches on 21st and 22nd May will be provided at 13.00 in Krzyzowa Foundation restaurant.

VISITS

There will be two study visits offer to all participant:

1. Guide visit of Krzyzowa on 21 May from 17.30
2. Guide visit of Wroclaw on 22 May from 17.00 (for participants who are staying in Wroclaw for one more night).

The visits are optional and if you are interested you should register (see 'registration form').

PRESS AND COMMUNICATION

There will be local and European media attending, and we will issue a press release after the meeting. We therefore ask that you send us any press contacts you would like us to send the press release to. You then have the opportunity to do follow up interviews with your press contacts when you return from the event.

Please contact Richard Medic, AER Spokesperson, r.medic@aer.eu (+33 3 88 22 74 36) and Valentina Guerra, AER Press and Communication Assistant, v.guerra@aer.eu (+33 3 88 22 74 33)

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

Please note that all participants are responsible for insurance during the trip and event in Krzyżowa. AER bears no responsibility for personal injury, property loss or damage during the event.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency phone numbers:

Police alarm phone – **112** from mobile phones (free of charge) or **997**

Fire brigade – **998**

Emergency – **999**

Taxi in Wrocław – **071 9191** or **071 9622**

FURTHER INFORMATION

Contact before the meeting:

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KRZYŻOWA FOUNDATION

Krzyżowa is a village with a great history, located at 8 km distance from Świdnica and 55 km from Wrocław, at the foot of the Sowie Mountains in Dolnoslaskie region, in Poland. There, in the area of the former property of the von Moltke family and in the meeting place of the "Krzyżowa Circle" we find today an international conference venue and a meeting place.

The Palace from the 18th century and the 9 buildings around the courtyard create a unique ambience. The excellent facilities of the conference centre, the curiosities of the region and a close proximity to the town of Wrocław create exceptionally attractive conditions for organising conferences, seminars, family holidays or cultural travels.

The main, longest running and largest activity of the Krzyżowa Foundation is work with young people from all Europe, especially Poles and Germans. IYMC extends an invitation to meetings on different topics organized in the form of school exchanges, integrational meetings, artistic workshops, conferences and courses. Recreation and games follow the intensive programme of work.

Guests of the Meeting Centre learn: foreign languages, culture and traditions of different countries, history, perspectives of the European Union or how democracy works. While developing their own hobbies and extending their knowledge in various subjects they also gain friends, despite national differences, and they successfully combat prejudices. Organized groups as well as individuals participate in programmes of the Meeting Centre.

For more information please see: www.krzyzowa.org.pl

