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FUTURE OF EUROPE IN STARACHOWICE (POLAND)

How to raise a European patriotism



The fourth event of FUTURE project had as main topic: **“THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM; THE ROLE OF IDENTITIES; HOW TO RAISE A EUROPEAN PATRIOTISM”**.

The 3 days activities have been organized by the Municipality of Starachowice in Poland in the City hall of the city with the participation of International representatives from Greece, Italy, Portugal, North Macedonia and Latvia

local singer in the folk band Bieliniarki, Master of Polish Language 2021 about the theme “Local patriotism in European Union – is it possible?”

During the second day participants had the opportunity to visit the Centre for Patriotic and Civic Thought in the City of Kielce and the Museum of the Dialogue of the Cultures in Kielce.

Contributions & discussion of cases faced or known by participants on patriotism and nationalism in their daily life (at work, school, in free time, on the bus, on social media.) were shared during the visit.

FIGHTING THE EUROSCEPTICISM

The project is based on the organization of 7 different international events (workshops, seminars, heritage walking, storytelling)

In each partner town, citizens will be involved in debates on the future of Europe, based on lessons from the past, and developing ideas to combat euroscepticism and mental walls/barriers towards the others.

Their contributions will be summarized in a book that will be presented in the closing conference and sent to the European Commission

During first day, experts and young people discussed about the difference between nationalism and patriotism, thanks to a preliminary lecture by Marcin Gołębiowski Phd – Deputy of Mayor of the City of Starachowice in Social Affairs.

The debate was fed by a second intervention by Kama Kępczyńska-Kaletka

This is the fifth Newsletter of the project with the scope to inform on the results of fifth project event and Tell your Story





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Patriotism means...

- Patriotism is a feeling of attachment and commitment to a country, nation, or political community.
- Patriotism is the feeling of pride, devotion, and attachment to a homeland, as well as a feeling of attachment to other patriotic citizens. The feelings of attachment may be further bound up in factors like race or ethnicity, culture, religious beliefs, or history.
- Patriotism is a love of one's country, identification with it, and special concern for its

YOUNG EUROPEAN AMBASSADORS

Nationalism as a distraction from social problems

The Tell your Story contest in Riga was focused on results of young ambassadors' workshops on the main topic: **“THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NATIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM; THE ROLE OF IDENTITIES; HOW TO RAISE A EUROPEAN PATRIOTISM”**.

What is patriotism?

Patriotism is a love of one's country, identification with it, and special concern for its well-being and that of compatriots. The willingness to make sacrifices for it and to be ready to defend it. It is characterized by putting more important goals for the motherland over personal goals, readiness to work for its good and, if necessary, sacrificing one's own health or even life for it.

KEY WORDS/EXAMPLES:

Respect of values, Love for the country, Participation to democracy, Freedom, Tolerance and Responsibility

What is nationalism?

Is an idea and movement that holds that the nation should be congruent with the state. As a movement, nationalism tends to promote the interests of a particular nation (as in a group of people), especially with the aim of gaining and maintaining the nation's sovereignty (self-governance) over its homeland to create a nation state. Nationalism holds that each nation should govern itself, free from outside interference (self-determination), that a nation is a natural and ideal basis for a polity, and that the nation is the only rightful source of political power.

KEY WORDS/EXAMPLES:

*The idea of the superiority of some nations over other nations;
Striving for development at the expense of other nations
(bringing to xenophobia)*

How to raise European patriotism?

Civil society and responsible politicians must strive to show people that nationalism is often used as a means of distracting attention from social problems.

Another goal should be to raise awareness that ethnicity is only one aspect of personal identity.

Hence, the best prevention strategy would be for the state to invest in infrastructure projects and socio-economic programmes and create forums for cultural and social life, thus giving citizens, the opportunity for active social engagement.

Future of Europe Travels to Greece in October 2022



Next Future of Europe project event is scheduled in Ioannina (Greece).

The focus will be on the topic **THE DIVERSITY OF EUROPE IS A RICHNESS**

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