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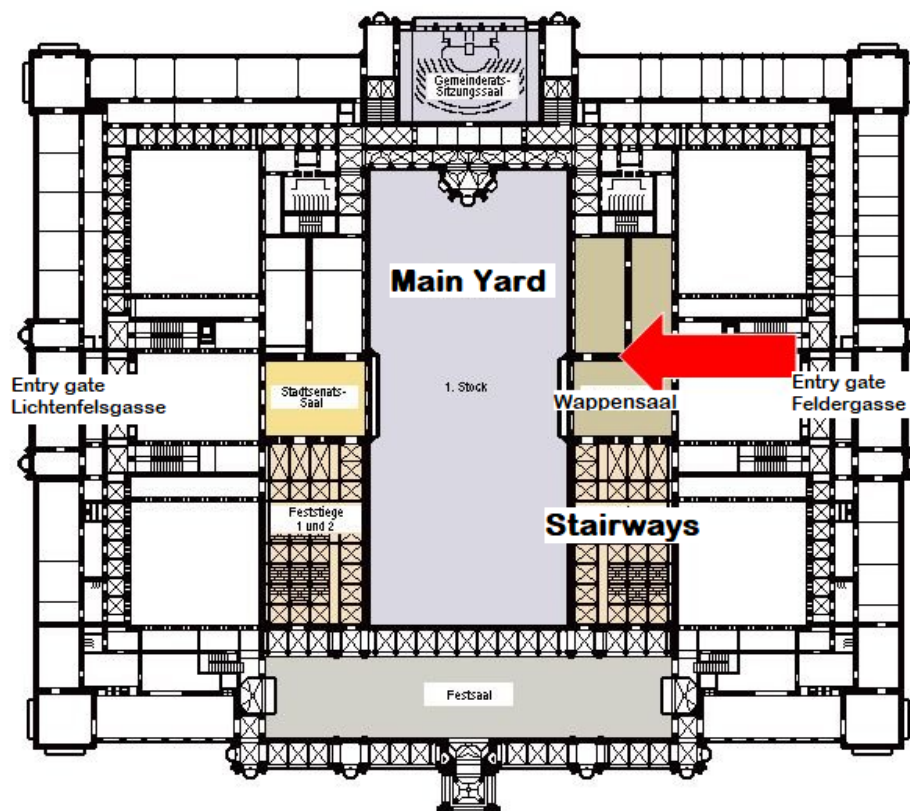
International Conference in the framework of Erasmus+ Youth

Date: 23.1. 2023

Time: 9 30 to 16 30

Wappensaal, Rathaus Wien (Coat of Arms Hall, Vienna City Hall)

1010 Wien, Entry Gate Lichtenfelsgasse or Feldergasse (gates are at side of the building, not front)



Organizer: Verein Wiener Jugendzentren

Partner: Commune di Milano, Stuttgart Jugendhaus GGmbH, Helsinki Youth Department, Tempo per l'Infanzia, University for Continuing Education Krems

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In February 2021 Organisations from Vienna, Milano, Stuttgart and Helsinki joined forces in an Erasmus+ „Youth“ found Strategic partnership on Youth in urban public space.

Several dozen youth worker took almost two years' time to research on questions of public space in big cities concerning its usability for youth, how this has changed over time and how offerings of open Youthwork could be adapted in those four cities. The University for Continuing Education in Krems, Austria was leading research partner. Of course, this project also dealt with the effects of the Covid19 pandemic, though it had originally been planned before that.

Both quantitative and qualitative methods came into use. More than 2000 youth and more than 400 youth worker were questioned. 24 one-week observation visits gave intense insights, Focus group interviews both with young people and youth worker were conducted among other methods. Data was analysed both on regional and international level. Besides a study, he project will deliver city specific brochures in the respective countries languages. Short videos by and with youth are in production.

An international conference in Vienna, on 23.January 2023 will present and discuss results, policy and practitioner recommendations

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Vienna, City Hall, 23.1.2023**

9 00 Doors Open

9 30 Official Opening by Deputy Mayor Christoph Wiederkehr

9 50 Youth in Urban Space - The Project

Presentation of the strategic partnership: Research conducted by practitioners – practitioners supported by research. A best practise example of cross sector cooperation.

Werner Prinzjakowitsch, Verein Wiener Jugendzentren, Head of the YUS Project

Q&A

10 30 Keynote: Young people's leisure time in urban environments during covid-19 pandemic

From 2020 to 2022 youth researchers conducted an ethnographic study in metropolitan Finland and in Tampere on young people's leisure time activities during the pandemic. The presentation will explain the most important finding of this extensive study and the most important findings from other recent and ongoing research in the Finnish Youth Research Network on young people and effects of the covid-19 pandemic.

Sofia Laine, Finish Youth Research Society

Q&A

11 30 Break

11 45 Presentation of the YUS Project Research Results - Youth and Youthwork in 4 European Cities

Quantitative and qualitative methodologies were used during the strategic partnership in order to get a clearer picture of the current developments in urban space and youth work. A researcher's point of view.

Manfred Zentner, Universität für Weiterbildung, Krems, Lead Researcher of the Project

Q&A

12 45 Lunch break (Lunch is served at the venue)

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13 45 Presentation of the general Policy and Practise Conclusions and recommendations

By practitioners from 4 Cities

14 15 World Café Style discussion in small groups

Project Structure – Collected Data – 4 Cities compared (Practitioners view) – The Recommendations – A Place for Everybody!? – Roles of Youthwork in Public Space - Getting involved – includes all presenters

16 00 Final Plenary and Summary

16 30 End of the conference

The Speakers:

Werner Prinjakowitsch is long-term youth worker since the 80s. He is educated social worker and Social manager and one of three educational directors of Association of Viennese Youth Centres since 2008. His work is focused on Political Education, Youth Participation, Prevention of Extremism and International Cooperation. Furthermore, he is member of the expert group in the European Commission's Radicalisation Awareness Network

Sofia Laine holds a PhD in Development Studies and holds a title of docent in Youth Studies (Tampere University). Her multidisciplinary research has focused on young people, and political and cultural engagements in multiple national, European, Mediterranean, and global settings. Besides the project she presents her she has also studied young refugees, volunteer work, and art education and worked Youth transitions from education to employment in the Middle East and North Africa (2019–2023, University of Tampere).

Manfred Zentner researches youth and youth culture since 1997. Since 2013 he is researcher at the Danube University of Krems at the Department Migration and Globalization. He is co-author of the Council of Europe International Reviews on Youth Policy in Hungary (2008) and Belgium (2011). His main topics of research are youth policy, youth work, migration, participation and youth cultures