

## EUROWEEK PROGRAM

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### *Section A - About the Program*

#### 1. What is Euroweek Foundation and Program?

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Euroweek was founded in 1994 by a group of students interested in European integration, democracy, socio-cultural activities and the development of local communities. Euroweek was under the Europejskie Forum Młodzieży until it became officially part of Euroweek Foundation in 2016.

One of the founders is Adam Jaśnikowski, who is currently the Director of both the Foundation and the Program. Back then, the training was focused on integrating and informing the Polish students about local and international issues through various conferences and seminars conducted among themselves through group discussion and later on key speakers such as ambassadors, local government units and alike were invited. The topic mostly in European Integration and governance.

As the program became renowned, international speakers and participants added to its unique platform which led to the creation of voluntary service in partnership with Erasmus and later on becoming the program's very own Euroweek School of Leaders.

To date, Euroweek Foundation has expanded and different platforms to cater the international arena were created. Aside from the Euroweek Program which is the heart of the Foundation, we are also having international offices in Turkey, Azerbaijan, Indonesia and partner institutions in China. Last March 2020, Euroweek International Online Study Program was created as the online flagship of the foundation to reach more youth across the world. All platforms abide with the Mission, Vision and Philosophy of the Foundation.

For more information, please check [our website](#)

#### 2. Is Euroweek School of Leaders fully funded?

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No, if you get accepted in Euroweek School of Leaders, you will receive 720zł per month for food and pocket money allowance, accommodation, local transportations during the activities, language support and additional 3 meals per day in the hotel if we're having activities while you should cover your own International travel, insurance and visa costs.

### 3. I am older than 30 years old, can I still apply?

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Yes, this will be based on the paper screening and interview. We can consider until 33 years old.

### 4. I am younger than 20 years old, can I still apply?

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Unfortunately, you can't

### 5. Do I need English Certificate to be accepted?

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No, English certificate is not needed, but you will need to pass an interview in English to be accepted. We're looking for candidates with a good command in English since you will facilitate the activities with full English.

### 6. Will I receive a certificate from the program?

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Yes, at the end of your service, you will receive an international certificate for your participation as a Youth Leader.

### 7. Where exactly is the location of the program?

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Euroweek Program is located in the Kłodzko area in Poland, the main hotels where activities are being held are located in Łądek-Zdrój, Duszniki-Zdrój, Długopole-Zdrój, Długopole Górne, Różanka and Międzygórze.

Our head office is located in Bystrzyca Kłodzka, but please keep in mind this is just the location of our office, if you get accepted in the program you might be living in any of the towns mentioned above.

We are really close to Czech Republic border, the reason why Prague is really easy to reach by train and by bus in approximate 3-4 hours. Other big cities in Poland are also reachable by trains and by buses.

## *Section B – Specification about the Program*

### 8. What kind of activities will I do with the students?

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The main duties and responsibilities of Youth Leader is to facilitate different activities both offline and online to our participants. The activities are composed of team building games, energizers, country presentations, cultural presentations, dances, creativity and life skills workshops, etc.

Every cycle of Euroweek is composed of 5 days; this means every five days we are having new batches of students coming from the different ages from all over Poland. Furthermore, during special Euroweek or summer cycles we are having International students.

## 9. Do I need to buy International insurance to attend the program?

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Yes, all the Youth Leaders **must** buy international insurance during the duration of his/her stay in the program. The insurance must start from the day you will start to travel to the program and it must finish till the last you will be back in your country.

## 10. How much money will I receive from the program?

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The amount of 720zł allowance is provided to the Youth Leaders in order to assist you to buy your personal stuff and food.

## 11. Is this 720 zł per month enough to buy food and personal stuffs?

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Yes, this amount will be enough to buy food and your personal stuff for one month. Please consider if you want to travel around Europe you should bring additional money based on your personal plans.

## 12. How many free days will I have during a month?

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Every month you will have the right to take 8 days free (holidays). In addition every 5 days you will be having a rest day. Rest days are until 6:30 pm only until a new group starts. All holidays will be approved by the administration of the program.

## 13. Will I have free time?

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Yes, please refer to no.12. In between the activities there will be meal time break and in between breaks. Activities are also simultaneously being done by your partner or teammates.

## 14. Will I be free during the weekend?

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**We don't have** Saturdays and Sundays, we follow the continuous cycle of Euroweek, but every month you can have 8 days holiday if you want to relax, travel and do your personal needs.

## 15. What kind of foods will the program provide?

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Apart from the allowance you will receive to buy your own food, as mentioned above during the activities daily food is provided (breakfast, lunch, dinner). The foods will be polish-type food such as cold cuts of meats, cheese, breads, pasta, chicken, potatoes, *pierogies (national food)* and a variety of fresh vegetables. In some cases menus are changed.

Even though Polish cuisines are really delicious, we understand that the food might be completely different from the one in your country. We recommend buying and cooking your own food especially if you have your own and specific diet.

We highly recommend researching more on the internet about the polish cuisine in order to have an idea what kind of food you will find in Poland.

## *Section C – About Poland*

### 16. Do I need to process visa to come to Poland?

Depending on your nationality and the term of your service in the Euroweek Program you might need to process a visa or not. Some nationalities don't need a visa to come to Poland for 90 days (3 months), some nationalities need to process a visa to be able to travel to Poland or the Schengen area.

This information will be explained according to your case during the interview, please consider that all the cases are different.

### 17. Which is the nearest airport to the program?

The nearest airport from the Program is the one located in Wroclaw City, we highly recommend to land in this airport since this airport is located just 2.5 hours from the program by bus and train.

We also know you might find a cheaper flight to another different airport. If this is the case, please consider the airports in **Prague, Czech Republic (recommended)** Vienna, Austria, Berlin, Germany, and the airports in Poland, Krakow and Warsaw.

Please take in consideration that it is also possible to land in another country and take another flight to Poland. There are some low cost airlines such as: Ryanair, Easy Jet, Wizz air, Vueling, etc., where you can find connections to Poland for a considerable price.

### 18. Do I need to speak Polish to live in Poland during my service?

No, the main language in the Euroweek Program is English and all the activities with the students will be in this language, anyway. Polish lessons are provided based on the approved schedule and upon request.

### 19. How much does it cost to buy a flight ticket to Poland?

Unfortunately we can't tell you exactly how much it cost the flight ticket. The prices might be different depending on the airline, season, and your home country; anyway we really recommend using some websites to check your best options: Skyscanner, kayak, google flights.

## 20. How much does it cost to buy foods in Poland?

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Please consider that the currency in Poland is Zloty. 1 euro = 4 zl (approximately)

Here are some few examples of the prices in Poland:

1 kg of rice: 2zl

Dozens of eggs: 6zl

1 liter of milk: 3zl

1 kg of potatoes: 4zl

1 bar of chocolate: 3zl

1 kg of chicken meat: 15zl

## 21. How much extra money do I need to bring with me to Poland?

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Depending on which airport you will be landing in Europe, we recommend considering the money for the transportation from the airport to the program, it can be train, flight or bus. In addition we recommend considering the money for your food and the accommodation in case you will be staying the night in another city before to come to Poland.

Please consider the currency might be different in some European countries. We recommend that you exchange your currency in Euros.

Once you will reach the **nearest train** or bus station *from the Program*, local transportation will be provided.

## 22. Do I have the chance to discover and know more about Poland?

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Yes, as part of our program, we are partners of hundreds of schools in Poland, from time to time; schools are inviting our Youth Leaders to visit their school for a few days and to have interactions and activities with their students. Schools are the ones in charge of all the cost, transportation, food and accommodations.

This is a unique opportunity to discover and understand more about the Polish culture, traditions, and interact with Polish families.

In case you would like to have a shopping day, visit some museums, grab a beer or just have a walk in the city. The nearest big city is reachable by train is Wroclaw, 2.5 hours by train. You can even visit this city in one day, departing early in the morning and come back on the last train.

Klodzko city is another option and it's just located 40 minutes by train from our program.

## *Section D – About the Accommodation*

### 23. Will I live in a big city?

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No, please consider that the program is located in small towns around the Klodzko area, but don't worry, small and medium supermarkets and shops are reachable by car and by train. Klodzko City is the nearest medium city from our location (approximately 40 min by train or by car), where you can also find a mall center with different kinds of shops and cinema.

### 24. Will I have my own private room?

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No, all the Youth Leaders will be accommodated in a shared room according to the gender of the participants.

### 25. What do Euroweek hotels look like?

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Euroweek Program has 7 hotels, where the activities are taking place, please consider the hotels are mostly for camps, this means the hotels don't look like a chain or luxury hotels. Youth Leaders are not allowed to stay with the students and you will only meet them during the activities.

### 26. Will I have internet access?

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Yes, the internet is available in all the flats and houses of the Youth Leaders, but please consider in some places it may be lack of signal or not even and land base internet due the location. Prepare to buy a local sim card and load it with internet for swift communication.

### 27. How many people will I live with?

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Every year we host between 50 to 100 Youth Leaders from all over the world, please consider that you will be living with people from different countries, this means you will interact in your day by day with different cultures. And you will be living in the same house with more people.

### 28. May I choose the place where I will be living at?

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No, once the Youth Leaders arrive in the program, the management will decide the accommodation of the Youth Leader according to the availability in the flats and the needs of the program. Euroweek Program has different flats and houses for our Youth Leaders, all the places are equipped with the basics equipments, please consider that all the Youth Leaders are responsible for keeping the flats and the houses clean and in order, if you consider yourself as an independent person, this might be a good opportunity for you.\

Our flats and houses are located in Łądek-Zdrój, Duszniki-Zdrój, Długopole-Zdrój, Długopole Górne, Różanka, Międzygórze and Bystrzyca Kłodzka, please consider you can't choose the place where you will be living. Since the houses are from small towns, please expect rural houses and utmost

simplicity. Please take note that all Youth Leaders are in charge in making their houses, personal space and common areas clean at all time.

## *Section E – About Travelling in Europe*

### 29. May I travel in Europe during my service?

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Yes, most of our Youth Leaders are able to travel and discover different countries in Europe while they are joining the Euroweek Program, please consider you have to bring your documents (passport, insurance and invitation letter), extra money if you want to travel around Europe.

### 30. Do I need to bring so many clothes?

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Depending on the season we recommend not bringing too many clothes, especially if it's winter due to the weather in Poland, most of the time it is really necessary to prepare a jacket and special pair of boots.

We understand that based on the weather in your home country the temperatures in Poland might be completely different from the ones you are used to, that's why we highly recommend to research more on the internet about the seasons in Poland to understand better the conditions of the weather. Any way you can always ask directly to our email for any kind of tip or recommendation according to the season you will be in the country.

### 31. What will I learned from the Euroweek Program?

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“Every Euroweek is dfferent”. For students, English and communication, life skill activities, cross-cultural understanding and creativity workshops are the pillars of their learning.

For youth leaders, depth understanding of personal belief, intercultural understanding, leadership, and organizational skills and all types of management (e.i student, classroom) and open-mindedness are the vital lessons you will have in the program. Having friends around the world and in Poland are a plus in this challenging and enjoyable journey of your life.