



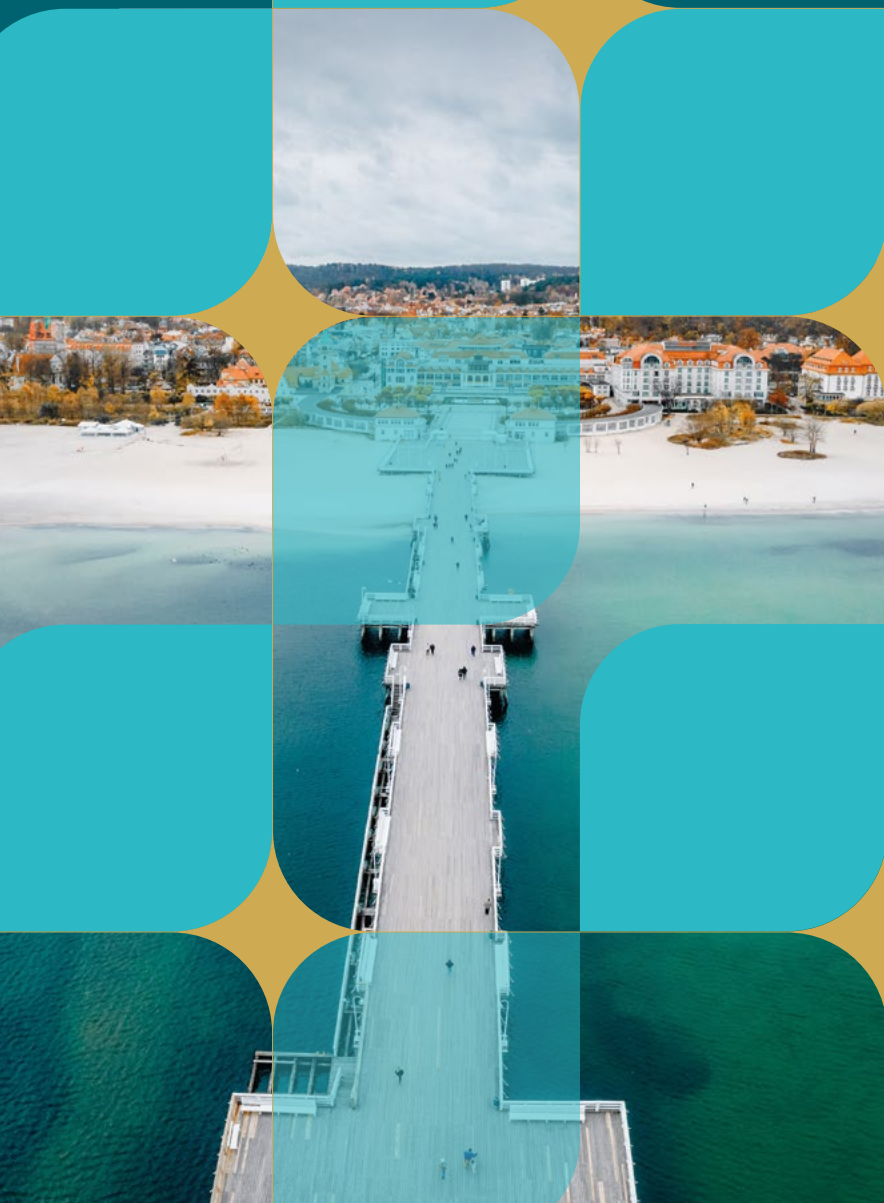
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PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE

The Informal NA Directors' Meeting and Business Meeting of NAs for Youth

May 13–16, 2025
Sheraton Sopot Hotel



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Welcome to Sopot

Informal Erasmus+ NA Directors' Meeting and Business Meeting of NAs for Youth

May 13-16, 2025 | Sopot

Meeting location:
Sheraton Sopot Hotel
ul. Powstańców Warszawy 10

Dear colleagues,

With joy, we invite you to the heart of the Polish sea – to the beautiful Sopot! This Informal Erasmus+ NA Directors' Meeting for Education and Training and Business Meeting of NAs for Youth is once again a unique opportunity to reflect on the successes and challenges of Erasmus+ and the European Solidarity Corps and to exchange views, ideas, and experiences specific to our different contexts. Collaboration and co-creation will be central in the coming days – both during and beyond the official agenda. United in diversity, we will work together to enhance the added value of our European programmes.



Check-in at the hotel begins at 3:00 p.m. You may leave your luggage at the reception earlier, and if rooms are available, early check-in will be possible. Guests are asked to **check out** by 11a.m.

Wifi

Network: Sopot2025

Password: Sopot2025

Public transport information

Here are the directions for getting to the Sheraton Hotel in Sopot from Gdańsk Airport:

1. By Taxi or Ride-Sharing Service:

- After arriving at **Gdańsk Lech Wałęsa Airport**, head to the taxi stand or use a ride-sharing service like Uber or Bolt.
- The trip will take approximately 30-40 minutes, depending on traffic. The distance is around 20 km (12 miles).
- The estimated cost for a taxi is around 80-120 PLN (Polish zloty).

2. By Public Transportation:

- Take the **bus** or **train** from Gdańsk Airport to Sopot.
- **Bus:** You can catch the bus **No. 210** from the airport to the **Gdańsk Główny station**, then transfer to a train heading to Sopot. The bus ride takes about 30 minutes, and the train ride from Gdańsk to Sopot takes about 20 minutes. Bus **No. 122** runs directly to Sopot from airport. It departs only once an hour between 5:00 and 22:00 (7:00-22:00 on non-working days) and the journey takes about an hour. Between 23:00 and 5:00 there is a **night line N3** to the Gdańsk Główny and Gdańsk Wrzeszcz railway stations.
- **Train:** Alternatively, you can take a **train** from **Gdańsk Airport** (there's a train station at the airport) to the **Sopot train station**. The journey takes around 30 minutes.
- Once you arrive at the Sopot station, the Sheraton Hotel is about a 10-minute walk (1 km).
- ♦ **Single ticket** (valid for one ride):
Regular: 4.80 PLN
- ♦ **75-minute ticket** (valid for 75 minutes from validation, with the possibility of transfers):
Regular: 6.00 PLN
- ♦ **24-hour ticket** (valid for 24 hours on night, express, and regular lines within the ZTM Gdańsk and ZKM Gdynia networks):
Regular: 22.00 PLN

3. By Car:

- If you prefer driving, rent a car at the airport.
- Follow the road signs to Sopot (via the S7 expressway), and the hotel is easily accessible. The drive typically takes around 30 minutes, depending on traffic.



PROGRAMME

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 | Day 1. (Youth/Education & Training)

from 12:00 Arrivals and hotel check-in, early registration (Main Hall)

15:00–17:00 Guided city tour / Guided boat trip

15:00–19:00 **Youth Co-group meeting** (Vasco da Gama)

17:00–19:00 **Education & Training Co-group meeting** (Baltic Panorama)

19:00 Welcome dinner and networking at the hotel (Marco Polo)

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | Day 2. (Youth/Education & Training)

08:30–09:00 Registration of participants (near Columbus A+B, 1st Floor)

09:00–11:00 **Official welcome from the Polish National Agency and the National Authority** (Columbus A + B)

- **Mirosław Marczewski**, Director General of the Foundation for the Development of the Education System
- **Claudia Torres-Bartyzel**, Director of the International Cooperation Department, Ministry of National Education

Update from the European Commission (Columbus A + B)

- **Michael Teutsch**, Acting Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+ in the European Commission's Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

Inspiring Keynote (Columbus A + B)

SHAPING TOMORROW TOGETHER: Empowering ALL learners through inclusive education, mobility and skills for a competitive Europe

- **Prof. Dorota Piotrowska**

Strategic Outlook: Union of Skills

European Commission Perspective on Education & Training and Youth

- **Michael Teutsch**, Acting Director for Youth, Education and Erasmus+ in the European Commission's Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture

Group photo

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 **Joint session Education & Training and Youth – part 1, mixed tables** (Columbus A + B)

What Erasmus+ and ESC brings to being better prepared, stronger together, more skilled and competitive? #Union of skills #Inclusion #European values #Upscaling projects and maximising results

Intermediary summary from the working groups and discussion

13:00–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:00 **Joint session Education & Training and Youth – part 2, mixed tables** (Columbus A + B)

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Discussion closing and preparation of key messages from each group

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–17:30 **Reporting from the working groups** (Columbus A + B)

17:30–18:00 **Opening discussion about the future programmes** (Columbus A + B)

Closing announcements of the day

19:30 Gala dinner (Baltic Panorama)

Thursday, May 15, 2025 | Day 3.

Youth

09:30–11:00 **Good morning (Columbus A)**
Welcome to the Youth Business Meeting

- Introduction to the Youth BM agenda
- From Budapest to Sopot
- Co-group messages
- EC Update on policy development (youth perspective)
- EC Update on the new programme & Future European Youth Strategy; Q&A session
- Introduction to the discussion: State of play with future EYS

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 **Working (table) groups (Columbus A)**

- Recognition of youth work
- EU values and democracy
- Resilience, mental health and safety
- Union of skills
- Intergenerational fairness and youth participation

Plenary discussion

13:00–14:30 Lunch

Education & Training

09:30–10:30 **Maximising Impact (Columbus B)**

- Introduction: Framing the Importance of Impact
- Study case - NL01 – The Most Advanced National Agency in Systematic Work on Impact
- State of play LTA impact, co-creation process NA's/ beneficiaries, support by NA's

10:30–11:00 **Highlights from previous day**
From Budapest to Sopot: Insights and continuity
(Columbus B)

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 **Final Session – Reflections and Dialogue (Columbus B)**

- Q&A session with the European Commission
- Updates from National Agencies
- From Poland to Denmark – Handover to the next host country

13:00–14:30 Farewell Lunch

Youth

14:30–16:00 **EU advocacy plan: updates, national activities (Columbus A + B)**
Communication plan
Discussion

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–17:45 **Focus on RAY (Columbus A + B)**
Ask the Commission session (current programmes' issues)
Closing and announcements

19:30 Dinner at a Local Restaurant ([Restaurant in Sopot – L'Entre Villes](#))

Friday, May 16, 2025 | Day 4. | Youth

09:30–11:00 Good morning (Columbus A + B)
Network News
Focus on TCA/NET priorities for 2025. Strategic evolution of TCA/NET
Discussion

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–13:00 **Focus on TCA/NET: continued** (Columbus A + B)
Cooperation Platform: state of play
KMST updates
Next steps after BM in Sopot
Evaluation of the BM
Handover to Denmark
Closing

13:00–14:00 Lunch and departure of Youth

14:00–16:00 **Co-group meeting**

after 16:00 Departures



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Other Practical Information

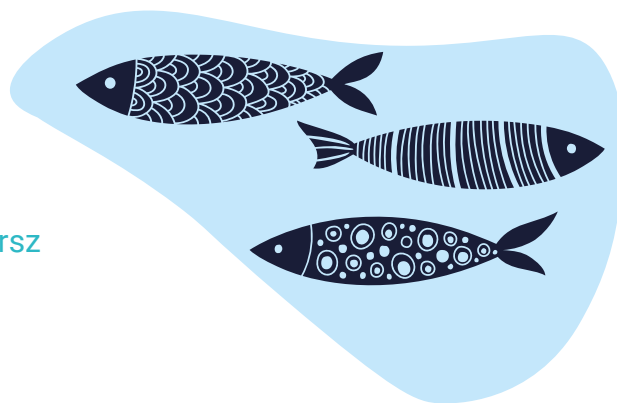
Good morning | [Dzień dobry](#)

Chill / No worries | [Luzik](#)

Most popular fish you can order in Sopot is: cod | [dorsz](#)

Pier | [molo](#)

Amber | [bursztyn](#)



Tri-City (Trójmiasto) is a metropolitan area in northern Poland, consisting of three cities: **Gdańsk**, **Gdynia** and **Sopot**. They are located on the **Gulf of Gdańsk** and form a unified metropolitan region.

- **Gdańsk** – the largest of the three, with a rich history and an important port.
- **Gdynia** – a modern port city known for its dynamic development.
- **Sopot** – a seaside resort famous for its pier (511,5 m), spas, and festivals.

Tri-City is a popular tourist destination and an important economic hub in Poland.

Tri-City is an inspiring place for the creation of advanced cosmetics and leather goods companies.

Oceanic – is an innovative cosmetics brand that perfectly cares for the health and comfort of every skin – even the most sensitive. OCEANIC is now present in over 50 countries across 5 continents. Consumers appreciate our brands, through which they discover modern, effective, and beautifully designed cosmetics. The headquarters is located in Sopot.

Ziaja – the company's activity is the production of pharmaceuticals and high-quality cosmetics for facial, body, and hair care. The first product of Ziaja was the olive cream, which has been successfully sold to this day. The headquarters is located in Gdańsk.

Batycki – a Polish company producing leather goods and jewelry based in Gdańsk. They sign every product with an amber bead, a stone deeply rooted in Polish tradition and culture, known as the “gold of the Baltic.” Amber is also a symbol of happiness and prosperity.

Torpedownia – Torpedo Launch Station – Nearly 1,000 feet off the coast of Poland, clearly visible from the shore of a remote beach in Gdynia's Babie Doły district, lies an eerie relic of World War II: a German torpedo launch station abandoned in the Baltic Sea.

Thank you for your valuable participation in the meeting!

We wish you a safe and pleasant journey. May your trip be smooth and enjoyable throughout.

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