

MUSIS Erasmus+ Projekt

„Museen neu denken – das Konzept Nachhaltigkeit“ – Die 3. Etappe 2024-2026

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Bewegende Worte

Hier teilen wir eine der berührendsten wechselseitigen Rückmeldungen, die uns in unserer jahrelangen ERASMUS+ Erfahrung erreicht hat. Wir erlauben uns, im Sinne der Schreibenden die Namen unkenntlich zu machen. Diese sind auch einerlei, soll dies doch nur zeigen, was durch eine Mobilität, die Begegnung und den Austausch mit Kolleg*innen bewegt werden kann.

Moving Words

Here we share one of the most touching pieces of feedback we have received over the years as part of the ERASMUS+ program. In the author's interest, we have anonymized the names. These are irrelevant; this is simply meant to illustrate what can be achieved through mobility, encounters, and exchange with colleagues.

E-Mail

Dear M.,

I am writing to sincerely thank you for the warmth and generosity with which you welcomed our group in K. Beyond the professional insights you shared, I was deeply moved by the energy and creativity you radiate through your work. What you have built in K. is genuinely remarkable. It is a testament to what one person's vision and commitment can achieve within a community.

Our conversation stayed with me. Your description of grassroots activism sparked a reflection of my own: I realised that the "accelerator" I had been searching for externally was, in fact, already within me – a matter of inner conviction rather than external validation. That shift in perspective will – hopefully – be transformative for my own work. And then there was the moment you spoke of "drawing the line" – with such deliberate clarity, yet without elaboration. Perhaps that was precisely the point: some boundaries speak for themselves. For me, it captured something essential about integrity in cultural work: knowing how much of oneself to give, and where to hold firm.

Rather than leaving my gratitude at words, I would love to follow up with action. It would be a great honor to welcome you at our museum in L. – whether through an Erasmus+ project of your own design, or as an incoming expert via the MUSIS Erasmus+ program. I would be delighted to explore whatever format suits you best.

Thank you again for the inspiration. I am looking forward to staying in touch.

Warm greetings,
U.

Answer

Dear U.,

Thank you for your thoughtful and generous message. I am truly glad that our meeting in K. resonated with you in such a meaningful way, and I deeply appreciate the reflections you shared.

You understood my thoughts with remarkable clarity. I believe this comes from your own practice and experience, which allowed you to connect so naturally with what I was expressing. What I am sharing today is the result of decades of dedicated work—work that was beautiful, but never easy. Your words touched me profoundly, and I must admit they moved me to tears.

I would be very happy to continue our cooperation and to explore further possibilities for collaboration. I am sincerely grateful for your kind invitation to visit your museum. I would be glad to consider potential formats within Erasmus+ or through the MUSIS programme that could make this exchange possible. At the moment, I am aware that our museum is not in a position to provide financial support, so I will need to look for alternative ways to realise this visit.

I very much look forward to continuing our dialogue and to developing new shared projects.

*Warm regards,
M.*

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