

SOUND OF DIVERSITY

20.-22.09.2025

Aleksandrów Łódzki, Poland

Sound of Diversity – Citizens in Dialogue: Navigating EU Policies Through Art

“Citizens in Dialogue: Navigating EU Policies Through Art”, organised as part of the 21st Festival of Diverse Arts in Aleksandrów Łódzki, the lead partner of the Sound of Diversity Network of Towns, places art at the heart of civic engagement. This event highlights how artistic practices can challenge, interpret, and humanise European Union policies, making them more accessible and relevant to citizens’ lives. Art is not only a form of expression—it is a language of participation. Through visual arts, performance, storytelling, and interactive installations, the programme explores how creativity can open new pathways for dialogue on:

Equality and anti-discrimination – confronting exclusion, celebrating diversity, and imagining inclusive futures.

Migration and integration – amplifying the voices and experiences of people on the move, and building empathy across borders.

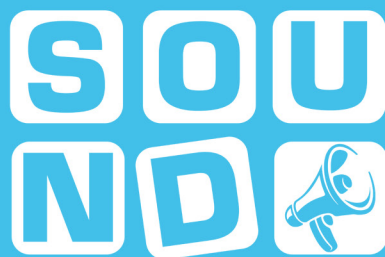
Fundamental rights and democratic values – defending freedom, dignity, and civic agency through artistic resistance and representation.

By bringing together artists, activists, and audiences, the event demonstrates how art can act as both a mirror and a motor for European democracy—reflecting social realities while inspiring collective imagination and action.



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Agenda

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**Transfers to the hotel organized by the Polish host.
Subject to change depending on travel plans.
Meeting points at the airport: TBA**

12:00 - 15:00 - Transfers to the hotel in Łódź
M Hotel, św. Teresy od Dzieciątka Jezus 111, 91-222 Łódź

15:00 – Transfer to Łódź city centre

15:00 - 19:00 - Visiting multicultural Łódź

Guided tour of the Łódź city center - Piotrkowska street

Welcome to the Sound of Diversity Project Partners with the EU context of the cultural policy

Networking and SoD Partners' integration meeting with a traditional Polish dinner

21:00 – Transfer to the hotel in Łódź
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Location: M Hotel conference room

9:00-10:00 - Opening workshop for SoD partners

(facilitated by the SoD Project Manager, Gosia Wochowska)

10:00-10:15 - Coffee break

10:15-12:30 - Expert talk for SoD Partners

“Art as a tool for diagnosing the state of society” and “Mind Map” workshops

(facilitated by Piotr Fąka, Doctor of Humanities in the field of linguistics and communication science, WSB Merito Universities)

12:30 - Transfer to Aleksandrów Łódzki for 21'st Festival of Diverse Arts

Location: Aleksandrów Łódzki

13:00 - 14:00 - Lunch

Location: Kamienica Nr 6

14:15 - 15:00 - “Around the World” - concert by students of the Youth Cultural Center of Aleksandrów Łódzki and the Lutnia choir at Sound of Diversity Stage

Location: Sound of Diversity Stage

15:00 - 15:45 - The Lucyan Group - multicultural journey through ethnic music

Location: main stage

Visiting the festival area in the meantime

16:05 - 16:45 - Senior fashion show

Prepared by Aleksandrów Senior Council and “Wrzos” Day Care Home

17:00 - 18:00 - Moderated discussions:

„The history of three cultures / three nations in Aleksandrów Łódzki”

„Migration crisis in time of russian aggression on Ukraine”

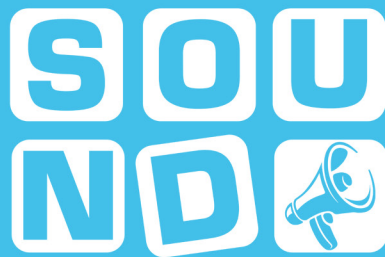
Location: Sound of Diversity Stage

With the participation of the Mayor of Aleksandrów Łódzki, District Head of Zgierz County, the Chairwoman of the Council of the Łódź Voivodeship and the Director of the Social Welfare Home in Aleksandrów Łódzki



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18:30 - 19:30 - Dinner

Location: Kamienica Nr 6

20:00 - Justyna Steczkowska concert

Location: main stage

The main concert of the evening, by the Polish representative of this year's Eurovision contest.

21:30 - Transfer to the Hotel

22.09.2025

Location: M Hotel conference room

9:00 - 10:00 - Debriefing meeting for SoD partners

(facilitated by Tomasz Barszcz and Gosia Wochowska)

Part 1: What are the take-aways from the event in Poland?

Part 2: Festivals meet the Sound of Diversity: hosting approaches, challenges and successes.

13:00 - Lunch at the Hotel's restaurant

Transfers to the airport(s) organized by the Polish host

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