

Youth Exchange

Frames of Expression

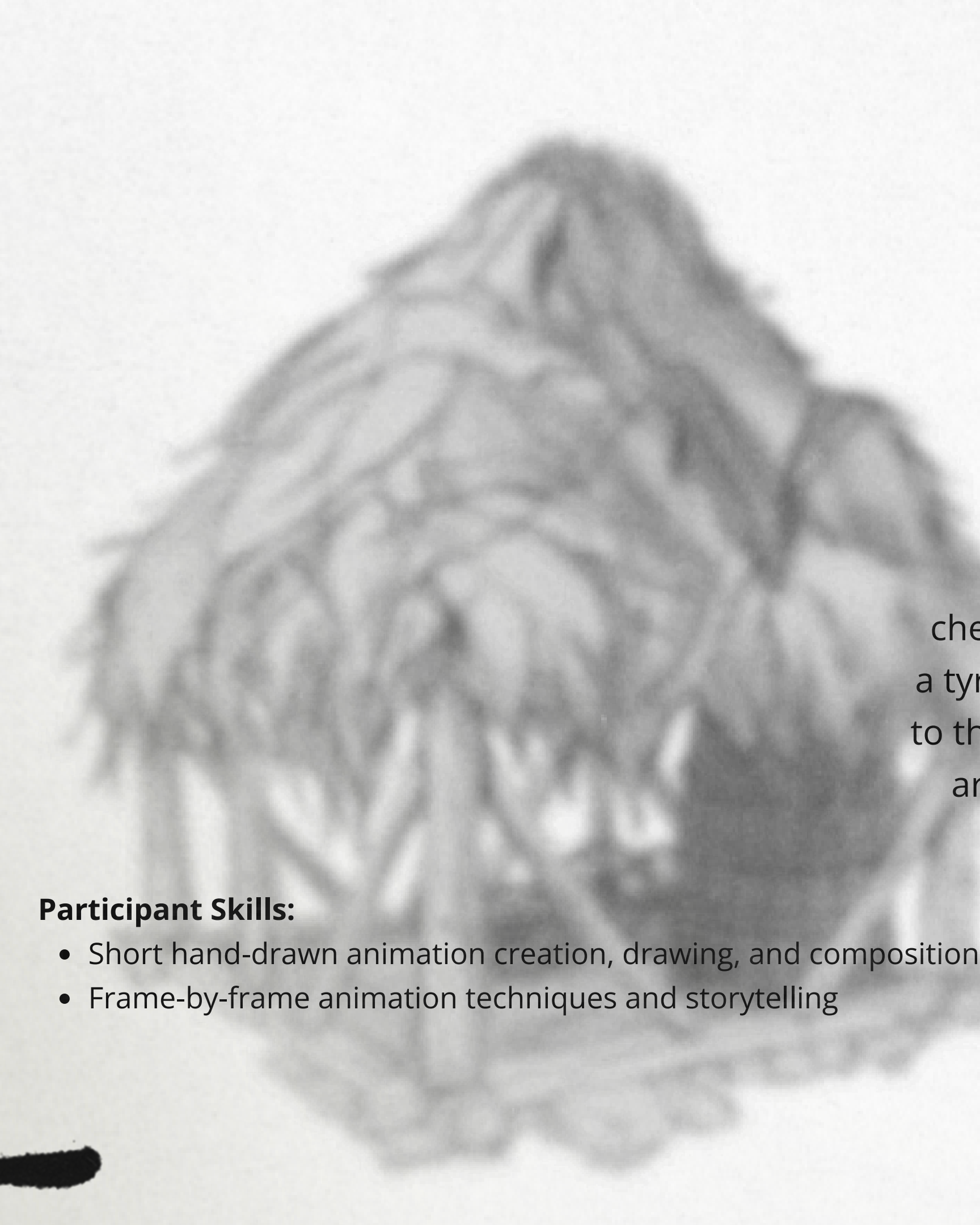
King Crybaby and Tickler: An animated
Project within a Youth Exchange Program

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Timișoara, Romania



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Training details

This youth exchange project centers on Ukrainian and Romanian students coming together to breathe life into one of Ukraine's most cherished children's poems. "King Crybaby and Tickler" tells the story of a tyrant king who bans laughter and the brave uncle who brings joy back to the children. Through animation, sketches, and storytelling, our young artists will bring this timeless story to life, creating both entertainment and educational value.

Participant Skills:

- Short hand-drawn animation creation, drawing, and composition
- Frame-by-frame animation techniques and storytelling

Training Activities:

- Collaborative scriptwriting
- Character and scene design
- Animation production
- Voice acting in Ukrainian and Romanian
- Cultural exchange workshops

Exchange objectives:

Primary Goals:

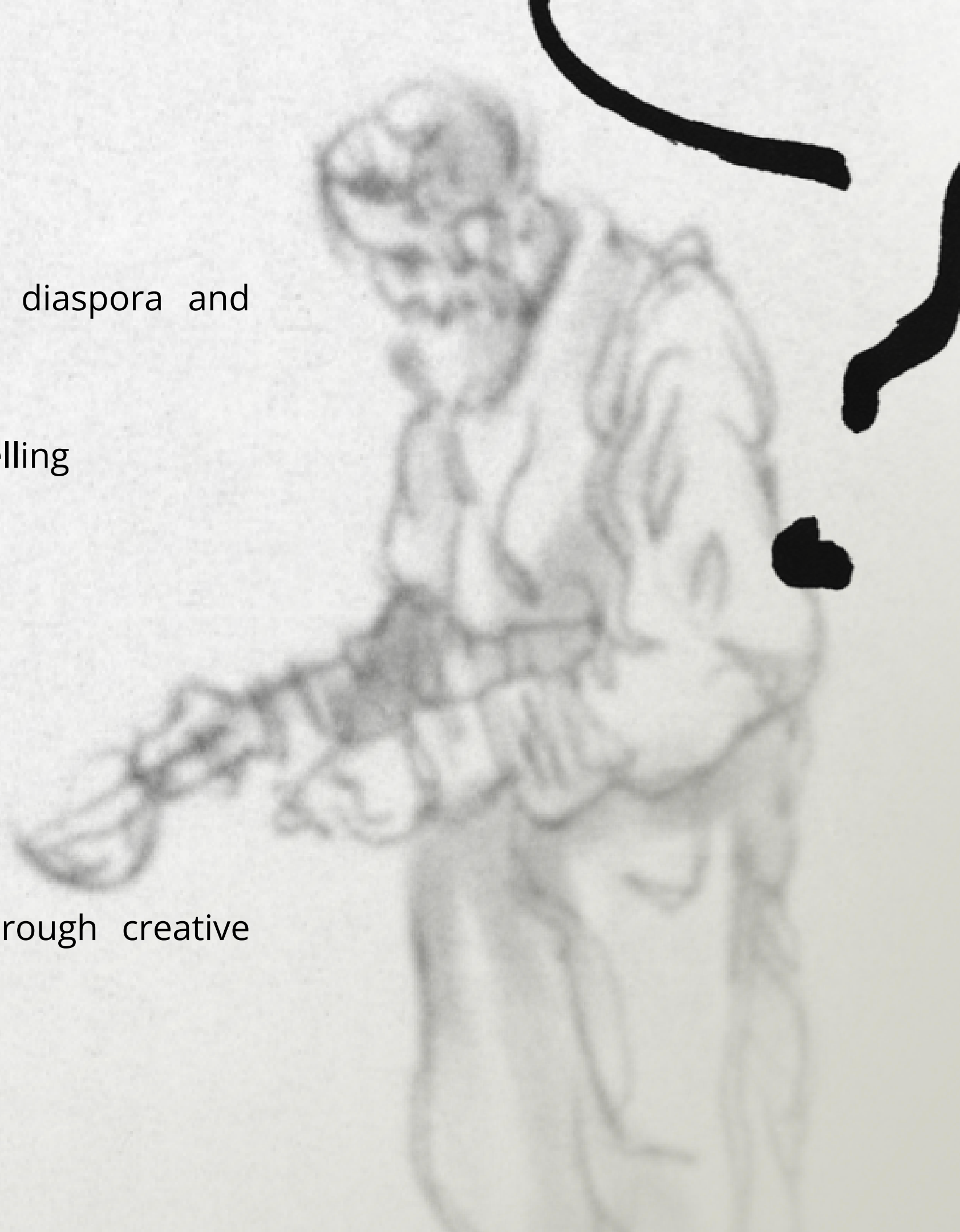
- Promote Ukrainian literature and culture among Ukrainian diaspora and Romanian audiences
- Engage young people in creative and cultural initiatives
- Develop children's emotional intelligence through artistic storytelling
- Explain human rights concepts through poetry and animation

Educational Outcomes:

- Cross-cultural collaboration skills
- Advanced animation techniques
- Understanding of storytelling as a tool for social commentary
- Bilingual content creation experience
- Cultural bridge-building between Ukraine and Romania

Social Impact:

- Illustrate the essence of dictatorship and human rights through creative medium
- Strengthen cultural cooperation between participating countries
- Create educational content for children and youth



Profile of the participants

Who We're Looking For:

Audiovisual Storytellers (Ages 16-17) Students passionate about bringing stories to life through animation, visual arts, and sound design. You should be someone who loves to create worlds through both image and audio, and isn't afraid to experiment with new techniques.

Skills We Value:

- **Visual Foundation:** You can create sketches, understand composition and framing, and have an eye for visual storytelling
- **Audio Awareness:** Interest in sound design, voice acting, music, or audio editing - understanding how sound brings animation to life
- **Collaborative Spirit:** Ready to work with international peers and share creative ideas across language barriers

What Makes You Perfect for This:

- You're curious about Ukrainian culture and literature
- You want to create something meaningful that children will love
- You're excited about learning animation techniques from experienced mentors
- You see art as a way to explore important themes like freedom, joy, and human rights

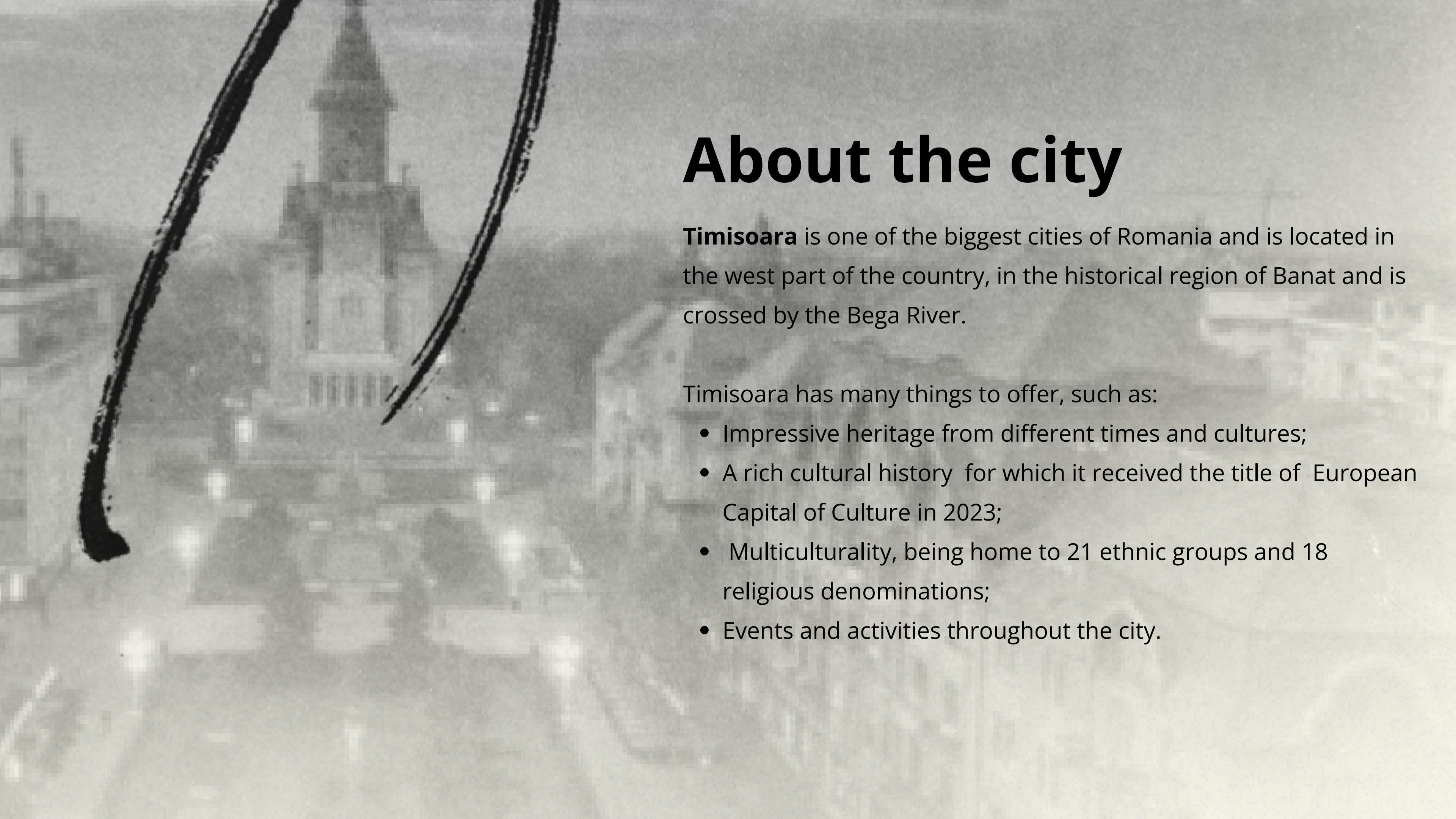


Workspace & Equipment

At **FITT**, we're transforming the **Youth House** into a **real animation studio** for the duration of this project. We will guide you through every step of the creative process—from concept to final production—just like in a professional studio.

For **animation and design**, we offer **10 iPad Airs** for digital drawing, storyboarding, and frame-by-frame animation, as well as **10 Meta Quest 2** headsets for exploring VR/AR environments and virtual scene design. Additionally, two 3D printers are available for prototyping characters, sets, and props, allowing participants to bring their ideas into the physical world.

In the **sound and music department**, we have a **professional recording studio** equipped for high-quality voiceover recording, foley art, and music production. There is also a **rehearsal room with instruments**, providing space for live music composition, sound experimentation, and rehearsals for voice actors.



About the city

Timisoara is one of the biggest cities of Romania and is located in the west part of the country, in the historical region of Banat and is crossed by the Bega River.

Timisoara has many things to offer, such as:

- Impressive heritage from different times and cultures;
- A rich cultural history for which it received the title of European Capital of Culture in 2023;
- Multiculturality, being home to 21 ethnic groups and 18 religious denominations;
- Events and activities throughout the city.

Accommodation & food

The **venue** for the training will be at the Youth House in Timisoara (Aries Street 19).

Your **accommodation** will be provided by us. You will be accommodated in a 3 stars hotel from the Youth House at the 3rd floor.

Facilities of the accommodation will be with shared bedrooms, 2 person per room, private bathroom and internet connection. There is no elevator in the building.

Food (also provided by us):

3 meals/day. We will also have one dinner on the arrival day and one breakfast on the departure day.



Travel Reimbursement

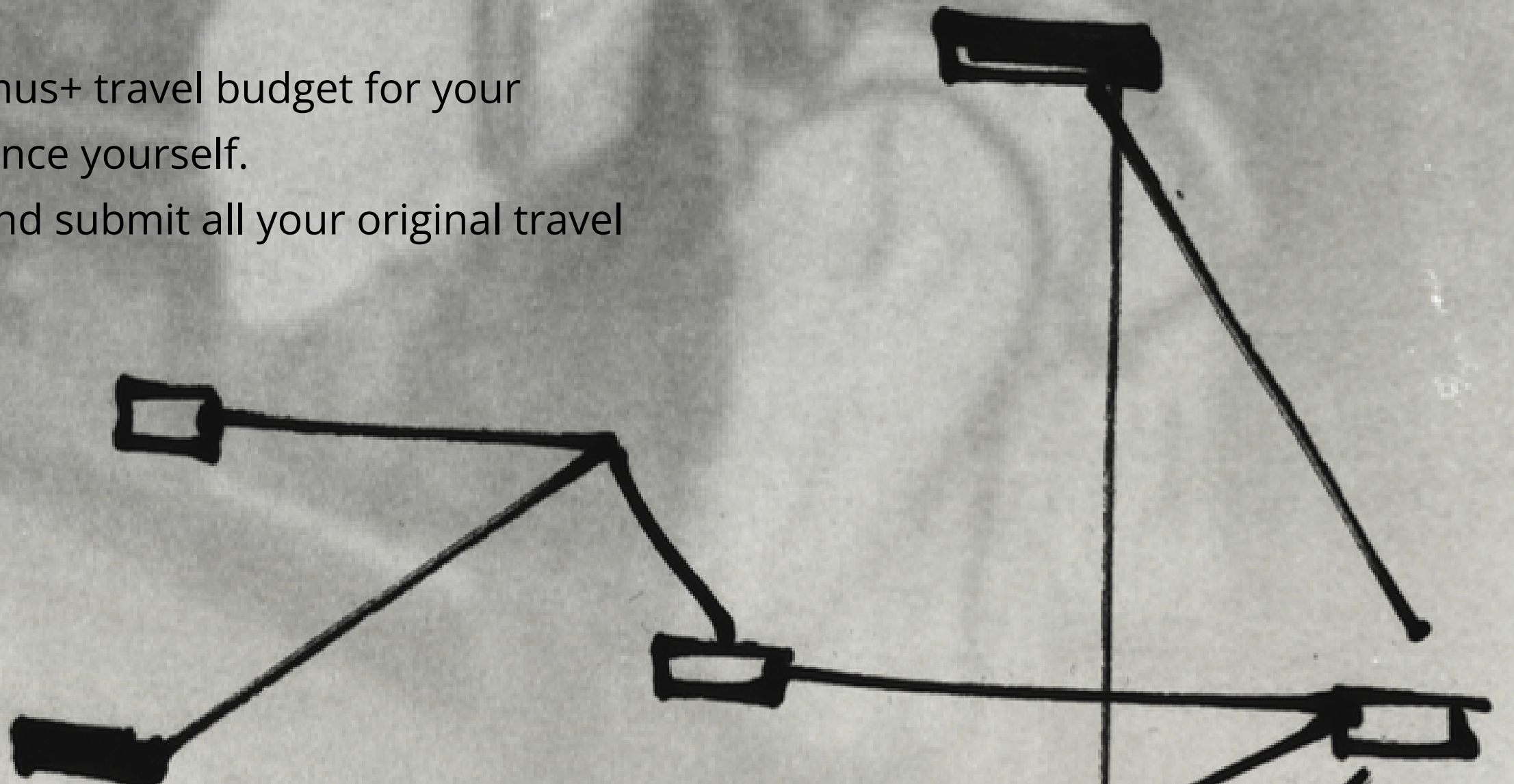
Travel expenses will be reimbursed according to the Erasmus+ distance calculator. Here's how it works:

- The amount reimbursed will be based on the Erasmus+ travel distance band.
- If your travel expenses exceed the Erasmus+ travel budget for your region, you will need to cover the difference yourself.

To facilitate reimbursement, please retain and submit all your original travel documents and receipts.

Travel days:

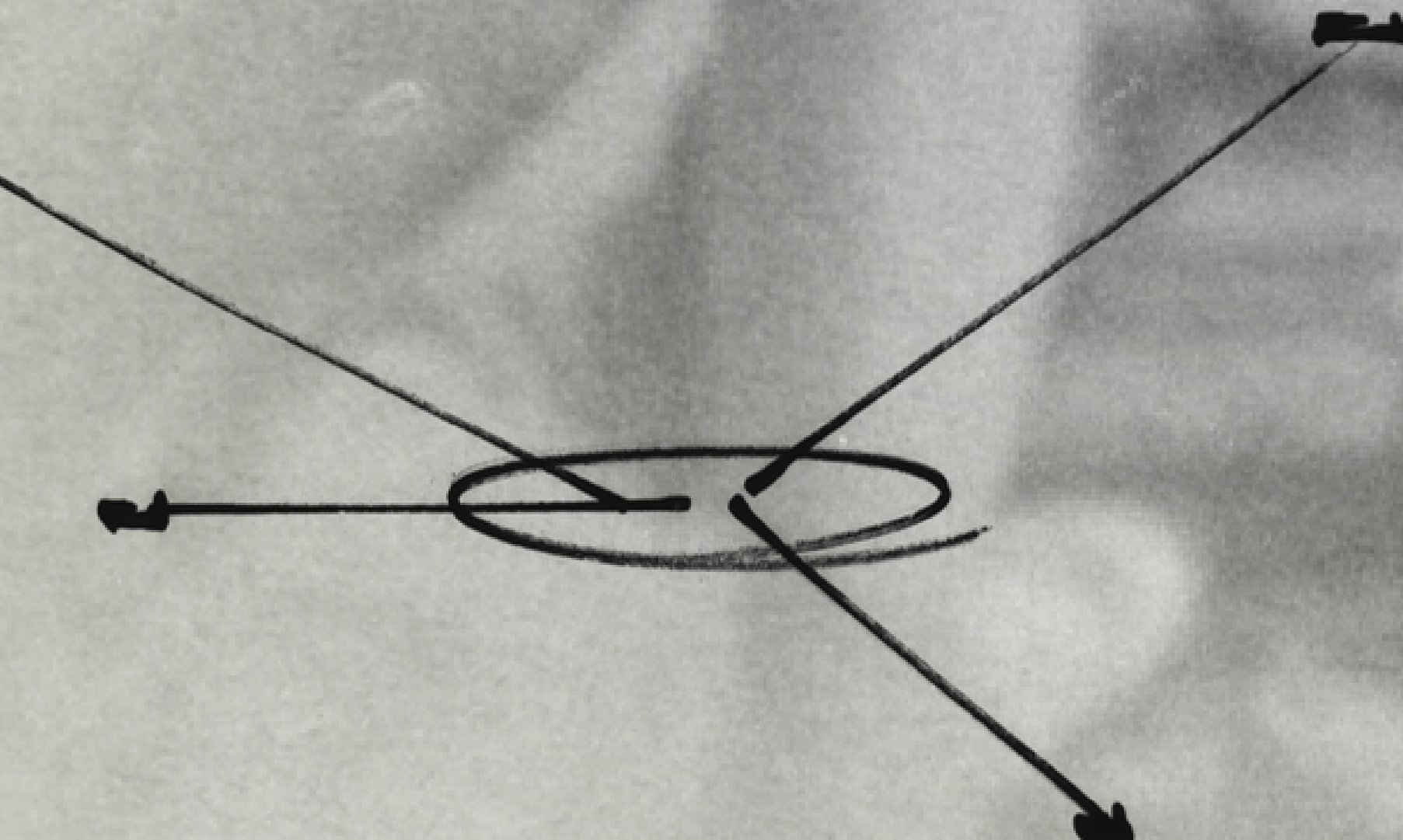
23rd - 24th of October
3rd - 4th of November



Travel	Contribution to the travel costs of participants, including trainers, accompanying persons and facilitators, from their place of origin to the venue of the activity and return.	Travel distance	Green travel	Non-Green travel
	Below 500 km, participant will, as a general rule, travel with low-emissions means of transport	10 – 99 km	56 EUR	28 EUR
		100 – 499 km	285 EUR	211 EUR
		500 – 1999 km	417 EUR	309 EUR
		2000 – 2999 km	535 EUR	395 EUR
		3000 – 3999 km	785 EUR	580 EUR
		4000 – 7999 km	1188 EUR	1188 EUR
		8000 km or more	1735 EUR	1735 EUR
	Financing mechanism: contribution to unit costs. Rule of allocation: based on the travel distance and number of persons. The applicant must indicate the distance between the place of origin and the venue of the activity¹²⁵ by using the distance calculator supported by the European Commission¹²⁶. For itinerant activities, the applicant should add up the distances between individual venues and choose the distance band corresponding to the total.¹²⁷			

**Green travel means 2/3 of the distance to be covered using green means of transportation (car sharing, bus, train, etc.)*

**Calculate your travel distance using the distance calculator.*

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What to bring with you

- Any tools you are already comfortable using for creating artworks - be it digital or traditional.
- Travel Document: Passport, ID, or any valid travel ID.
- Personal Items: Towels, flip-flops, hygiene products, and any necessary medications.
- Proof of Travel: Tickets or receipts for travel reimbursement.

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