



Wide Music Education Network promoting international cooperation among youth for social inclusion, active citizenship and creating job opportunities

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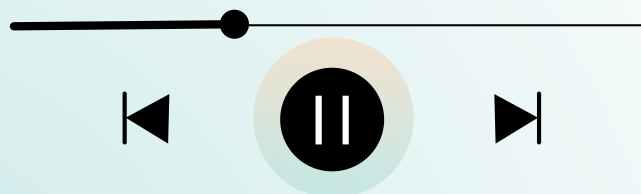
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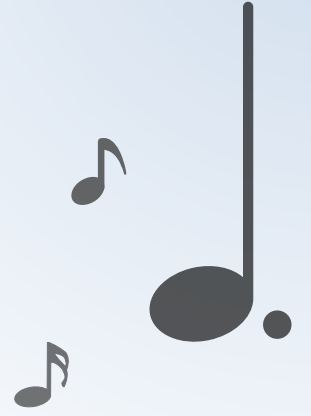


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**#TURKEY #BODRUM**



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*"When you come to Yokuşbaşı  
You will see Bodrum,  
Do not think that you will leave as you came.  
So were those before you,  
They always left their minds in Bodrum."*

As the famous writer, the fisherman of Halikarnasus, once said.





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The words of the fisherman from Halikarnasus, written on previous page, indeed reflected the events of our event in Bodrum in December 2022...

A group of 52 young musicians from 6 countries managed to unite and strengthen international solidarity through the EU Erasmus+ funded project, WEMusic.

During the five days of the gathering, the primary purpose was to create a strong network among young artists through music and to gain new skills and approaches for the future of the music sector. In the meantime, the social activities, cultural events and informal music jam sessions allowed participants to get to know each other better.



Bodrum, an incredible and stunning city on Türkiye's southwest coast into the Aegean Sea city with colourful nature, tasty food and great people, accepted and welcomed - with great hospitality of Bodrum Dance Club (BDK) - 52 young musicians with just one goal: to connect their life with music and to have a space to learn from each other, share their concerns and observations as well as give immediate and concrete solutions for the young musicians all over the globe!

Open discussion sessions allowed musicians to speak up about their challenges, passion and plans in a democratic environment. This increased the potential for future collaboration on empowering themselves. Peer-to-peer learning techniques and thematic sessions on freedom of expression and cultural awareness helped young participants to extend their vision and competencies in a multicultural setting.

# #WEMUSIC YOUTH MOBILITY #BODRUM

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*The five-days-long youth mobility created space for significant and vital moments...*

Intercultural mornings and evenings helped participants explore and discover more about different cultures and religions, to step out of their comfort zone, share their musical pieces and to try to create something together.

*The program was full and complete! :)*

The participants gained knowledge on non-formal education, youth work, stereotypes, prejudices and identities, freedom of expression and how music can be an instrument in achieving these as well as overall social change!

*And not only that!*

The participants also got the chance to learn more about the competencies of musicians and what kind of competencies they can fine-tune and use for their visibility and improvement.



The last step was to learn more about peer-to-peer learning methodology and how this can be combined with their musical profession and help other musicians with their future work and engagement.



Upon return to their home countries, the participants implemented activities in their local communities using the knowledge gained during the mobility in Bodrum.

Over 150 young people were involved in peer-to-peer workshops in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Palestine, Italy, Tunisia, Belgium and Türkiye.

*From the very first day until the last, the youth mobility was a fantastic musical adventure with young people all around!*



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## #WEMUSIC JAMMING SESSIONS



### WHAT IS A JAM SESSION?

A jam session is a casual musical event, process, or activity in which musicians, usually instrumentalists, play improvised solos and vamp over tunes, drones, songs, and chord progressions.

...and this is exactly what happened in the local **BLACK ROCK PUB** placed in the centre of Bodrum - on the coast of the Aegean sea. The place became a safe space for the participants from 6 countries and various backgrounds, who all enjoyed every second spent there!



After the mobility's sessions, the young musicians could spend their time together and enjoy their skills and talents in a safe space - while having it all to themselves!

Thank you for your hospitality and excellent vibes, BLACK ROCK PUB!

See you again, friends!



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## WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE YOUTH MOBILITY IN BODRUM?

"Bodrum mobility was a winning bet, an inspiring and memorable experience in which I met very interesting people.

Music is the right way, the best way, music is for everything and everyone, anyone, anytime, anywhere. **Music is me, music is you, music is them and us. We Music!**"

Mohamed Abdelaziz Oumara, Tunis



"The Bodrum mobility was fun, intensive, informative and magical.

**Life is like Jazz**, it's best when you improvise, yet in an arranged approach."

Mohammed Abusenjer, Palestine



"This opportunity is a perfect experience to connect people from different backgrounds.

I was looking for something new, something deep and then I felt deeply inside there was a **melodic sound it created a pure feeling, it was music.**"

Raffaele Mirra, Belgium





## WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE THINK ABOUT THE YOUTH MOBILITY IN BODRUM?

"Having the opportunity to participate in and lead specific activities in this project, I received terrific feedback from young musicians that helped me understand and try to change the current situation.

As this project is connected to several countries, this is an excellent opportunity for every young person to make contacts and create beautiful friendships. I improved my knowledge and learned new skills. A project that has a beautiful future for every young person who has something to do with music."

Azra Mehmedović, Bosnia and Herzegovina



"It was the best experience to create relationships among different cultures.

Music is more than just listening to it. It's something you feel. **We have music in our self. You have to listen to I and I to find you.**"

Andrea Siniscalchi, Italy



"It was a cultural exchange of thought regarding today's life with music among young people.

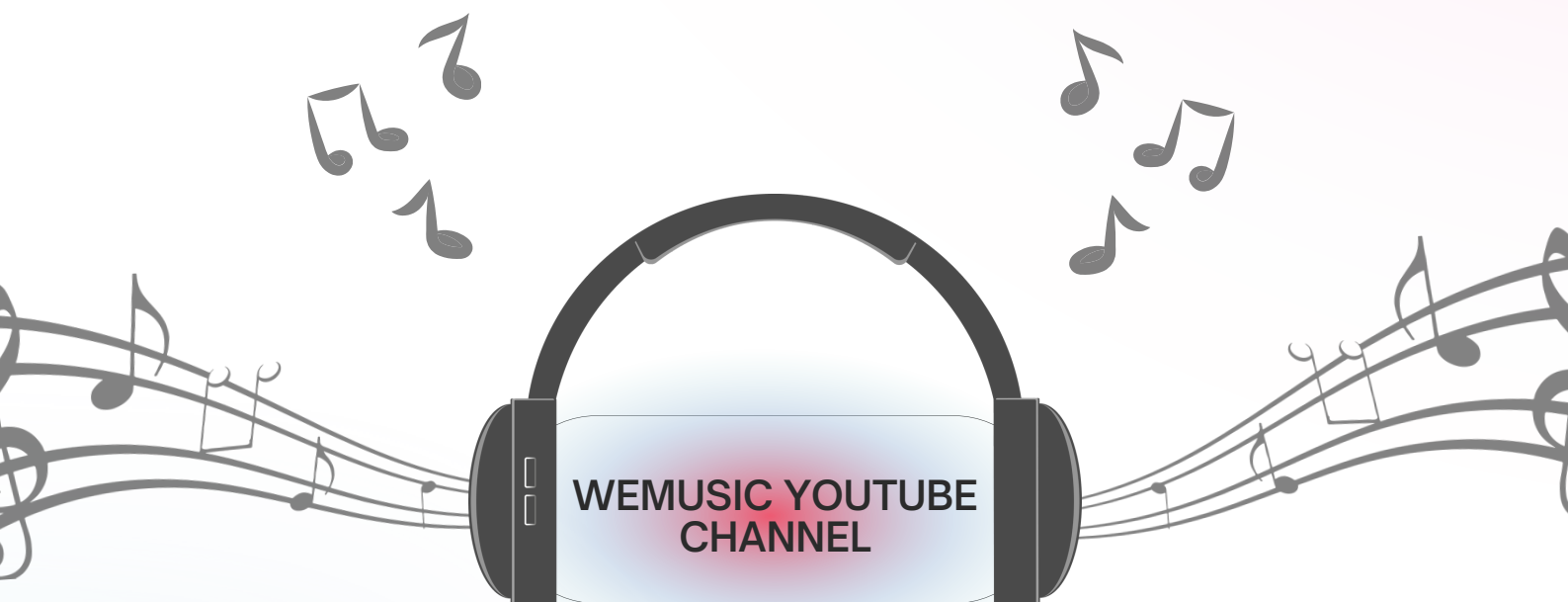
**Music is polyhedral and has its role in each person's life."**

Sabina Khujaeva, Turkey



Want more insights like this?

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