

# **Peace in Motion**

## ***A Collective Art Experience for Peacebuilding through Youth Expression***

**Date:** May 28, 2025

**Location:** Warsaw, Poland

**Participants:** 20 young people from diverse cultural backgrounds

**Organised by:** PEACE of ARTS – Erasmus+ Youth Project

### **Event Description**

#### **Peace begins with a single gesture.**

On May 28, 2025, *Peace in Motion* brought together 20 inspiring young individuals in Warsaw to co-create a powerful artistic statement about peace, unity, and hope. As part of the international Erasmus+ youth project **PEACE of ARTS**, the event served as both a creative workshop and a symbolic act of togetherness.

The workshop revolved around a **120-piece modular mural**, where each participant was assigned a unique puzzle piece to illustrate their personal vision of peace. Piece by piece, brushstroke by brushstroke, the artwork came alive—captured in a frame-by-frame sequence that transformed into a compelling **stop-motion video**. This visual poem of harmony will be shared online to reach communities across Europe and beyond.

What made the experience truly special was its inclusivity and intercultural spirit. Participants included local Polish youth as well as international guests and project partners from different parts of Europe. Throughout the day, participants engaged in guided reflection sessions, collaborative painting, and artistic storytelling, using visual language as a bridge between differences.

The event was not just about creating a painting—it was about creating connection. Through art, color, movement, and silence, the youth explored what peace means in today's world: empathy, action, voice, visibility.

By the end of the day, a fragmented canvas became a **unified masterpiece**, reflecting the idea that peace can be built through shared intention and creative collaboration.

“You don’t need magic to change the world—just one line, one word, one color, one choice.”

The final video is now in post-production and will be published on the project’s official channels. It will serve as a lasting digital artifact of how small actions, when combined, can move hearts and shift perspectives.

### ***Why it matters:***

- Promoted intercultural dialogue and youth expression
- Encouraged teamwork, empathy, and creativity
- Gave visibility to peace-building through visual arts
- Created an open, inclusive space for participation

**Peace in Motion** is not just an event. It is a reminder that peace is not passive—it is participatory. It lives in the hands, minds, and hearts of the youth who dare to imagine it, color it, and share it with the world.