... IT USED TO BE A CITY FULL OF YOUNG PEOPLE AND VIBRANT LIFE ...

... BUT WE BROUGHT APATHY, EXCLUSION, ALIENATION, POPULISM, NATIONALISM, NON-PARTICIPATION ...

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AND WE’LL DESTROY THE GHOSTS ‘CAUSE WE INVENTED THEM!!!
The ghosts of our generation are taking over the cities. More and more young people from Europe and abroad are facing the devastating power of ghosts and they are losing the strength to fight the ghosts. Who are the ghosts? To name just a few: Fear, Non-active Citizenship, Uncertainty, Discrimination, Populism, Radicalization, Alienation, Exclusion, Non-participation etc. Varaždin is not immune as well. Sometimes we call it - Ghost Town. A very few young people are to face the ghosts. To make the situation worse, the ghosts are often invisible and young people are not aware of them. To catch them and fight them, firstly, you will need to enter the Ghost Town - Varaždin 2022.

Bearing in mind the complexity of Ghost Town and fighting the ghosts, we structured three (3) main programme clusters:

**GUIDEBOOK**

Fighting the ghosts is not that easy. First, young people need quality learning, independence and at the same time, sense of community. GUIDEBOOK is necessary for the acquisition of knowledge and adoption of useful skills that will be needed in fighting the ghost of our generation. Thus, the focus will be on promoting active citizenship, solidarity, multiculturalism and internationalism, sustainable development, healthy lifestyle, participation in decision-making processes, as well as intersectoral cooperation.

**TOOLKIT**

While entering the battle against ghosts, you need to take the most appropriate TOOLKIT, so you don't find yourself powerless when you face the ghosts. This programme cluster targets the utilization of tools that complement the knowledge and behavior gained by using the GUIDEBOOK. Be sure, you will gain the experience that has the focus on international cooperation, community development by using the radio, development of social entrepreneurs and volunteering.

**PLAYGROUND**

The ghosts like when you are insecure, when there is no supportive environment or infrastructure for the realization of youth needs. The PLAYGROUND comprehends the activities that will secure the environment for young people where they can realize the potential and share the experience and knowledge with each other. The PLAYGROUND is a programme cluster dedicated to the idea of interconnectivity of physical and digital environment.

**Fight the ghosts and make Varaždin HostTown4YOUth**