

Dear friends,

As you all know, the second small youth meeting of the current Town Twinning project will take place in Esch / Haaren (The Netherlands). Two youngsters from each municipality which is a member of the Charter of European Rural Communities are invited to participate. Although it will take a few more months, we already want to inform you about some important issues concerning your travels to and from our beautiful country.

Holland is very easily reachable by different ways of transport. Hereby, we would like to give you some advises which will make it easier for us to arrange all the logistics from airports and train stations to Esch.

#### Train

Different international (high speed) trains start and end in The Netherlands. If you want to travel by train, please make sure that you arrive at 's-Hertogenbosch Centraal Station or Tilburg Centraal Station. We will pick you up from those train stations.

#### Airplane

There are many airports in the Netherlands itself to which different airlines operate flights. The most convenient airport would be Schiphol Amsterdam Airport. This is our biggest airport and connects our country too almost all European capitals and bigger cities. Via the link below, you'll find the time table in which you can find a flight which is the best for you. If you decide to arrive at and depart from Schiphol Amsterdam Airport, we kindly ask you to go by train to 's-Hertogenbosch Centraal Station. At the airport, they can provide you the timetables, tickets etc. Everything is very well announced in English too. From 's-Hertogenbosch Centraal Station, we will pick you up again.

<http://www.schiphol.nl/Travellers/FlightInformation/FlightInformation/Timetable.htm>

Another option too chose is a flight to Eindhoven Airport, which is situated in our region. Low-cost airlines Ryanair, Wizzair and Transavia.com offer flights to and from different countries departing and arriving at Eindhoven Airport. Further transportation is not required; we will pick you up at Eindhoven Airport as well. The link below brings you to the online time table of Eindhoven Airport.

<http://www.eindhovenairport.nl/sites/default/files/pdfs/TimetableW11V1x.pdf>

Whenever you chose not to fly to Schiphol Amsterdam Airport nor to Eindhoven Airport, we kindly ask you to contact us before booking the tickets. There are several other airports (Brussels Zaventem, Brussel Charleroi, Rotterdam Airport, Maastricht Aachen Airport, Düsseldorf Weeze, Antwerp) in our surroundings, but to provide you with a proper transport to Esch, we strongly recommend you not to choose one of the airports above.

Make sure that you arrive on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012 before 18.00h! Departure will be on Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2012, preferably after 12.00h. If you could not arrange a sufficient travel schedule that suits to those times, please contact us as well.

We will keep you informed about important details concerning the meeting. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us. I will be the central contact person for the youth meeting in Esch. You can reach me by e-mail: [boyscholtze@planet.nl](mailto:boyscholtze@planet.nl) or phone: (+31) 6 533 47 406.

On behalf of the Esch 2012 committee and Friends of Europe Esch, I thank you very much so far and we hope to meet many of you in March!

Best regards,

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