



# The Rules of the “Thumbs up for Civic Education” Hitchhiking Competition

## ORGANIZER

The organizer of the Thumbs up for Civic Education Hitchhike Competition is:  
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## THE AIMS

- to raise the knowledge about Civic Education
- to promote European Citizens’ Initiative “More than education - Shaping active and responsible citizens”
- to promote *Woodstock Festival Poland* and work of the *Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity Foundation*
- to promote unconventional ways of travelling

## CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPANTS

The participants of the competition have to be of **age 18 or above** and **have a valid legal travel document** in order to cross the borders of the various European countries.

The deadline for applying is **the 20 of July 2017**.

## RULES OF TRAVELLING

### *Hitchhiker pairs:*

The participants **travel in groups of two**.

This is both for safety and ease of travelling reasons. Pairs of participants are encouraged to apply together, in case you know a person you would like to hitchhike with that also wants to take part in the competition. We require one sign-up sheet per person.

However we will also provide a [Facebook group](#) where matching can be arranged for “single ” participants in order to arrange the highest number of hitchhiker pairs.

### *Itinerary:*

The road is up to you. We do not indicate any starting points or routes to be taken.

All hitchhikers pairs start the competition from different starting points and can roam the paths of Europe freely.

There is no set path, the main objective is to **reach the final destination** - [Woodstock Festival Poland](#) close to Poland/Germany border - city called [Kostrzyn nad Odra](#) - before the deadline (4rd of August 2017, 12 CEST).

## How to travel:

### *Hitchhikers have to hitchhike.*

The spirit of the project lies in the discussions and contacts the hitchhikers will have with the drivers that will give them a ride or the people they will meet in the areas they are stopping on the way. Public transportation should only be used within a city and not to connect cities that will be visited.

In order to make this hitchhiking experience pleasant for both you and the drivers please follow the [Hitchhiking Etiquette](#).

### *Hitchhiking Diary*

We will ask the participants to keep **a hitchhiking diary** where they detail their roads and stops. This chronic should include short descriptions of their encounters and mention the number of signatures collected. Ready-to-print forms will be provided to participants. This hitchhiking diary is mandatory to fill in and needs to be given to the organizing team at the festival.

### *Signature collection*

Participants will be provided via email with a set of forms for signature collection that they need to print out themselves.

These forms will have to be filled in when collecting signatures. Please make sure all the required information is filled in (names, nationality, personal number etc - the requirements differ depending on the country) for every person signing the European Citizen's Initiative.

The [ECI website](#) can be also used for signing in case of both EU and non-EU citizens (if a computer or tablet is available). Please note that for the competition purposed, we need printscreen of the "thank you" page in order to count those signature.

### *Costs*

The competition is **free of charge**.

Participants of the hitchhike competition will not have to pay any participation costs. The organisation will not pay for any costs related to housing or other expenses made by participants.

The Woodstock festival Poland is also free of charge.

### *Preparation*

Participants will receive the guidelines booklet about hitchhiking, civic education and the collection of signatures. There will be a possibility to participate in Q&A Online Meetings before the event.



## RULES OF THE COMPETITION:

Participants pairs will compete by collecting signatures for the ECI. This is the **primary task** of the participants. During their travels, pairs of participants will have to collect as many signatures for the ECI as possible. The winner will be the participants with the most points.

### 1 signature = 1 point

Points can be awarded with **additional tasks**. These are short interview videos of the participants interviewing people that signed the ECI where they will share their opinion on civic education. **Maximum amount of points for this tasks is 5 and in order to get it, participants need to record three** videos with three different social groups, for example: a teacher, a parent and a kid.

### 3 videos = 5 points

The deadline for signature collection will be **the 4<sup>th</sup> of August at noon (12:00 CEST), before that time you need to find** the dedicated stand of the Competition "Thumbs Up" at the festival and hand in your collected signatures, the hitchhiking diary and videos.

### Winners

The winners will be announced on the last day of the Festival.

### Prizes

To be announced.

## RULES OF THE FESTIVAL

**Woodstock Festival Poland is the biggest non-commercial music festival in Europe.** It means there are no tickets for Woodstock Festival Poland.

Organizers of the Festival (either the organizers of the Competition) do not provide tents, sleeping bags or mattresses. It is up to the participants to organize their sleeping equipment and space. Tents may only be put up in areas selected by the organizer.

During the festival participants are required to follow [The Rules & Regulations of Mass Events organized as part of Woodstock](#)

## CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding the Competition and its rules, please contact us via

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