

## My memories from the EAHIL Conference "Be Open Act Together" from 16-18 November 2020 in Łódź, Poland



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2020 was the year in which we had been, as always, looking to organize trips and attend weddings, family parties, meetings, conferences, etc. Last year, March was just wonderful, and we were looking forward to enjoying the sun and sharing barbecues and lunches with family and friends after a very long winter. Unfortunately, we all have been choked by the very bad news about the Covid-19 pandemic and the compulsory lockdowns in European countries.

It is possible to try to forget 2020, but the evidence is that we'll never be able to make it unforgettable! We learned how to make compatible our teleworking and E-daily meetings, with both housekeeping and home-schooling, and even better, find a suitable time slot to share a coffee break with friends.

The EAHIL big family had still been hoping to be able to pack luggage to get on the boat (one of the meanings of Łódź), to attend the 2020 Conference "Be Open Act Together" from 16-18 November 2020 in Łódź, Poland. Thus, all our plans to meet friends and to network, and even the conference, switched to an online format because of the pandemic.

Despite, these difficult circumstances, the EAHIL family stayed united and the conference gathered hundreds of participants, thanks to the organization team's efforts. We surely missed the coffee breaks, socializing and the fun we usually have during lunch times. Nevertheless, we enjoyed the conference and were able to share experiences and learn from others, as we always did.

Additionally, the organizers offered us a wonderful concert and a virtual dinner, which we enjoyed very much and of course we had our funny chats and shared our news. We enjoyed the virtual tours in the beautiful surroundings of Łódź, which gave us an impressive historical and cultural overview of the city.

Now we cannot wait to meet again. I hope, In Turkey in July 2021.