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## South Baltic Film & Culture Network

Have you ever wondered if the region in which the movie was made has an impact on its content? What links films created by the inhabitants of the Baltic countries?

On 25 and 26 June in Gdansk and Elbląg, film screenings of "Baltic Identity Film Tour" were held as part of the "FilmNet - South Baltic Film and Culture Network" project, during this events viewers had the opportunity to answer the above questions.

"Baltic Identity Film Tour" is a set of 8 short films from the Baltic countries: Germany, Lithuania, Sweden and Poland. The films have been selected at an international conference and will be screened in all partner countries. Their theme is the identity of the inhabitants of the Baltic Sea region.

The show is being carried out as part of the FilmNet South Baltic Film & Culture Network project, in which the leading partner is the European Meeting Center "Światowid" in Elbląg. The project ensures functioning within a network of cooperating institutions from different countries. This will contribute to the exchange of experience and knowledge transfer between partner institutions from Poland, Lithuania, Germany and Sweden by sharing experience.

After the screening of films in both the Baltic Sea Culture Center in Gdansk and the Światowid Cinema in Elbląg (CSE Światowid), discussions led by Phd. Krzysztof Kornacki - professor at the University of Gdańsk, film expert and Head of the Department of Knowledge about Film and Audiovisual Culture. It was attended by specialists in the field of sociology, film studies and cultural knowledge: Phd. Agata Bachórz - sociologist and member of the Pomeranian Center for Research on Culture at the University of Gdańsk. The knowledge of Scandinavian films was shared with the audience of both events by Sebastian Jakub Konefał - film expert and expert in the cinematography of the Scandinavian countries. In turn, cultural issues were raised by Phd. Magdalena Sacha - a cultural expert in science dealing with, among others, regional studies and cultural borderlands.



Other screenings under the "Baltic Identity Film Tour" will take place in Szczecin, Gdynia, Rostock, Lithuania and Sweden. After the demonstrations and summary of the debates, a joint report will be created on what the common Baltic identity is and whether it exists.



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