

*Why are you here and not somewhere else in the world?*

*Do you remember a special moment from the day when you first came here? What is the difference between your home country and this country? Do you feel respected by the majority of people? Have you ever thought of moving to another country? How do you pass on your own culture to your children and to your grandchildren? Can you describe a typical stereotype that people produce in relation to your culture?*

Migration is a worldwide phenomenon: people move from one country to another, from rural regions to big cities. Sometimes people don't actually move, but when state borders change for some reason, they suddenly find themselves belonging to a minority. Very often these movements have an impact on the social status of people, which means that there is also a movement between the social classes. „Hello and Goodbye“ is exploring the phenomenon of transitions of social and geographic spaces in different European cities. *Kunstlabor Graz* has collected stories telling about the circumstances behind the migration of people and their individual experiences.

The exhibition „Hello and Goodbye“ will show a compilation of pictures, videos and pieces of oral history in the streets of Kosice.

Eight different shops and venues in the city centre of Kosice host audio stations which the visitors are invited to discover. They will get into contact and communication with the shop owners and they will be drawn into stories about recent or bygone arrivals and departures.

They will plunge into a mix of languages and it will be up to them to unveil analogies and differences between stories, pictures, places and their own personal backgrounds.