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Mapping, decoding & processing the role of historic – civic education in (European) Youth Work

Event series on „European Culture(s) of Remembrance”

21.-27.03.2025 | Weimar & Berlin (Germany)

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In 2018 the project ["Venues of Victims // Venues of Perpetrators. Mapping, Decoding & Processing the Role of Historical civic education in \(European\) Youth Work"](#) had been successfully implemented by EJBW and its international partners from 12 European countries. Based on the experience of the first edition, the [second project edition](#), implemented in the period 2021-2023, had focused on dictatorial orders in Europe after 1945 as a topic of historic civic education. In addition to dealing with local history of political violence, arbitrariness and propaganda in the affected countries, both project editions had paid special attention to the representation of the recent past in the local culture of remembrance.

Based on these experiences EJBW and its partners are going to implement six related international activities in the period 2025-2027. The activities will take place in the form of advanced seminars for multipliers in the field of history and/or civic (youth) education. The program is going to provide space to the experts from different fields of public history, bringing the representatives of museums, memorials and public institutions, history teachers, academics and lecturers related to the field of historic civic education into dialogue with youth workers, (civic) educators, trainers & representatives of civil society organisations active in the field of non-formal education.

The events in six different European countries, starting with the seminar in Germany in March 2025, will seek to interrelate four central aspects: firstly, each event will focus the question how major historical events in the visited countries are represented in the local/regional/national culture of remembrance. Secondly, each event will question in how far past or contemporary local/regional/national culture(s) of remembrance shape the political and social dynamics in the visited countries. Thirdly, each event will bring insights into the local practices of historic civic education. Fourthly, space for exchange, networking & collaboration among participants about related questions & topics will be provided.

When & where?

- „European Culture(s) of Remembrance” (I), 21.-27.03.2025 | Weimar & Berlin (Germany)

Key themes & schedule

The event is seeking to provide not only the insights into the major historical narratives in Germany but also to tackle the related historical or contemporary disputes. Planned visits to the **Museum of Forced Labour under National Socialism in Weimar** or to the permanent exhibition of the **Holocaust Memorial in Berlin** are going to provide more than just the examples of recently opened exhibitions related to the history of NS.

Moreover, the both visits will provide an opportunity for a dialogue about major challenges in the public representation of the NS history in Germany nowadays. How much attention should be paid to the non-German perpetrators of Holocaust and other mass-scale atrocities is just one of the disputed questions in this context. Likewise, a visit to the **Memorial and Educational Centre Andreasstraße in Erfurt** will offer more than just an insight into the excellent exhibition about the GDR. It will be a chance for the exchange about the challenges of contemporary dealing with the legacy of communist dictatorship in Germany and beyond. One of the questions which is going to be addressed in this context is in how far the modernization achievements of communist dictatorial orders should be appreciated.

A visit to the **Documentation Centre for Displacement, Expulsion and Reconciliation in Berlin** should provide an insight into additional important but controversial topic in the German culture of remembrance. A central challenge in this context is certainly the articulation of an appropriate narrative about the suffering of ethnic Germans on the End of World War II.

On the other hand, a visit to the recently opened **Ethnological Museum in the Humboldt Forum in Berlin** should provide an insight into the impact of anticolonial and antiracist approaches to the contemporary representation of German colonial history.

At the same time, the recent spatial changes in the historical centre of Berlin - embodied in the deconstruction of the Palace of the Republic and the construction of the Humboldt Forum on the same place – tackle the topic of ideologically motivated spatial changes in general.

A visit to the **Federal Foundation for the Study of the Communist Dictatorship in Germany**, based in Berlin, should provide the insight into variety of topics and approaches related to the dealing with the past. Likewise, it will offer a chance for further talks about controversies and interpretations of the GDR history.

Finally, a visit to the **Federal Agency for Civic Education in Berlin** will be related to the topic of history learning in the civic education. Thereby a special attention will be paid to contemporary challenges and opportunities in the field of history learning, related to the digitalization of the field and the pluralization of the remembrance culture through the impact of different social and political groups.

Through the intensive dealing with variety of topics related to culture of remembrance and historic-civic education in Germany, within one week the program participants should gain a valuable insight into the contemporary dynamics in the both fields. The active exchange with participants from all over Europe should contribute to their comprehension of the broader trends in Europe, as well as to the reflection of contemporary dynamics in their home country. The gained insights as well as examples of good practice should encourage them to try out some new innovative methods in their professional work. Likewise, the networking with other participants should help them to proceed with planning of further activities.

Target group(s)

Youth workers, (civic) educators, teachers, trainers, staff of museums & remembrance places, researchers, representatives of civil society organisations etc. with interest and strong background in historic-civic (youth) education from Erasmus+ programme countries.

Travel information

We will reimburse the travel costs on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, economy class flights etc., within the provided limit, from place of residency to the venue of the activity and return, based on the rates of the “distance calculator” of the European Commission <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/de/resources-and-tools/distance-calculator> and related regulations as follows:

- 10-99 km: 28,00 EUR
- 100-499 km: 211,00 EUR
- 500-1999 km: 309,00 EUR
- 2000-2999 km: 395,00 EUR
- 3000-3999 km: 580,00 EUR

Green travel can be applied upon previous request & information.

Participation fee

We are aware about the difficult financial situation of many people active in the field. Nevertheless, we see the offered event as a unique opportunity for personal learning, professional development & networking which should be, beyond the received funding by European taxpayers not “for free”. Further, as a place of civic education, focusing as well on topics as (global) social (in)justice, we decided to disrupt the vicious system of underpayment of people active in the field of youth work & (civic) education, dedicating their lifetime & energy by offering fair payment for their work, e.g. as free-lanced trainers, seminar leaders or support staff, organising such events. Therefore, a financial contribution from each participant is required upon individual situation & decision:

- You are e.g. student, unemployed person or a volunteer without own income (reduced fee): 50,00 EUR
- You are e.g. freelanced youth worker / trainer / educator with own income (standard fee): 100,00 EUR
- You are e.g. a person in stable job/employment (solidarity fee): 150,00 EUR

In case you are not able to afford the fee, please contact us for individual solutions.

Venue, accommodation & board

Accommodation, board (provided) & activities will take place at the Stiftung Europäische Jugendbildungs- und Jugendbegegnungsstätte Weimar (Foundation "European Youth Education and Meeting Centre in Weimar, EJBW): <http://www.ejbweimar.de>. In Berlin, the participants and the team will be accommodated in a suitable hotel or a conference/youth meeting center near the city centre (tbd). Meals will be provided.

How to apply?

Please apply **until 29th of November 2024** via <https://forms.gle/yYMqgT7koABW1ZP87>

We will inform all applicants after 9th of December 2024.

... and after?

The follow-up event will take place as follows (separate call):

- **„European Culture(s) of Remembrance” (II), 22.-28.09.2025 | Zagreb & Adriatic Coast (Croatia)**

Further events in 2026 & 2027 will take place in Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Portugal, Serbia, Greece (tbd).

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