

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS



Edition: "Czech Republic in Focus"

09.03.-15.03.2026 | Prague, Písek & Terezín (Czech Republic)

VENUES OF VICTIMS // VENUES OF PERPETRATORS

Event series on "European Culture(s) of Remembrance"

In 2018, the project <u>"Venues of Victims // Venues of Perpetrators. Mapping, Decoding & Processing the Role of Historical civic education in (European) Youth Work</u> was successfully implemented by EJBW and its international partners from 12 European countries. Building on the experience of this initial edition, a <u>second project edition</u>, conducted from 2021 to 2023, focused on dictatorial regimes in Europe after 1945 as a central topic of historical civic (youth) education. In addition to addressing local histories of political violence, repression, and propaganda in the affected countries, both project phases paid special attention to how recent history is represented in local cultures of remembrance.

Drawing on these experiences, EJBW and its partners will implement six related international activities between 2025 and 2027. These activities will take the form of advanced seminars for multipliers working in the field of history and/or civic (youth) education. The program will provide a platform for dialogue between professionals from various areas of public history—bringing together representatives of museums, memorial sites, and public institutions, as well as history teachers, academics, and lecturers engaged in historical civic education—with youth workers, civic educators, trainers, and civil society actors active in the field of nonformal education.

The events will take place in six different European countries, starting with a seminar in Germany in March 2025, in Croatia in September 2025 followed by the current event in Czech Republic, scheduled for March 2026. Each event will aim to interrelate four key dimensions: first, it will explore how major historical events are represented in local, regional, and national cultures of remembrance. Second, it will examine how past and present cultures of remembrance influence political and social dynamics in the respective countries. Third, it will provide insights into local practices of historical civic education. Fourth, it will create space for exchange, networking, and collaboration among participants on these and related topics.

When & where?

• 9th – 15th of March 2026 | Prague, Písek & Terezín (Czech Republic)

Key themes & schedule

The event in the Czech Republic will explore key sites of memory that reflect the complex layers of the country's 20th-century history. The program will begin **in Prague** with a visit to the exhibition at the **National Museum and a guided walk** through the city to examine selected memorials and monuments related to key historical events and figures of the 20th century.

The following day, participants will travel to southern Bohemia to visit the <u>Memorial to the Roma and Sinti Victims of the Holocaust in Lety u Písku</u>. This site prompts reflection on the place of minority histories in the national narrative.

From Písek, the group will continue to the <u>Terezín Memorial</u>, one of the most important sites of Holocaust remembrance in Central Europe. In addition to exploring the memorial spaces, participants will meet with representatives of the institution to discuss current challenges in presenting Holocaust history to contemporary audiences. The visit will thus highlight not only how the persecution and suffering of Jewish citizens are remembered and represented in Czech public memory and education, but also how these representations continue to be actively re-evaluated.

The seminar will conclude in Ústí nad Labem, where participants will explore the exhibition <u>Our Germans (Naši Němci)</u>, dedicated to the history of the German speaking population in Bohemia. This final visit will open space for discussion about the history of Czech-German relations and the ways in which the historical legacy shapes contemporary understanding of identity, belonging, and collective responsibility.

Together, these visits will offer participants a multifaceted perspective on how the Czech Republic engages with the memory of the 20th century—from the Holocaust and the experience of minorities to the re-evaluation of national and transnational narratives within European remembrance culture.

Programme

09.03.	10.03.	11.03.	12.03.	13.03.	14.03.	15.03.
	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Arrival & Check- in of participants	Introductory session	Reflection and group discussion	Reflection and group discussion	Visiting the Terezin Memorial	Transfer to Usti nad Labem	Check-out & Individual departure of participants
	Visit to the exhibtion "History of the 20th century" in the National Museum in Prague	Introduction to the Lety Memorial	Transfer to Terezin	Visiting the Terezin Memorial	Visiting the Exhibition "Our Germans"	
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
	City-tour "Sites of Remembrance in Prague"	Visiting The Memorial to the Holocaust of the Roma and Sinti in Bohemia	Introduction to Terezin	Discussion with representatives of the Terezín Memorial	Reflection and group discussion	
	Transfer to Pisek	Meeting the representatives of Roma community	Group discussion	Reflection and group discussion	Closing session	
DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	
Welcome Evening				Optional: Gendarmers in Terezin - A Facing History and Ourselves Lesson	Farewell dinner party	

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 (18 years +) from **Erasmus+ programme countries**.

Venues, accommodation & board

Participants are accommodated in double rooms in suitable hotels in the different event venues as follows:

- 09.-10.03. Prague: Hotel Ostaš https://www.hotelostas.cz/
- 10.-12.03. Písek: Hotel "OtavArena" https://www.otavarena.cz/cs/ubytovani/pokoje/
- 12.-15.03. Terezín: Hotel Memorial & Apartmány u komína/ Apartmány Porta

Meals will be provided (breakfast, lunch, dinner). For the transfer between Prague and Písek, a shuttle bus will be organized. The route from Terezín to Ústí will be taken by regular train. All remaining transfers will be arranged with a hired transport provider.

Travel costs

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/node/2626 and related regulations as follows:

- 10-99 km: 28,00 EUR / Green travel: 56,00 EUR
- 100-499 km: 211,00 EUR / Green travel: 285,00 EUR
- 500-1999 km: 309,00 EUR / Green travel: 417,00 EUR
- 2000-2999 km: 395,00 EUR / Green travel: 535,00 EUR
- 3000-3999 km: 580,00 EUR / Green travel: 785,00 EUR

Green travel: Travel where low-emission modes of transport are used **for the majority of the journey**, such as bus, train, bicycle or carpooling.

Participation fee

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

- You are e.g. student, unemployed person or a volunteer without own income (reduced fee): 180,00
 EUR
- You are e.g. freelanced youth worker / trainer / educator with own income (regular fee): 230,00 EUR
- You are e.g. a person in stable job/employment (solidarity fee): 280,00 EUR

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

How to apply?

Please apply until 31st of December 2025 via https://forms.gle/GYs3NsDERunpQsN39

We will inform all applicants after 12th of January 2026. Approved applicants will be then requested to confirm their participation until 31st of January 2026 by purchasing & presenting complete travel documents.

... and afterwards?

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

PROJECT CONSORTIUM



Antikomplex is a non-profit organization founded in 1998 that promotes critical reflection on Czech-German history and on the relationships between the majority society and Jewish and Romani minorities. Through publications, exhibitions, and educational programs it encourages open discussion about the past as a way to challenge xenophobia and stereotypes and to strengthen a free and responsible society. Antikomplex understands freedom as the ability to look beyond national or ideological boundaries and to engage meaningfully with one's community. Its goal is to inspire active, thoughtful citizens who are rooted in their local environment yet open to the wider world. (https://antikomplex.cz)

Retrovizor

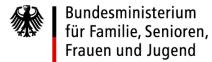
Retrovizor is a civil-society organisation based in Zagreb, founded by a team of engaged educators and activists committed to fostering youth education and cross-border dialogue. It organises international seminars and projects on topics such as memory culture, contemporary history and democratic participation in cooperation with partners across Europe. Through its work, Retrovizor aims to strengthen critical thinking, raise awareness of social and political issues and build connections among young people from different countries (https://retrovizor.hr/)



The **EJBW** (European Youth Education Centre Weimar) is an international meeting place dedicated to civic education. It offers seminars, workshops, and projects for young people and educators from across Europe. Located in Weimar, a city rich in cultural and historical heritage, the centre encourages dialogue and active participation in democratic life (www.ejbweimar.de)

SUPPORT





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