

MIGR-ACTION

MOVING PEOPLE IN THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE GERMAN-FRENCH-ITALIAN-TUNISIAN YOUTH EXCHANGE

France | Saint-Benoît-du-Sault | September 1–9, 2025

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Migration is not just a phenomenon of the present. It has always shaped our societies, taken place across centuries, and is a normal part of human history.

Yet, migration often only comes into focus when problems arise or when it is discussed in the context of conflict.

The exchange project MIGR-ACTION aims to raise awareness about migration – past, present, and future – and promote a more positive and nuanced perspective. The relationships between the participating countries have always been complex and interconnected, often driven by economic interests. MIGR-ACTION goes beyond numbers. It asks: Why do people leave their homes? What dreams, challenges, or hopes drive them? And how do societies respond – with openness, curiosity, or resistance?

Together with experts, we'll also take a closer look at migration policies, immigration laws, and integration strategies in the four participating countries – always with a focus on human rights. Especially in times when fear of immigration and racism are on the rise, it's more important than ever to highlight what connects us as human beings, to stand up against discrimination, and to reflect on the value of freedom, solidarity, and respect for human dignity.



32 young people from Germany, France, Italy, and Tunisia are coming together. All participants are between 18 and 26 years old – whether they're trainees, students, or just starting out in their careers.

We especially want to encourage young people with immigrant backgrounds or international life stories to join in. Everyone should be up for taking part in all activities and able to speak English well enough to follow what's going on and join the conversations. You'll dive into creative workshops, open discussions, and small trips around the area.

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Participation Fee:

The participation fee is for participants from

*Germany: 50€

*France: 40€

*Italy: 40€

*Tunisia: 20€

(included are accommodation, meals, program)

Travel Costs:

Travel to an activity will be subsidized depending upon the distance to the location of the exchange.

Distance band 100-499km:

up to 180€ (non-green travel) or 210€ (green travel)

Distance band 500-1999km:

up to 275€ (non-green travel) or 320€ (green travel)

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THE LOCATION

The Centre de vacances de Bondy "Le Pêcheur" is located on the edge of Saint-Benoît-du-Sault, about 400 meters from the medieval village center (bars, restaurants, shops, supermarket). The nearby village of Roussines is 4 km away and easily accessible by road.

Set in a 34-hectare park with a lake, the holiday camp offers accommodation in a former farm building with 100 dormitory beds. Rooms will be shared by 2 to 4 people, with shared toilets and showers. The center also features Wi-Fi, a swimming pool, a large theater stage, workshop rooms, open spaces for reflection, a restaurant, and laundry facilities.



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PROGRAM DRAFT - Subject to change

<u>Day</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Afternoon</u>	<u>Evening</u>
Monday 01		Arrival & Welcome Arrival at Argenton sur Creuse station, transfer to Saint-Benoît-du-Sault, check-in & tour of Le Pêcheur (dorms, park, pool & more!)	Team-building games to connect and collaborate. Intro to how we'll work: small group workshops (4–6 people). Let's go over the center's rules – so everyone feels safe and respected.
Tuesday 02	Quick round of introductions – Flashbacks to past exchanges (Vlotho, Altamura, Sousse) & sharing your hopes (and maybe fears) for the week. Language animation session by the pool (1h). Overview of the week's program.	Let's explore the medieval village of Saint-Benoît-du-Sault! We'll go on a walking tour to discover its charming old houses, ancient walls, the impressive abbey, and the peaceful lake.	Workshops in small groups: How do you imagine migration in 2050? A creative space to share ideas, visions, and questions about the future.
Wednesday 03	Literature & Migration Short workshops (max. 1h) based on selected texts by authors with migration backgrounds. Afterwards: group sharing in plenary – through sketches, short performances, dance, or creative analysis.	Linguistic animation (1h). Rap & Slam Workshop: Exploring how young migrants have shaped rap and slam – creating a new kind of language full of foreign expressions and cultural mix.	Let's talk about change. How does migration affect cultures – for the migrants, their families back home, and the people in Europe? A group debate to explore different points of view and experiences.
Thursday 04	Linguistic animation (1h). Testimonies & Debate: Young NGO activists share how helping migrants can be criminalized in France — and how some fought back and won.	Voices of migration: Migrants share their personal stories – how they risked their lives to reach France. A powerful moment to listen, reflect, and understand the human side of migration.	Midweek check-in: Each group reflects on what's going well, what could be better, and what they're excited about next.
Friday 05	Small workshops (1h) with a debrief: What does decolonization mean?	Countryside Vibes: Free time to relax, explore, and enjoy nature your way.	

Saturday 06	<p>Linguistic animation (1h). Glimpses of the Paris Olympic Games Opening Ceremony A selection of short video clips highlighting artistic moments from the ceremony — including multicultural performances, appearances by international stars, and powerful symbols of unity.</p> <p>Debate: Pleasant, ridiculous, or realistic – which future paths seem possible?</p>	<p>How Sports Can Help Migrants Feel at Home – Myths vs. Reality Small group workshops where you can share and talk about your own experiences.</p>	
Sunday 07	<p>Linguistic animation (1h). Let's Talk Decolonisation (2h total): A thought-provoking session with an NGO on what decolonisation means today – followed by creative workshops to dive deeper.</p>	<p>Migration: Flip the Script: Together, we'll come up with ideas for a European project that promotes fresh, positive views on migration.</p>	<p>From Migration to Participation: At Saint Benoît's Town Hall, local politicians with migrant roots share their personal stories and paths into public service.</p>
Monday 08	<p>Linguistic animation (1h). Colours & Styles: An art exhibition with vibrant works by young migrant artists and Michel L (1h). Followed by a fashion show featuring unique upcycled outfits created by participants.</p>	<p>Time to reflect! We'll evaluate the week, talk about what's next, and explore future projects. You'll also receive your Youthpass certificate.</p>	<p>Farewell Party 😊</p>
Tuesday 09	Transfer to Argenton train station and departure.		

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