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## **Living Diversity**

### **German-Bosnian-Romanian-Polish youth exchange**

**August 9-August 17 (Germany)**

**October 3- October 12 (Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

**A project by Gesamteuropäisches Studienwerk e.V. (D) in cooperation with Dinara Forum/ Dinara I`Ateneu (BIH) , Puzzle OptimEast (RO) and Bad Badgers (Poland)**

The coexistence of majority societies and old-established and new, immigrated ethnic minorities still shapes the political debates in the European countries. For example there are strong discussions about how a good integration of immigrated ethnic minorities can be achieved and about how multicultural societies can function. Furthermore the protection of minorities of old established ethnic groups is still not fully implemented in some European countries. Most recently emerging far-right parties and movements promote the concept of an ethnic homogenous nation and try to isolate and stigmatize ethnic minorities. The aim of the youth encounter is to show young people that ethnic minorities can be a cultural and social enrichment for the majority society. By talks to representatives of minority organizations the participants get in touch with the traditions and the identity of different minorities. They also learn about how minority organizations can provide possibilities of participation for members of an ethnic minority and how they can contribute to a better mutual cultural understanding.

In order to examine the topic of the youth encounter, GESW from Germany and Dinara Forum/ Dinara I`Ateneu will host two activities, one in Vlotho (Germany) and one in Ključ (Bosnia and Herzegovina). Both countries are characterized by the existence of large groups of new and old-established ethnic minorities: The region of Westphalia, in which the activity in Germany will take place, has been home to many different ethnic groups since the 1950s. Among them are for example communities from Turkey, Greece, Russia, Syria and Africa. Contrary to Germany, Bosnia and Herzegovina consists mainly of old-established ethnic groups. The main ethnic groups are Bosnian Muslims, Serbs and Croats. The activity in Germany gives a very good insight into current debates of integration and multiculturalism, whereas the second part in Bosnia and Herzegovina shows how Europe´s most ethnically diverse political system functions.

Participants must be 26 years or younger and ready to participate fully in both activities. They need to have sufficient English skills in order to understand the seminar contents and participate actively in discussions. Moreover there should be openness towards situations of intercultural confrontation and a willingness to contribute actively to the program. Participants should have an honest interest in the cultural, social and political self-concept of ethnic minorities, too. We especially encourage young people that belong to ethnic minorities in their home countries.

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**Participation fee: Germans 85 € (for both activities)  
Bosnians, Romanians, Poles> 35 € (for both activities)**

**Travel costs:** The travel costs of German participants to Vlotho will be refunded (A distance till 99 kilometer with up to 20 €, distances over 99 kilometer with up to 180 €). The journey to the second activity in Bosnia and Herzegovina will be subsidized with up to 275 €.

For the Bosnian, Romanian and Polish participants: Travel to an activity within the home country will be subsidized depending upon the distance to the location of the activity. Travel to an activity abroad will be subsidized up to 275€.



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## **Program in Germany: August 9- August 17, 2020**

### **August 9**

### **Vlotho**

Until 16:00

**Arrival in Vlotho**

Afternoon

**Introduction to the institute and the program**

16:00-17:00

Afternoon

**Teambuilding**

round of introductions | speed dating concerning different topics (music, food, hobbies)

17:00-18:30

18:30

*Dinner*

Evening

**Explanation of the youth pass and the reflection method**

presentation of the 8 key competences of the youth pass | introduction of the 5-finger-method

19:45-21:00

### **August 10**

### **Vlotho**

8:30

*Breakfast*

Morning

**Intensified Teambuilding/ introduction to cultural communication**

Intercultural welcome game

9:00-10:00

Morning

**Historical introduction to the topic ethnic minorities**

Construction of a time beam "ethnic minorities in the 20<sup>th</sup> century"

10:00-12:30

12:30

*Lunch*

Afternoon

**City tour through Vlotho with a special focus on the history of the German Jews**

Guided tour through the exhibition of the Mendel-Grundmann-society| visit of the Jewish cemetery, the stumbling stones and the former Hitler youth training center

14-17:00

18:30

*Dinner*

Evening  
20:00-21:00

## **Reflection Round**

**August 11**  
7:30

**Bielefeld | Herford | Vlotho**  
Breakfast

Morning  
9:00

*Transfer to Bielefeld by train*

Morning  
10:30-12:30

### **Visit of the Turkish Alevi community**

Talk with Alevi representatives, presentation of the history and culture of the Alevi community | musical performance with Saz (Alevi instrument)

13:15-13:45

*Lunch break at Bielefeld central station*

Afternoon  
14:00-15:45

### **Meeting with representatives of the migrant associations BINEMO and Mozaik**

Talk about the socio-economic situation of ethnic minorities in the city

Afternoon  
16:00

*Transfer to Herford by train*

Afternoon  
16:30-18:30

### **Visit of the DITIB mosque (Turkish Islamic Union of the Institute of Religion)**

Talk with representatives of the Turkish Sunni-Islamic community | role of the DITIB in Germany | connections of Turks in Germany to their home country

Evening  
19:30-20:00

*Transfer to Vlotho by train*

20:15

*Cold Dinner*

Evening  
21:00-22:00

## **Reflection Round**

**August 12**

**Vlotho**

8:30

Breakfast

Morning  
9:30-10:00

### **Introduction to the different aspects of culture**

Ice-breaker game "world map"-game | game "culture-ABC"

Morning  
10:00-10:30

### **Game "Associative beginnings of sentences"**

The participants have to complete beginning of sentences which deal with national cultural habits.

Morning  
10:30-12:00

### **Game "My roots"**

The participants try to examine which cultural values had an influence on them and compare their influences with each other.

12:30

*Lunch*

Afternoon  
14:00-16:00

### **Talk with Ulrich Ammon of the local association "Vlotho for refugees" and local asylum seekers**

Insight into Germany's asylum policy from 2015 till now | situation of refugees in the region of Westphalia

**16:00-16:30**

*Coffee and Tea*

Afternoon  
16:30-18:30

### **Game "Drawn representations"**

The participants create drawings that represent typical drawings of their country. With discussion

<b>18:30</b>	<i>Dinner</i>
Evening 20:00-21:00	<b>Reflection Round</b>
<b><u>August 13</u></b>	<b><u>Bielefeld   Vlotho</u></b>
8:30	Breakfast
Morning 9:30-11:30	<b>Introduction to the history of the so called historic minorities in Germany</b> Insight into the history of Poles, Sorbs, Danes and Sinti in Germany
Afternoon 11:49-12:00	<i>Transfer to Bielefeld by train</i>
12:00-13:00	<i>Lunch break at the Bielefeld central station</i>
Afternoon 13:30-15:30	<b>Visit of the Radakrishna Temple of Bielefeld</b> Talk with members of the Hindu community about their ethnic background   introduction to the cultural values of Hinduism   presentation of the social activities of the Hindu community in Bielefeld
Afternoon 16:00-18:00	<b>Meeting with the Greek Community of Bielefeld</b> Talk about the situation of Greek migrants in the city and in Germany as well
Evening 18:30	<i>Transfer to Vlotho by train</i>
Evening 19:30	<i>Cold dinner</i>
Evening 20:30-21:30	<b>Reflection Round</b>
<b><u>August 14</u></b>	<b><u>Vlotho</u></b>
8:30	Breakfast
Morning 10:00-12:30	<b>Visit of the intercultural Russian association "Wasilissa"</b> Talk with representatives of Wasilissa about the situation of the Russian Germans  introduction to the history of the Russian Germans
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
Afternoon 13:30-15:30	<b>Game "Culture Clash"</b> The participants slip into the role of different people with specific cultural habits and try to start an intercultural dialogue with each other.
Afternoon 15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
Afternoon 16:00-18:30	<b>Meeting with the association Yes Afrika in Vlotho</b> Talk with representatives of the association about the situation of African migrants in Germany   performance of the drum group of the association
18:30-19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Evening 19:30-21:00	<b>Reflection Round</b>
<b><u>August 15</u></b>	<b><u>Vlotho</u></b>

Morning 8:30-9:30	<i>Breakfast</i>
Morning 9:30-12:30	<b>Theatre workshop "How to live in a multicultural society"</b> The participants create scenes of intercultural communication with the physical theatre method.
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
Afternoon 14:00-16:00	<b>Meeting with the Turkish employee association in Vlotho</b> Talk about the integration of Turkish migrants into the German labour market
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee and Tea</i>
Afternoon 16:30-18:30	<b>World Café "Ethnic minorities in Europe"</b> Discussions about the present situation of ethnic minorities in Europe   personal experiences of the participants with ethnic minorities
18:30-19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Evening 20:00-21:30	<b>Reflection Round   offer for the film "My big fat Greek wedding" (culture-clash-comedy)</b>

### **August 16**

### **Vlotho**

8:30-9:30	<i>Breakfast</i>
Morning 10:00-12:30	<b>Meeting with the Assyrian youth organization in Vlotho</b> Talk about the history and culture of the Assyrian people  insight into the present situation of the Assyrians in Syria   introduction to the projects and aims of the Assyrian youth organization
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
Afternoon 14:00-16:00	<b>Visions for a common togetherness in Europe</b> The participants develop ideas for the future challenges (migration, integration, fight against racism). They can use different methods to present their ideas (talk show, PowerPoint-presentation, creation of a film).
16:00-16:15	<i>Coffee and tea</i>
Afternoon 16:00-18:30	<b>General reflection of the first activity in Germany/ Youth Pass reflection</b> Evaluation of the items of the agenda with different methods
18:30-19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Evening 19:30-22:00	<b>Common farewell evening</b> Oscar-nomination for the participants   possibility for the participants to write greeting cards for each other

### **August 17**

8:00	<i>Breakfast</i>
Morning	<b>Departure</b>