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Bad Badgers

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
16:00-17:00

Introduction to the institute and the program

Afternoon
17:00-18:30

Teambuilding

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

19:00

Dinner

Evening
20:00-21:00

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

August 10

Vlotho

8:30

Breakfast

Morning
9:00-10:00

Intensified Teambuilding/ introduction to cultural communication

Intercultural welcome game

Morning
10:00-12:30

Historical introduction to the topic ethnic minorities

Construction of a time beam "ethnic minorities in the 20th century"

12:30

Lunch

Afternoon
14-17:00

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

18:30

Dinner

Evening
20:00-21:00

Reflection Round

August 11

Bielefeld | Herford | Vlotho

7:30

Breakfast, lunch package

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
9:30-10:30

Introduction to the different aspects of culture

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

Morning
10:30-11:15

Game "Associative beginnings of sentences"

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

Morning
11:15-12:30

Introduction to the history of the so called historic minorities in Germany

Insight into the history of the Poles, Sorbs, Danes and Sinti in Germany

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

18:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Evening 20:00-21:00	Reflection Round
<u>August 13</u>	<u>Bielefeld Vlotho</u>
8:30	Breakfast, lunch package
Morning 9:15-10:15	Game "My roots" The participants try to examine which cultural values had an influence on them and compare their influences with each other
10:30	<i>Walk to the train station</i>
Afternoon 11:01	<i>Transfer to Bielefeld by train</i>
11:30-12:20	<i>Lunch break at the Bielefeld central station</i>
Afternoon 13:15-15:00	Visit of the Radakrishna Temple of Bielefeld 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	Meeting with the Greek Community of Bielefeld 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	Reflection Round
<u>August 14</u>	<u>Vlotho</u>
8:30	Breakfast
Morning 10:00-12:30	Visit of the intercultural Russian association "Wasilissa" 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	Game "Culture Clash" 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	Meeting with the association Yes Afrika in Vlotho Talk with representatives of the association about the situation of African migrants in Germany
18:30-19:30	<i>Dinner</i>
Evening 19:30-21:00	Reflection Round

August 15

Morning
8:30-9:30

Vlotho

Breakfast

Morning
9:30-12:30

Theatre workshop "How to live in a multicultural society"

The participants create scenes of intercultural communication with the physical theatre method.

12:30-13:30

Lunch

Afternoon
14:00-16:00

Meeting with the Turkish employee association in Vlotho

Talk about the integration of Turkish migrants into the German labour market

16:00-16:30

Coffee and Tea

Afternoon
16:30-18:30

World Café "Ethnic minorities in Europe"

Discussions about the present situation of ethnic minorities in Europe | personal experiences of the participants with ethnic minorities

18:30-19:30

Dinner

Evening
20:00-21:30

Reflection Round | offer for the film "My big fat Greek wedding" (culture-clash-comedy)

August 16

8:30-9:30

Vlotho

Breakfast

Morning
10:00-12:30

Meeting with the Assyrian youth organization in Vlotho

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

Lunch

Afternoon
14:00-16:00

Visions for a common togetherness in Europe

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

Coffee and tea

Afternoon
16:00-18:30

General reflection of the first activity in Germany/ Youth Pass reflection

Evaluation of the items of the agenda with different methods

18:30-19:30

Dinner

Evening
19:30-22:00

Common farewell evening

Oscar-nomination for the participants | possibility for the participants to write greeting cards for each other

August 17

8:00

Breakfast

Morning

Departure