

**UNLOCKING MEMORIES -**  
**REMEMBERING THE PAST,**  
**SHAPING THE FUTURE**  
**GERMAN-GREEK-ITALIAN**  
**YOUTH EXCHANGE**



**October 07 – October 14, 2019 (Ypati/Athens, Greece)**

**March 14 – March 21, 2020 (Vlotho, Germany)**

**A project by Gesamteuropäisches Studienwerk e.V. (D) in cooperation with Euphoria (GR) and Esplora (I), co-funded by the European Union (Erasmus+ Programme) and by the German Federal Youth Ministry (KJP)**

The perspective on the past is formed by our socio-cultural environment. In Germany, Greece and Italy, the discourses on the history of the Second World War, National Socialism and fascism were always different. Currently, right-wing populist to neo-Nazi groups and parties in Europe are trying to influence the public discourse of memory more and more, with the aim of creating a heroic self-image of their own nation and attacking the open, liberal democracy. While these forces try to influence the public with nationalistic slogans, the discourse between people from Germany, Greece and Italy often suffers from avoiding the dark chapters of our history.

Within the framework of this exchange, young people gain knowledge about the cultures of remembrance in Germany, Greece and Italy and deal with topics and countries that were previously unknown or little familiar to them. They take a look at history and deal with the Second World War in Greece, Italy and Germany and its consequences. They understand how the past and the way we deal with it can still influence social and political discussions (see reparation payments) and arouse suspicion. In addition, they understand the power of ideologies (especially nationalism, fascism and National Socialism) and are sensitized to the structures, contents and strategies of the "new right" in Europe.

30 young people from Germany, Greece and Italy will come together in two activities. Participants must be between 18 and 26 years and ready to participate fully in both activities. They must be able to speak English so well that they can follow the contents of the seminar. Openness to situations of intercultural confrontation and the readiness to deal with one's own cultural background and to put the discoveries up for discussion are assumed.

The participants should be curious about the interplay between memory culture and politics and want to locate themselves in history. For this purpose, they work together in creative workshops and participate in open discussions. They research their family history and talk to contemporary witnesses about the past. They also go on several study trips to visit memorials: in Greece to Gorgopotamos, Distomo and Arachova, in Germany to Detmold, Porta Westfalica, Paderborn and Wewelsburg.

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**Participation Fee:** **Germans, Greeks, Italians: 60€** (included are accommodation, meals, program - 30€ for the activity in GR, 30€ for the activity in D)

**Travel Costs:** Travel Costs will be partially refunded. 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€**.

**Please note:**

The bus transfer from Athens to Ypati and from Ypati to Athens costs approx. 30-40€ (total price for return trip). The costs are not included in the participation fee.

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## **PROGRAM IN YPATI/ATHENS: OCTOBER 7 – OCTOBER 14, 2019**

### **October 7th**

Afternoon **Arrival in Athens airport (by 6 pm) and transfer to Ypati**  
Dinner

Evening **Welcome and introduction**

### **October 8th**

Morning **Ypati**  
Breakfast

**Teambuilding activities and Youthpass**

**Introduction to the project/ daily program/ expectations vs fears**

Lunch

Afternoon **How does Ypati remember?**

City rally game

Dinner

Evening **Reflection Round**

### **October 9th**

Morning **Ypati**  
Breakfast

**History Timeline**

Workshop

Lunch

Afternoon **What is a memorial? Different perspectives and approaches**

Input and workshop

Dinner

Evening **Reflection Round**

### **October 10th**

Morning **Gorgopotamos/ Ypati**  
Breakfast

**Bridge of Gorgopotamos and the Battle of Gorgopotamos**

Visit and guided tour

Lunch

Afternoon **Return to Ypati**

**Introduction to the topic of Resistance**

Brainstorming and theatre workshop

Dinner

Evening **Movie Night**

Resistance in Greece "The Barefoot Battalion"/ Discussion

### **October 11th**

Morning **Distomo/ Arachova/ Ypati**  
Breakfast

**Distomo Town Museum of the Victims of Nazism and Memorial**

Visit and guided tour, discussion with a representative of the town hall

Lunch

Afternoon **Arachova**

Free-time and space for self-reflect

**Return to Ypati**

Dinner

Evening **Midterm Evaluation**

**Movie Night**

Resistance in Germany: Sophie Scholl - Die letzten Tage/ Discussion

<b><u>October 12th</u></b>	<b><u>Ypati/Athens</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Terminology</b> Brainstorming on the terms: Holocaust, Genocide, Occupation, Resilience, Remembrance.
Afternoon	Lunch <b>Oral History</b> Introduction into oral history as a source of remembrance <b>Transfer to Athens</b>
Evening	Dinner <b>Movie Night</b> Resistance in Italy: Roma citta aperta/ Discussion
<b><u>October 13th</u></b>	<b><u>Athens</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>How to deal with memories?</b> Workshop about the impact of WW II on today's life
Afternoon	Lunch <b>Seminar Evaluation / Youthpass-Reflection</b>
Evening	Dinner <b>Farewell Night</b>
<b><u>October 14th</u></b>	<b><u>Athens</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Departure</b>

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### **PROGRAM IN VLOTHO: MARCH 14 – MARCH 21, 2020**

<b><u>March 14th</u></b>	
Afternoon	<b>Arrival of all participant groups (by 6 pm)</b> Dinner
Evening	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>
<b><u>March 15th</u></b>	<b><u>Vlotho</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Teambuilding activities/ introduction to the project/ daily program</b> <b>Project Charter and Youthpass</b>
Afternoon	Lunch <b>Exploring the city: How does Vlotho remember?</b> Memorial walk Dinner
Evening	<b>Reflection Round</b>
<b><u>March 16th</u></b>	<b><u>Vlotho</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Family Tree: How does my family remember?</b> Workshop
Afternoon	Lunch <b>Collage: Family history, national history and collective memory</b> Workshop Dinner
Evening	<b>Reflection Round</b>
<b><u>March 17th</u></b>	<b><u>Detmold/ Porta Westfalica/ Vlotho</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Hermannsdenkmal (Hermann Monument)</b> <b>Kaiser-Wilhelm-Denkmal (Emperor William Monument)</b>
Afternoon	Outdoor activity, exploring two controversial national monuments <b>Return to Vlotho</b> Lunch <b>Founding myths in Germany, Greece and Italy</b> Workshop <b>Midterm Evaluation</b>
Evening	Dinner <b>Reflection Round</b>

<b><u>March 18th</u></b>	<b><u>Wewelsburg/ Paderborn</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast (packed lunch to go) <b>Wewelsburg 1933-1945 Memorial Museum</b> Guided tour "Ideology and Terror of the SS", meeting and Q&A with a historian and museum´s pedagogue
Afternoon	<b>Memorial Bombardments Paderborn</b> Outdoor activity, visit to memorials that remind the air-strike of March 1945 <b>Free time in Paderborn</b> Space for self-reflection
Evening	<b>Return to Vlotho</b> Dinner <b>Reflection Round</b>
<b><u>March 19th</u></b>	<b><u>Vlotho</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Breaking of taboos in social media</b> Workshop Lunch
Afternoon	<b>Right-wing extremism in Europe: Structure, Content, Strategies</b> Workshop Dinner
Evening	<b>Reflection Round</b>
<b><u>March 20th</u></b>	<b><u>Vlotho</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Make your own memorial!</b> Workshop Lunch
Afternoon	<b>Seminar Evaluation / Youthpass-Reflection</b> <b>Youthpass Ceremony</b> Dinner
Evening	<b>Farewell Night</b>
<b><u>October 21st</u></b>	<b><u>Vlotho</u></b>
Morning	Breakfast <b>Departure</b>

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