

YOUTH IN INTER (FAITH-CULTURAL) DIALOGUE



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About Intercultural Club Goethe Uni

- “International Club – Goethe Uni” is a student initiative of Goethe University Frankfurt, which was founded in 2015. The objectives of the initiative are to connect students from different backgrounds, to learn from each other and to strengthen the cultural dialogue. The initiative has a lot of experience in youth work. Intercultural Club - Goethe Uni promotes peaceful coexistence between members of different cultures, religions and nations. As students of Goethe-University, established "Intercultural Club – Goethe Uni" in the city Frankfurt, which is known as the youngest city in Europe. Frankfurt has a immigrant society with 153 different nationalities. Interaction between cultures, which is the basis of globalisation, has become necessity. The aim of this club is to make it possible for everybody to participate in this interaction through European Union Youth Donation. The participation of anybody in this club who are interested in this heritage growing as it is shared will make us happy. We have been many youth activities not only local but also international. These are about breaking stereotypes, developing local region, promoting intercommunication and dialogue between youth associations, movements and workgroups and providing a wide range of educative and leisure activities. We have started to interest since 2015.

Partner Organisations

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- NGO "Non-formal education for youth" (Ukraine):
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- AKTO - (Portugal): *geral@akto.org*

Project Description

- "Youth in Inter (culture-faith) Dialogue" is a Youth Exchange will take place in Morfelden Walldorf, Germany on 11-19 September 2019., with the participation of 8 partner organizations from Bulgaria, Estonia, Ukraine, Turkey, Germany, Jordan, Portugal, Italy. 40 participants are expected and are between 18 and 25 years old. The project is related to an increasingly important theme of contemporary, European and public life. The religions, especially the three Abraham religions Judaism, Christianity and Islam, are brought together and understood in their similarities and differences in order to reach people with different beliefs. These religions are becoming increasingly important not only as a result of migration processes but also as a result of global affairs. Different phenomena resulting from the growing presence of new religious communities are usually simplified and stereotyped in the media, leading to exclusion and marginalization based on lack of knowledge or unwillingness. Here, interreligious dialogue offers an extraordinary and distinctive tool of education. The methodology of the course is based on non-formal education (workshops, study trips, roundtables, social experiments, etc.) The main objective of the project is to explain an introduction to interreligious dialogue and its links with human rights and conflict management. The selected activities give participants competences of interreligious dialogue bridging religious divisions, as well as other practical educational tools that can be used to work with young people from diverse cultural and religious backgrounds who promote tolerance and dialogue between them. It also aims to increase the participants' knowledge of xenophobia, islamophobia and anti-Semitism in order to develop further projects in this field.

Working Methods

- Learning by doing method.
- Ice-breakers and team building games to get to know each other.
- Workshops will leave room for moderated but controversial discussions.
- Simulation games will allow to identify current challenges of non-formal education and show possible measures that strengthen them.
- These sessions will provide the participants with concrete ideas that can be implemented in their local communities, thus ensuring an important multiplier effect.

Participant Profile

- Motivated youngsters, who aspire to experience intercultural dialogue and cultural exchange and expand their knowledge on intercultural/inter religious dialogue
- motivated to take part in this youth exchange and to be personally interested in the topic of the project;
- motivated to implement the experience gained on the YE in their communities;
- motivated to build and support international partnerships that will be created during the YE for future Erasmus+ projects;
- 18-25 years old young people (There is not age limit for group leader)
- People who are willing to learn more about other cultures by sharing rooms with 3-4 other people from different countries;
- people who will be dedicated during the activities, willing to take active participation and be part in creating the final project results

Application Form

All participants need to apply through online application form.
Participation fee is 20 EUR

APPLY

Accommodation and Venue

- The Project will take place at the Airport Global Hotel (<http://www.hotelglobal.info/index.html>) The Airport Hotel Global is situated near the town of Frankfurt in the state of Hesse, Germany. Address: Nordendstr. 14a, 64546 Mörfelden-Walldorf. The distance to Frankfurt city centre is 15km.
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- The International Rhein-Main Airport Frankfurt (FRA) is just 8km away. Mörfelden-Walldorf is a small city full of nature. As its name suggests it consists of two constituent communities, named Mörfelden and Walldorf. There was a third one, called Guntheim, which once lay within the current municipal area of Mörfelden-Walldorf, but it was abandoned in 1647.

Accommodation and Venue

- Proceed to the arrival level of Hall B in Terminal 1 at (FRA) Airport. Walk outside crossing to lanes to the bus station. Go to platform 2 4 where you will find buses no. 751 and 752. They leave every 30 minutes on weekdays and every hour on weekends. The price of a single trip is 2.50 EUR and the journey takes 18 minutes.
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- The bus stop you have to exit is named "Am Wildzaun" situated in Walldorf. It is the 9th stop if starting at Frankfurt airport. After leaving the bus just cross the street and walk only 100 meters along the lane called "Am Wildzaun" and you will already find car parking of the hotel on the right side.

Travel

The food and accommodation will be covered with the financial support of the Erasmus+ Programme. Regarding tickets for traveling, travel costs will be reimbursed on the basis of the economical possibilities up to limit of EU distance regulation, e.g. second class railway tickets, bus, flights etc. You will get your reimbursement during the youth exchange as soon as you will provide the original tickets. Please ask confirmation before booking your tickets. After booking your tickets, please send us your e-tickets. Please keep all invoices and boarding passes related to your travel. We kindly ask you to buy all the tickets for the travel for both directions – return tickets (plane tickets, train tickets, bus tickets and etc.).

All flight tickets must be **booked online**. Taxi cost **will not** be refunded! Travel cost limit is 275 EUR for all participants except Jordanian. The travel cost limit is 530 EUR for Jordanian participants.

Insurance and Visa

- **INSURANCE:** As a member of the European Union, has agreements for the recognition of insurance systems. Participants who possess a European insurance card should therefore be covered for illness and accidents in the same way as they are in their country, please bring this card with you (<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=559>).
- In any case, please remember health insurance as well as travel insurance is your responsibility, we assume no liability that EU health insurance card is enough. Do not forget to check it and bring your insurance card with you!
- **VISA:** To enter Germany, you need a valid identity document (passport or identity card). Whether you need a Visa for entry depends on your nationality. Citizens of EU and EFTA countries do not need a Visa. If you need a visa, make sure you apply for it immediately because it can take a long time. If you need an invitation or confirmation letter from our side, please let us know. Visa costs will be covered up to 60 EUR.

Preparation

- **Intercultural evening** – Participants are expected to create interesting, interactive and creative intercultural evening. The intercultural evening gives you a unique opportunity in a creative way to promote your country and culture. Show us what you eat, what are your traditions, music, culture, stereotypes.
- **Find interesting** videos / games / exercises / educational activities related with the topic.
- **NGO Market** - The project will include a session when you will have a possibility to present your organizations, share good practices as work on ideas for future. Thus, we would like to ask you to prepare interactive presentation of your organization. Feel free to bring promotional materials of your organization, videos etc.
- **Morning/Afternoon Energizers:** We would be really happy if each group prepare some energizers to increase the group energy
- **My religion Presentation:** Please prepare presentation on similarities and differences in terms of abrahamic religions from your perspective

What to bring

- Passport or ID
- Please bring sports clothes and sneakers suitable for outdoor workout/ sport activities.
- Please bring warm clothes as well and check the weather channel. Personal care products: shampoo, toothpaste etc.
- PC (at least one laptop per country) for our media workshop.
- Pills and medicines for personal use.
- Also, we insist you to make health insurance, especially the participants who aren't EU citizens. The health insurance is not provided and will not be reimbursed by the hosting organization. All participants must bring their EU health card or purchase private travel insurance, as costs of private health care in Germany are very high if you don't have.
- Positive attitude and energy :)
- Please bring mug from your country, we are going to have mug exchange in the beginning of the project

Dissemination

- Every involved organization will be asked to write (together with participants) an article about the project and present it on their websites: the activities we've had, impressions they've got and what impact they are expecting after.
- Within a month after the youth exchange, every partner organization is expected to organize follow up workshops on the topic of the training, led by participants.

Contact

If you have any questions, please contact us!
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THANK YOU!



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