



How about change? Participation of Young People in Local and Regional Life in East and West

L'viv, Ukraine, 15 – 19 November 2015 and Bad Liebenzell, Germany, 1 – 5 December 2015

Objective and topics of the seminars

The installation and stabilisation of democracy and civil society in the states of the eastern partnership of the European Union (here Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova) is a long-term assignment in which especially the younger generation must be integrated at an early stage. Therefore the project aims particularly at young people who are ready to speak up for their country, common welfare and a democratic and pluralistic society.

The seminars deal with diverse best-practice examples and experiences of engagement and the participation of young people in political processes and institutions on a regional and local level in the involved countries. Primary aim is the support of a political and intercultural exchange of experiences as well as a mutual learning process between the participants from France, Germany, Poland, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova. The task is to search for positive development options by having a European trans-border dialogue that is inspired by a multitude of existing experiences. A concrete issue of the project is how young people in Ukraine and Moldova are able to strengthen the efforts for reforms in their countries. Thereby the experiences of the society made with processes of transformation are of special significance.

Above that the project offers information and the possibility to discuss about political and geopolitical surrounding conditions and developments in the European Union and the countries of eastern partnership, particularly in Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova.

Conditions of participation:

- French, German, Moldovan, Polish or Ukrainian Nationality
- Between 18 and 30 years old
- Interested in political developments
- Willing to participate in both seminars

There is no participation fee, travel costs will be reimbursed to a certain amount:

east to west/west to east up to 322, - €

between France and Germany up to 120, - €

between Ukraine and Moldova up to 60, - €

Accommodation & breakfast is included, Contribution to the meals will be made.

Agenda (Draft): L'viv, Ukraine, 15 – 19 November 2015*

Sunday, 15 November 2015

All day: Individual arrival and check-in

Afternoon: Welcome + presentation, expectations, team-building in groups

Evening: Welcome Dinner

Monday, 16 November 2015

Morning: “All equal—all different” – presentations about our values

Afternoon: “Meeting reality...—Getting to know reality in L'viv and Ukraine”
(city walk in intercultural working groups)

Afterwards: Working Group presentations and discussion with an expert

Evening: Dinner in the city

Tuesday, 17 November 2015

Morning: “Life before and after Majdan” – impressions and perceptions of the war in Ukraine

Afternoon: “The war in Ukraine—analysis and perspectives” – discussion with an expert

Free Evening

Wednesday, 18 November 2015

Morning: War and civil society - visits and discussions with local NGOs

Afternoon: The role and possibilities of young people in conflict resolution

Afterwards: Evaluation

Evening: Farewell Dinner

Thursday, 19 November 2015

Individual departures

Agenda (Draft): Bad Liebenzell, Germany, 1 – 5 December 2015*

Tuesday, 1 December 2015

All day: Arrival

Afternoon: Welcome + Presentation

Evening: Welcome Dinner

Wednesday, 2 December 2015

Morning: “Participation of young people in Germany and France on local level” – discussion with representatives from local actors

Afternoon: “Migration” – expert discussion

Thursday, 3 December 2015 – Excursion to Strasbourg/France

Morning: “Conflicts in Europe and the role of the Council of Europe” – visit of the Council of Europe

Afterwards: Visit of the Council of Europe – Youth center

Afternoon: Free time in Strasbourg, common transfer to Bad Liebenzell

Friday, 4 December 2015

Morning: “Social welfare” - working groups

Afternoon: Evaluation of the seminar and the program

Evening: Farewell Dinner

Saturday, 5 December 2015

Individual departures

***Program is subject to change**