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Topic:

Europe as a Peace Project: Understanding, Remembering, Taking Action

Date:

14.-20.09.2026

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Co-operation partner

Germany: Main-Taunus-Schule, Hofheim

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Romania: "Petru Rares" National College, Suceava

Turkey: Nezihe Hasan Kılıç Anatolian High School, Istanbul

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<u>Conference language:</u>	English
<u>Participants/milieu:</u>	Young adults from Germany, Italy, Romania, Finland and Turkey
<u>Start:</u>	14.09.2026, 16:00 p.m.
<u>End:</u>	20.09.2026, 9:00 a.m.
<u>Venue:</u>	Hotel Fonte Angelica Centro Vacanze e Congressi 06025 Nocera Umbra, Province of Perugia, Italy
<u>Conference fee:</u>	For the German, Italian and Finish participants: 290 € Splitting: 2/3 will be collected as project-related participant fee (195 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %) and 1/3 as institutional contribution margin of the EAO (95 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %). For the Romanian participants: 250 € Splitting: 2/3 will be collected as project-related participant fee (170 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %) and 1/3 as institutional contribution margin of the EAO (80 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %). For the Turkish participants: 265 € Splitting: 2/3 will be collected as project-related participant fee (180 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %) and 1/3 as institutional contribution margin of the EAO (85 € incl. the proportional VAT of 7 %).

Target group

Young adults from Germany, Italy, Finland, Romania and Turkey

Objective

Europe is facing a number of challenges that can only be addressed through cooperation, solidarity and a shared commitment to peace. At a time of growing geopolitical tensions, war in Europe and increasing social polarization, the European project is once again confronted with the question of how peace can be secured and what role citizens can play in preserving it.

Young people are not only part of this European future – they can actively shape it. They can contribute to a culture of dialogue, solidarity and mutual understanding, stand up against discrimination and exclusion, and take responsibility for the communities they live in. But what does this responsibility look like? Who has the power to shape peace, and what can individuals do?

The seminar invites young people to explore Europe as a peace project and to reflect on the meaning of peace, solidarity, courage and responsibility. They will look at Europe's history, discuss different ways of preventing and overcoming conflicts in their everyday life, and explore the roles of individuals, societies and institutions in building peace.

During the excursion to Assisi, participants will explore places of remembrance and reflect on how people and institutions have contributed to peace and solidarity in times of conflict. Building on these experiences, they will consider what peace means today and what they can contribute themselves. In a final creative project, they will develop their own ideas and messages for peace, for example in the form of a podcast or other creative formats.

Learning objectives

1. Develop knowledge of the origins and development of the European Union
2. Strengthen intercultural competences, recognising and appreciating diverse perspectives
3. Develop social competences (teamwork, willingness to compromise, conflict management)
4. Develop a basic understanding of peace, solidarity and civil courage, and reflect on their own possibilities to contribute

General accessibility

All EAO events, which are organised under the EAO's own educational responsibility, are open to all interested citizens.

All events are announced and presented on the homepage of the Europäische Akademie Otzenhausen gGmbH (www.eao-otzenhausen.de). In addition, a selection of topics and target groups can be found on the websites of our cooperation partners and the network partners "Partners for Europe", various continuing education databases, the Association of European Academies and the Network for Political Education in the Federal Armed Forces of the Federal Agency for Civic Education.

Furthermore, events are advertised in a targeted manner and at the request of interested citizens.

P R O G R A M

Monday, 14.09.2026	Arrival
Until 16:00	Arrival and check-In
16:00 – 19:30 (incl. 30 minutes break)	Let's start! Presentation of the program + team, expectations and getting to know each other
19:30 – 20:00	Break
20:00 – 21:00 Uhr	Dinner
Tuesday, 15.09.2026	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30	Morning circle
9:30 – 12:30 (incl. 30 minutes break)	We are all in this together Interactive workshop about intercultural communication and teamwork
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break (lunch at 13:00)
14:30 – 16:00	Europe, Peace, Solidarity – What does that even mean? Brainstorming, clarification of terms
16:00 – 16:45	Introduction support groups
16:45 – 17:30	Break
17:30 – 19:30	Intercultural afternoon Presentation of the participants regions/schools, tasting regional specialties
19:30 – 20:00	Break
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
Wednesday, 16.09.2026	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30	Morning circle
9:30 – 10:00	Peace and conflict in my everyday life Speed dating about peace, conflicts, solidarity in daily life
10:00 – 11:00	Peace and conflict

	Brainstorming about origins and solutions for conflicts
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	Taking action Role playing conflict and solidarity situations
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:30	What do we need for peace? Mission course (actionbound)
16:30 – 17:00	Break
17:00 – 17:30	Preparation for the excursion day
17:30 – 18:00	Evaluation of the day in support groups
18:00 – 20:00	Break
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
Thursday, 17.09.2026	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 10:00	Trip to Assisi (incl. 0,5h preparation)
10:00 – 12:00	Peace, solidarity and security in Assisi Guided tour and visit of the Memory Museum Assisi (by museum staff)
12:00 – 12:30	Reflection walk to Rocca Maggiore
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch break at Rocca Maggiore
13:00 – 13:15	Introduction to the city rallye
13:15 – 15:00	Assisi – the city of peace and solidarity City rallye in multinational groups
15:00 – 18:15	Free time in the city center
18:15 – 19:15	Travel back to the hotel (incl. 0,5h debriefing)
19:15 – 20:00	Daily evaluation in support groups
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
Friday, 18.09.2026	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast

9:00 – 9:30	Morning circle
9:30 – 10:00	How was it? Reflection walk, evaluation of the excursion in small groups with questions
10:00 – 11:15	Who is responsible? Brainstorming in small groups
11:15 – 11:45	Break
11:45 – 12:30	What can I do for peace? Self-reflection, writing cards and letters
12:30 – 13:00	Preparation for the excursion
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break (lunch at 13:00)
14:00 – 15:00	Trip to Perugia
15:00 – 17:00	Exploring Perugia: People, Places & Perspectives Independent city exploration, interviews and creative research in multinational groups
17:00 – 18:30	Free time in the city center
18:30 – 19:30	Trip back to the hotel
19:30 – 20:00	Daily evaluation in support groups
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
Saturday, 19.09.2026	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30	How was it? Evaluation of the excursion
9:30 – 10:30	Shaping Europe's future together I Introduction to project work, finding topics and forming groups
10:30 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:30	Shaping Europe's future together II Creative project work in multinational small groups
12:30 – 14:30	Mittagspause
14:30 – 16:00	Shaping Europe's future together III

	Continuation of creative project work in multinational small groups
16:00 – 16:30	Break
16:30 – 18:00	Showtime Presentations of results
18:00 – 19:30	How was it? Seminar evaluation and closing ceremony
19:30 – 20:00	Break
20:00 – 21:00	Dinner
From 21:00	Joint farewell evening Evening program organized by the participants
Sunday, 20.09.2026	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
From 9:00	Check-out and departure of the participants

Unless otherwise stated, the respective seminar units are moderated by the management team.