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## **Join us!**

If you are a student from Poland, Germany or Italy and you are interested in the history of the 20th century, as well as human rights, and you want to meet interesting colleagues and make long lasting friendships, and you want to spend a week in Krakow, a city full of history and culture - this program is for you! Contact us and take part in the student exchange Poland-Germany-Italy, which will take place in Krakow, Poland on 10-17 September 2023. Very attractive conditions apply, the stay of participants is fully financed, and everyone also receives some funding towards travel expenses. More information below. At the very bottom, we provide information on how to sign up! see you in Krakow!!

### **Introduction:**

The Discourses of memory project is a 8-day meeting of student youth from Germany, Poland and Italy, the aim of which is to deepen the knowledge of young people about the Memory, postmemory and discourses of the Holocaust and the occupation of Polish lands by Nazi Germany during World War II and to interpret this tragic period in a contemporary way in relation to problems occurring in the world, such as human rights violations, exclusion, xenophobia or manifestations of discrimination. The program consists of two parts: the greater part covers historical knowledge about the period of National Socialism and the period of World War II. The background for these considerations will be visits to memorial sites: Auschwitz Birkenau German Nazi Concentration and Extermination Camp (1940-1945); exploring the grounds of the former Krakow Jewish Ghetto (1941-1943), visiting the

Oskar Schindler museum and the grounds of the former concentration camp in Płaszów.

The contemporary part of the program includes a discussion on antisemitism today, Islamophobia and other forms of exclusion, as well as on Holocaust and human rights in the context of values and awareness model.

The project builds on two very successful POL-GER-IT youth exchanges

- Memory and Totalitarianism, See a video reportage from this event in 2021:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kv3\\_MsHEy\\_U&t=1s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kv3_MsHEy_U&t=1s)
- Memory and Postmemory, See a video reportage from this event in 2022:  
<https://youtu.be/B0u00V1-kEk>

The program is **not a scientific project, you are not supposed to present a paper**, but it is a youth exchange based on non-formal education, in which young people get to know each other, spend time with each other and, working in mixed teams, educate themselves by discovering the past together and through active participation. Students participating in the project do not do it as part of university duties, participation in the project cannot be recognized by the university with grades or points (this is a formal requirement).

### **Who should attend?:**

The project will be attended by students of social sciences and humanities from Poland (10 people), Germany (10 people) and Italy (10 people) and three group leaders, one organizer and one language assistant. The meeting will be held in Krakow, Poland from 10-17 September 2023. The project also includes national group meetings (before and after the exchange) and an advance meeting of leaders.

### **Who are we looking for?:**

Participants will be students **interested in the history, law, international relations, politics, sociology as the program concentrates around the Second World War and the issues of the Holocaust**, but is also sensitive to **contemporary human rights abuses**, etc. Age of participants should be between 19-26 years of age. Gender balance will be maintained.

### **Benefits from participation in the program:**

Deepening historical knowledge, getting to know places of remembrance, developing social competences, including discussions and arguments, the opportunity to meet and make friends with peers from other countries, develop intercultural competences in a friendly atmosphere of a student project, which will be conducted using non-formal education methods. Italian, German and Polish participants will be able to present their point of view on the issues of World War II, the Holocaust, but also current social challenges, and will be able to organize an intercultural evening,

presenting elements of national cultures, including contemporary music, cuisine and customs in a youth friendly manner.

**Financial conditions:**

The project received funding from the Foundation for Polish-German Youth Cooperation (Deutsch-Polnisches Jugendwerk). This means that the entire cost of accommodation (in double rooms, with individual bathroom), full board, local transport and the educational program will be financed by the organizers from the day of arrival on 10 September, until departure on 17 September. German and Italian participants will also receive some financing towards their travel cost reimbursement. There will be a modest fee of 30 EUR / 150 PLN to contribute to the program overall costs, which will be collected by each organization.

**How to apply?**

Participants are recruited by 3 organizations whose logos are placed at the top of the invitation.

**For participants from Poland:** The European Institute Foundation

**info@instytuteuropejski.pl**

<https://www.facebook.com/InstytutEU>

**For participants from Germany:** Jugend- & Kulturprojekt e.V.

E-mail: info@jkpev.de

<https://www.facebook.com/jkpev.de>

**For participants from Italy:** Associazione Eufemia

E-mail: youth@eufemia.eu

<https://www.facebook.com/AssociazioneEufemia>

Please send an inquiry and the organizations will inform you about the next steps in the recruitment procedure.

Thank you and we invite you to participate!