

**„From Sarajevo (1914) to Sarajevo (1992-1996): Why and how to use Memorials and Museums to teach the history of wars and mass violences in Europe?“**  
**Seminar Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia – France – Germany**

**Third Phase: Germany (Berlin and Weimar-Buchenwald), 26/10 – 1/11/2015**

*First phase: Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) / Croatia, 20-26.10.2014,*

*Second phase: France, 25.-31.5. 2015*

**Target group:**

(Future) History teachers from BiH, Croatia, France and Germany (five persons per country, 20 in total)

**Organization:**

Historical Museum BiH, Youth Initiative for Human Rights Croatia, Memorial Centar Buchenwald, Historical of the Great War Péronne, French-German Youth Office (FGYO). The program is realized in the framework of the South-East Europe Initiative of the FGYO.

**Organization Team:**

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**General aims of the project:**

1. To learn about wars and mass violence in relation with World War One, World War Two and the Yugoslav break-up wars in the 1990s and about their context, and to stimulate reflection on the links between past and present
2. To learn about and to compare pedagogical and museographical approaches of Memorials and Museums related to wars and mass violence in BiH, Croatia, France and Germany, and how schools in our four countries are dealing with these topics and working with Memorials and Museums
3. To raise the awareness about the importance of out-of-classroom-activities, and to develop new ideas how to integrate Memorials and Museums in history teaching in schools
4. To stimulate further international exchange and cooperation between the participating teachers and schools

**Previsional program 3<sup>rd</sup> phase**

**Monday 26 October 2015**

Arrival in Berlin / Accomodation: **Hotel IBIS Budget Potsdamer Platz**, Anhalter Str. 6, 10963 Berlin, Tel: 0049-30-2576770,

<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-5058-ibis-budget-berlin-city-potsdamer-platz/index.shtml>

Check-in after 14h

**Optional: Berlin guided tour** (Melanie proposes to organize a guided tour in the afternoon for those who arrive early enough, she will send more information about that)

### **Tuesday 27 October**

- Until 8h30 Breakfast in the hotel
- 8h30 Meeting in the lobby of the hotel and departure to the 'House of the Wannsee-Conference'
- 10h00 **House of the Wannsee-Conference** (with Lore Kleiber)  
<http://www.ghwk.de/gb>  
Introduction into the program
- Presentation of participants/ What is new since France
  - Short feedback about the second phase in France
  - Expectations and questions concerning the third phase
  - Presentation of the program
- 11h15 Break
- 11h30-13h Introduction to the history of the Memorial place: How did the House of the Wannsee-Conference become a Memorial place, which deals particularly with the topics of perpetrators' history and the professional responsibility in historical situations?  
Guided visit of the House of the Wannsee-Conference and the exhibition (in the exhibition the room for manoeuvre for an individual person in a historical situation will be an important aspect).
- 13h Lunch in the House of the Wannsee-Conference
- 14h-15h Evolution of the pedagogical concepts in the House of the Wannsee-Conference, with a particular view on the different target groups which take part in the educational work (Adults and young people, specific professions, etc.)
- 15h15-16h30 Working groups
- Feedback about the exhibition and the educational work
  - To compare: What importance does the history of perpetrators and bystanders have in our own national education systems? Do we deal with it in our school lessons?
  - Can we transfer elements of the educational work in the House of the Wannsee-Conference to our own national contexts, to our ideas of pedagogical activities and to the work with international groups?
- 16h30 Break
- 16h45-18h Presentation/discussion in plenary
- 19h Dinner in the restaurant ,Tiergartenquelle'

### **Wednesday 28 October**

- Until 8h30 Breakfast in the hotel
- Until 9h15 Check-out of the hotel
- 9h15 Departure to the Museum "Stille Helden/Silent heroes"
- 10h Visit of the museum „**Stille Helden/Silent heroes**“, (<http://www.gedenkstaette-stille-helden.de/>) guided tour in the exhibition and possibility to talk about the experiences of the educational work. (The exhibition informs about people who helped and tried to save Jewish citizens when they were persecuted in the period of the national socialist regime)
- 11h30 Visit of the museum „**Blindenwerkstatt Otto Weidt/Otto Weidt's workshop for the blind**“ - <http://www.museum-blindenwerkstatt.de/en/first-of-all/> (Through different life stories the exhibition explains Otto Weidt's efforts to protect as an owner of a small factory his Jewish workers who were threatened by deportation), guided tour in the exhibition and possibility to have information on the museum's history and on experiences of the educational work.

13h15	Individual Lunch
14h15	Guided visit to various memorial places in ‚Spandauer Vorstadt‘ (area next to the museums) which remember the persecution and deportation of Jewish people in Berlin. (with Lore Kleiber)
17h	Departure to Weimar/Buchenwald at the hotel
21h	Arrival in the Youth Center of the Buchenwald Memorial, <a href="http://www.buchenwald.de/en/130/">http://www.buchenwald.de/en/130/</a> Dinner in the Center

### **Thursday 29 October**

Until 9h	Breakfast in the Center
9h30	Plenary: Feedback about the visits of museums and the guided tour in Berlin. And: Does the history of people who helped have an importance in your own school lessons or in the different national education systems? What could be transferred?
10h30	Break
10h45	Introduction to the program in the <b>Buchenwald Memorial and in Weimar</b> ( <a href="http://www.buchenwald.de/en/69/">http://www.buchenwald.de/en/69/</a> )
11h	„Pictures of Buchenwald“ – Expectations and questions of the participants
11h45	Overview on the Buchenwald history (by the help of an aerial photograph and a model of the Buchenwald camp)
12h30	Lunch in the Center
14h	Guided visit on the site of the Buchenwald Memorial: Buchenwald as a place of remembrance and a place of education, Buchenwald and its different histories – the concentration camp, the soviet internment camp and the period as a Memorial in GDR-times.
16h15	Break
17h	Visit of exhibitions in working groups: ‚Black on white/photographs of the Buchenwald concentration camp‘ or the art exhibition ‚Means of survival / testimony / artwork / visual memory‘ – What pedagogical potential do we see working with the exhibitions?
18h30	Dinner in the Center
20h	Plenary: - Feedback about the exhibitions and the guided visit. - Presentation of the pedagogical idea and of concrete methods in the Buchenwald Memorial. - Possibility to test some methods in groups or individually.

### **Friday 30 October**

Until 9h	Breakfast in the Center
9h15	Plenary: Experiences concerning pedagogical programs in the Buchenwald Memorial (including points of view from participants from Germany)
10h30	How the Buchenwald history was interpreted in GDR-times: A visit of the GDR-monument (which was inaugurated in 1958) – And: Changing of concepts after the German reunification. Plenary: Which role can have politics/cultures of remembrance in national and international programs?
13h	Lunch in the Center
14h	Buchenwald and the national-socialist society: A view on the new exhibition which will be opened on the anniversary of liberation in April 2016.
15h20	Departure to Weimar

- 15h45 Guided visit in **Weimar** (together with Elke Kollar/Foundation Classical Weimar/Stiftung Weimarer Klassik): How can Weimar deal today with its history? – from the classical period to the national-socialism and to nowadays. What about recent educational programs in Weimar?
- 17h45 Free time in Weimar
- 19h30 Dinner in the restaurant „Residenzcafé“, Return to the Center with taxis

### **Saturday 31 October**

- Until 9h Breakfast in the Center
- 9h30-11h30 Free time for questions and talks, to explore more places on the Buchenwald site, to go to the exhibitions, to read...
- 11h30 **Working groups about new ideas on pedagogical programs:** Which concrete topics, methods, pedagogical elements can we use for our own activities in school or outside the school system? What programs we like to create – on the national and international level - if we think about the experiences made in all three phases of the project? Can we link different historical periods as we did in our project?  
**Or:** Working groups which have been established at the end of the second phase continue.  
**Or:** Propositions of the participants...
- 13h Lunch in the Center
- 14h30 Plenary: Presentation/discussion of results
- 15h30 Evaluation of the third phase and the whole project (in plenary)
- 17h00 Break
- 17h30 Thinking about future activities:  
Do we like to keep the contact in a network? What follow-up activities can you imagine? Do you have concrete ideas for common international projects participants can do together?
- 18h30 Dinner in the Center  
Evening: Farewell drinks in the „ACC“ or in another bar in Weimar.

### **Sunday 1 November**

- Departure of the participants
- Until 6h Breakfast and check-out of the Center
- 6h Departure by bus to Berlin, Berlin-Tegel airport
- 10h Arrival in Berlin