







# **Bringing Ukraine closer to the EU -Shaping the future**

# **International Meeting**

Vlotho April 26<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

#### **PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS**

- Age between 16 and 27 years old
- Interested in history, sustainability or politics
- Priority is given to persons from Ukraine and people with few opportunities
- At least basic knowledge of English in order to understand each other, or the possibility to help with translation from the national group (if you can read this, it's definitely enough 20)
- Available during the entire project period
- Ready to enjoy the intercultural environment with people from Poland, Latvia, Ukraine, Romania, and Germany
- Please pay attention to the gender balance of the national team.

# PROGRAM

The fight against human-made climate change and the effects of the war in Ukraine are the two biggest crises in Europe. We will give an input on the content and afterwards let's work together on ideas for what we see as a good future. E.g. We take a trip to Hanover to visit places



left over from World War II or rebuilt after the war, such as the New Town Hall with its unique elevator. We also have games on sustainable development and discuss joint action. We also address mental health in these times of crisis.

Central to the entire project is to bring the Ukrainian participants into contact with the other mostly EU citizens. We want to bring Ukraine closer



to the EU. We would like to address the biggest challenges of our time together and develop ideas for the future.

## TIMETABLE

<u>Sa. 26th April</u>	
	Arrival
	Check in (Haus Warszawa)
18:15-19:00	Come together
	Haus Warszawa
19:00	Dinner (Haus Praha)
19:45- 21:15	Come together und erstes Kennenlernen
<u>So. 27th April</u>	
9:00	Breakfast (Haus Praha)
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Teambuilding activities</b> , introduction in the project / daily program, youthpass
13:00	Lunch
14:00	Coffee break
15:00 - 16:30	Discover the town
16:30 - 18:00	Possibility to clean "Stolpersteine" (stumbling blocks)
18:30	Dinner
19:30 - 21:45	Tour d'Europe
	A game in Groups
Mo. 28th April	
8:30	Breakfast
9:30-12:30	family tree introduction and conception
12:30	Lunch
14:30-16:30	Destruction and reconstruction in Europe during and after 2nd World War with coffee break

16:45-17:30	Planning the trip to Hanover and evaluation of the day
18:30	Dinner
<u>Tu, 29th April</u>	
7:45	Breakfast
9:00	Departure to Hanover
10:00 - 12:15	Destruction and reconstruction in Hanover
12:15- 1:00	New Town Hall Hanover with unique lift
13:00	opportunities for the participants to discover the town
We. 30th April	
8:30	Breakfast
9:30 - 10:15	Review of the trip to Hanover and Midterm evaluation
10:15 - 12:30	Institutions of the EU and preparation of the European Convention
12:30	Lunch
14:30 - 18:00	Simulation European Convention with coffee break
18:30	Dinner
	Opportunity to visit the castle of Vlotho
<u>Th. 1st May</u>	
8:30	Breakfast
9:30- 10:15	How can we organize help for Ukraine?
10:30-12:30	<b>Workshop activities</b> (e.g. participants are a EU-task-force organizing rebuilding of Ukraine, sustainable solutions on a local level
12:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Presentation of the workshops with coffee break
15:00	Trip to Bielefeld
Fr. 2nd May	
8:30	Breakfast
9:30 - 10:15	The end of climate activism? Input and Discussion.
10:15 - 12:30	Ukraine war and sustainability
12:30	Lunch
14:30 - 17:30	Sustainability games
18:30	Dinner

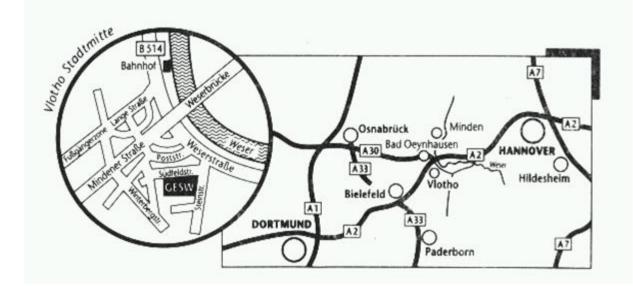
	Dancing night
Sa. 3rd May	
8:30	Breakfast
10:30 - 12:30	Workshop activities to choose from
12:30	Lunch
14:00 - 17:00	Finalization and presentation of the workshop activities
	with coffee break
17:00 - 18:30	What gives us hope in times of multiple crisis? Youthpass reflection
18:30	Dinner
<u>So. 4th May</u>	
8:00	Breakfast
	Farewell / Departure

### TRANSPORTATION

We would like to ask you to choose the most environment friendly means of transportation and if possible, not to fly. Domestic flights should generally be avoided. If you use your own car, please organize car shares. We can help you to find a good train connection to Vlotho. The walk from the station is 10 minutes. First information about the trains can be found at <u>www.bahn.de</u>.

<u>Please plan your journey so that you arrive in Vlotho on 26th April until</u> <u>19h00.</u>The registration desk is in house Warszawa (new building).

During the project, we will use public transportation whenever possible.



#### **ACCOMMODATION AND CATERING**

You will stay in multi-bedrooms (some with bath/WC in the corridor) in the GESW guesthouse. Bed linen and towels will be provided.

The GESW offers full board. Our cook will gladly accommodate to any dietary needs that you may have. However, we inform you that while we will refrain from serving pork to groups with Hindu or Muslim. We would like to encourage all participants to reduce their meat consumption. A vegetarian meal option will be offered. <u>Please inform your leaders about your allergies or special diets by 4th April.</u> The hosts pay attention to saving water and energy and to reducing waste. Please support them and bring your own refillable bottle. Tap water is drinkable everywhere in Germany.

#### **EVENING ACTIVITIES**

The organization of the evenings is mainly in your hands. The GESW is quietly situated, Vlotho is a small town. We have a big garden, different rooms with the possibility to play billiard, table tennis and table football for free. We'll have a dancing night and a movie night.

#### A FEW DETAILS ABOUT THE LOCATIONS

**Vlotho** is a small town with almost 20,000 inhabitants in the north-east of the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia on the River Weser. The first historical records of Vlotho go back to the year 1185.

Participant fee:  $100 \in (included program, accommodation, meals) + travel cost (max. 275 \in for flights with a distance between 500 and 2000km; max. 320 \in for green travel with a distance between 500 and 2000 km).$ 





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