

EUROPEAN YOUTH EDUCATION „THINK EUROPE“
PROGRAM

Future Europe Lab: A Seminar for Visionaries

Seminar number: 332

From 13.04.2026 to 17.04.2026, Europahaus Marienberg

Number of expected participants:

17 young people from North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany and two accompanying persons

23 young people from Poland and two accompanying persons

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Content & educational aims of the youth project

The Future of Europe is in Your Hands – and It Starts Now!

Europe stands at a crossroads: While authoritarian movements gain influence, the desire for genuine participation, social justice, and an inclusive Europe is growing. What values and structures do we need to overcome crises and strengthen cohesion? And how can we collectively develop a vision for a resilient Europe?

This is where our Polish-German youth encounter comes in:

We bring young people from both countries together not only to discuss these questions but to actively find answers. The focus lies on European future visions, addressing current challenges, and, above all, empowering participants to take action.

History shows that crises often lead to the greatest progress. Today, young people bear the responsibility of shaping Europe's future. In this seminar, we leverage the binational perspective of Germany and Poland to:

- Learn from each other: How do young people in both countries experience current challenges? Where are the commonalities and differences?
- Develop solutions together: Through workshops, discussions, and creative formats.
- Strengthen narratives of hope: We create stories and messages that show Europe is more than its crises—it is a space for solidarity, innovation, and participation.
- Build a network: Participants connect with like-minded individuals who, like them, want to actively and creatively shape Europe. The goal is for them to become drivers of change. Democracy thrives on participation!

Together, we are writing the next chapter of Europe—who's in?

Feedback

There will be daily evaluations to find out about individual feelings, the group atmosphere and the status of the agreed aims of the project. There will also be time and place for criticism and new ideas.

Social Media

Seminar results, experiences and impressions will be disseminated already during the gathering via social media to present it to a broader public. Networking, transparent education and multiplication are crucial aims. Photos and movies will facilitate only overall impressions.

Portrayal of individuals will only be published if approved beforehand.

Methods

Non formal learning methods and digital learning tools. All methods are designed to activate the participants. The methodical repertoire is orientated on the target group and shall support the engagement with the topic.

The aim is that participants will do many things by themselves and that they try things out. It is important to have a high variation of methods to keep the programme interesting and exciting and to cover the different needs of all participants:

Ice-Breaking, presentations, Outdoor adventures incl. team building and selfdevelopment, Magame, Gamification - Mini-Live-Action-Roleplay, World Café, debriefing and feed-back, work in small int. groups, Social Media, and creativity, games and energizer, dissemination of results, and more.

Equipment for the seminar

Please bring your own devices with you – tablets and laptops.
Make sure that you have received the general information sheet from the Europahaus Marienberg summarizing all important information.

VERY IMPORTANT:

Make sure you have read and prepared everything connected to the evening activity “Creative introduction”!

Questions concerning program and organization

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Conditions of participation

Participants pay a seminar fee of 100,00 € for accommodation, full board and seminar program. Accompanying adults get free places for taking over responsibility for their delegation.

Travel cost will be reimbursed according to the rules of the ERASMUS+ program (distance band) and the total budget available for the project. The final reimbursement can only be defined when all travel costs are combined and set into correlation with the overall project budget.

Important: Please ensure you bring all original receipts related to your travel expenses, such as tickets, invoices from rental companies, or other relevant documentation, with you. These receipts must clearly show the exact amounts paid to external companies or organizations. Reimbursement will only be processed based on valid, original documentation from the service providers. Without such receipts, reimbursement will not be possible.

Please bring your own towels and soap, bed linen will be provided by the Europahaus Marienberg.

Note

This seminar is financially supported by the EU education program ERASMUS+ .

The seminar is open to everybody and published on the website of the Europahaus Marienberg – www.europahaus-marienberg.eu

PROGRAM

Monday, 13.04.2026

until 11.00 am	Arrival and Check-in
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	Warm welcome and getting to know Europahaus Marienberg Expectations, seminar aim, organizational input
12.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 5.30 pm (incl. 30 Min break)	Connecting Europe – Kick-off Building bridges: Getting to know each other, Warming-Up and Ice-Breaking
	Evaluation & Feedback
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Dinner
7.30 pm	Creative Introductions – What makes you, you? Joint evening activity
	Please note: Prepare your introduction beforehand and bring an item to showcase to the others. Bring something from home, something small to represent you.

Tuesday, 14.04.2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast (packing lunch boxes)
9.00 am	We go on a trip Destination: Deutsches Architekturmuseum Frankfurt am Main
8.00 pm	Dinner at Europahaus Free time

Wednesday, 15.04.2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.00 am	Workshop review Reviewing the trip & the workshops: What insights can we bring into the seminar?
10.00 – 10.30 am	Break
10.30 – 11.00 Uhr	World Cafecito Round table discussions around living spaces, living areas, community housing, impacts of climate space and housing crisis in your communities/ regions/ Germany – Poland.
11.00 – 12.00 am	Kick-off: Utopia Lab (chapter 1 & 2) A simulation for the rediscovery of a utopian mindset and political creativity
12.30 pm	Lunch

2.00 – 3.00 pm	Utopia Lab (chapter 3 & 4) Life in unknown land
3.30 – 4.00 pm	Break
4.00 – 5.00 pm	Utopia Lab (chapter 5) Create artefacts, prepare your presentation
5.00 – 5.30 pm	Evaluation & Feedback / Mood barometer, Debriefing, Securing results
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Dinner Free time

Thursday, 16.04.2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.00 am	Utopia Lab (chapter 6) Sharing is Caring!
10.00 – 11.00 am	Utopia Lab (chapter 7) Debriefing: Journaling, Outrospection and Introspection – Utopia or Dystopia, what do we want to implement from our worlds?
11.00 – 11.30 am	Break
11.30 – 12.00 am	Visions for Europe on tape Introduction, finding groups
12.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 3.00 pm	Visions for Europe on tape I Binational teams develop creative concepts for short films regarding „Our visions for Europe’s future”
3.00 – 3.30 pm	Crew-Pitch: Your ideas in the spotlight Pitch your ideas & needs for materials and props
3.30 – 5.00 pm (incl. break)	Visions for Europe on tape II Movie production in international groups
5.00 pm	Showtime! Present your short films, Q&A with the film makers Evaluation & Feedback / Mood barometer, Debriefing, Securing results
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Dinner Free time

Friday, 17.04.2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
09.30 – 10.30 am	Looking back & looking forward Joint reflection: What experiences do we take with us? What insights have shaped us? How do we implement what we have learned in our everyday lives?
10.30 – 11.00 am	Evaluating the week & Feedback
11.00 – 11.30 am	Break
11.30 – 12.00 am	Celebration: Certificates for European youth education „think europe“ & conclusion
12.00 – 12.30 pm	Exchange of accompanying persons and seminar leaders
12.30 pm	Lunch Bye, bye! Departure of the participants