

EUROPÄISCHE JUGENDBILDUNG „THINK EUROPE“
PROGRAMME & INVITATION

How Beats Move Politics: When Music Reimagines the World:

Seminar No: 393
21.11. to 28.11.26, Europahaus Marienberg

Expected participants :

10 young people from Spain and X accompanying adults
10 young people from Germany and X accompanying adults
10 young people from Lithuania and X accompanying adults
10 young people from Croatia and X accompanying adults

Age of participants: 15+

Programme coordination: Jannis Ließfeld, Education officer, EHM

Team: tba

Working language: English



Content & educational aims of the youth project

This international seminar brings together young voices from diverse countries across the European Union to explore the transformative power of music in shaping political movements and imagining better futures. Participants will arrive with the sounds of their homelands — music that echoes their struggles, dreams, and hopes for a more just world. Together, we will create a unique collaborative experience that amplifies diverse perspectives and unites us through shared visions of change.

Through an immersive journey, we'll examine how music has been used as a tool for resistance, unity, and inspiration, while also reimagining its role in building utopias. From protest anthems that topple regimes to melodies that heal and inspire, we will uncover how music can drive both emotional and societal transformation.

This seminar is not just about listening and learning — it's about creating. Participants will deconstruct musical narratives, explore how emotions drive engagement, and ultimately compose a collective soundtrack that expresses their shared vision of a better world. What stories will our music tell? What future will our rhythms imagine? Together, we'll harmonize our hopes into an anthem for change.

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.

Facebook: <http://facebook.com/thinkeurope>
Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/thinkeurope>

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 self-development, World Café, debriefing and feed-back, work in small int. groups, games and energizer, dissemination of results, Utopia Lab, Song Workshop 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.

Make sure you have read and prepared everything connected to the International Evening!

Questions concerning programme and organisation

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Conditions of participation

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

Travel cost will be reimbursed according to the rules of the ERASMUS+ programme (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.

As of this year, we no longer accept cash. Please ensure that we have your bank details, ideally before the seminar begins. Your refunds will be paid in a single batch transfer.

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 programme ERASMUS+ .

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

PROGRAMM

Saturday Nov 21th 2026

till 05.00 pm	Arrival and Check-in
06.00 pm	Dinner
07.00 – 09.00 pm	Let's Grow Together Warm welcome and growing together in the "new" European family, playful kick-off

Sunday Nov 22th 2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am – 12.30 pm	Getting into the Groove Ice-Breaking, Team building, intercultural learning
12.30 pm	lunch
2.00– 2.30 pm	Expectations
2.30 – 4.30 pm (incl. a 15 min. break)	The Moral Pulse of Politics Participants explore their own values and explore the principles they want to live by.
6.00 – 7.00 pm	Dinner
7.30 pm	International Evening: Sharing Soundscapes & Stories Participants will bring a political song that represents a significant movement in their home or place of residence, along with finger food from their culture to share. During the evening, each group will present their song by playing it or performing it live and sharing a visual display, such as a poster or collage, to illustrate the song's cultural and political significance. Each group will also share personal insights about why they chose the song and what it means to them personally.

Monday Nov 23th 2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am – 12.30 pm (incl. 30 minutes break)	Sonorous World Café I Participants share their concerns and hopes about current political issues and create musical responses.
12.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 4.30 pm (incl. 15 minutes break)	It's all about the Feeling Participants explore the connection between emotions, politics, and music.
6.00 pm	Dinner

Tuesday Nov 24th 2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 – 11.00 am	Kick-Kick off: Utopia Lab (Chapter 1 & 2) A simulation to rediscover the capacity for utopian thought and creative political power
11.00 – 11.30 am	Break
11.30 – 12.30 pm	Utopia Lab (Chapter 3 & 4) Life in Uncharted Territories
12.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 3.15 pm	Utopia Lab (Chapter 5 & 6) Sharing is Caring!
3.15 – 3.45 pm	Pause
3.45 – 4.30 pm	Utopia Lab (Chapter 7) Debriefing: Journaling, Outrospection und Introspection
6.00 pm	Dinner

Wednesday Nov 25th 2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast (packed lunches available)
9.00 am	Departure from Europahaus
11.00 am	tba Workshop
12.30 pm	tba
1.30 – 4.00 pm	free time in tba
4.15 pm	return trip to Bad Marienberg
6.00 pm	Dinner

Thursday Nov 26th 2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am – 12.30 pm (incl. 30 minutes break)	Building Tomorrow Participants brainstorm and share ideas on what is needed to create a better future, focusing on values, actions, and dreams that can inspire meaningful change.
12.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 4.30 pm (incl. 30 minutes break)	European Song Workshop I In small groups participants develop concepts for their own songs that envision/inspire a different future based on their utopian ideas.
6.00 pm	Dinner

Friday Nov 27th 2026

08.00 – 09.00 am	Breakfast
9.00 am – 12.00 pm (incl. 30 minutes break)	European Song Workshop I Participants produce their songs and prepare for their final performance.
12.30 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 3.15 pm (incl. 30 minutes break)	Raise the Curtain! Participants find creative ways to share/present/perform their songs with the whole group. Discussion of the songs and visions.
3.15 – 3.45 pm	Break
3.45 – 5.00 pm	Final Feedback and Empowerment What did we learn, how can we take what we have learned into our daily lives?
6.00 pm	Dinner
8.00 pm	Farewell Party

Saturday Nov 28th 2026

07.00 – 08.00 am	Breakfast (packed lunch for home trip)
	Final Flashlight
9.00 am	Bye, bye – Return trips to the homes of the different delegations