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Venues of victims // Venues of perpetrators.
Mapping, decoding & processing the role of historic – civic education
in (European) Youth Work

Event series on „European Culture(s) of Remembrance”

Edition: “Greece in Focus”

03.10.-09.10.2026 | Thessaloniki (Greece)

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In 2018, the project "[Venues of Victims // Venues of Perpetrators. Mapping, Decoding & Processing the Role of Historical civic education in \(European\) Youth Work](#)" was successfully implemented by EJBW and its international partners from 12 European countries. Building on the experience of this initial edition, a [second project edition](#), conducted from 2021 to 2023, focused on dictatorial regimes in Europe after 1945 as a central topic of historical civic (youth) education. In addition to addressing local histories of political violence, repression, and propaganda in the affected countries, both project phases paid special attention to how recent history is represented in local cultures of remembrance. Drawing on these experiences, EJBW and its partners will implement six related international activities between 2025 and 2027. These activities will take the form of advanced seminars for multipliers working in the field of history and/or civic (youth) education. The program will provide a platform for dialogue between professionals from various areas of public history—bringing together representatives of museums, memorial sites, and public institutions, as well as history teachers, academics, and lecturers engaged in historical civic education—with youth workers, civic educators, trainers, and civil society actors active in the field of non-formal education.

The events will take place in six different European countries, starting with a seminar in Germany in March 2025, in Croatia in September 2025, in Czech Republic in March 2026 and followed by Greece (current event) in October 2026. Each event will aim to interrelate four key dimensions: first, it will explore how major historical events are represented in local, regional, and national cultures of remembrance. Second, it will examine how past and present cultures of remembrance influence political and social dynamics in the respective countries. Third, it will provide insights into local practices of historical civic education. Fourth, it will create space for exchange, networking, and collaboration among participants on these and related topics.

When & where?

- **3rd – 9th of October 2026 | Thessaloniki (Greece)**

Key themes & schedule

The event offers participants an in-depth exploration of the landscape of remembrance in Thessaloniki and its surrounding area. Through a combination of expert lectures and guided visits to selected museums and memory sites in the Thessaloniki region, participants will engage with the complex layers of 20th-century history and their lasting impact on contemporary Greek society. Particular attention will be given to the influence of global events and broader processes on local historical dynamics. The program is structured around three key themes: (1) the multi-ethnic history of Thessaloniki and its public representation; (2) World War II in Greece; and (3) Greece after 1945. Each theme will be examined from both historical and contemporary perspectives, including ongoing debates and contested interpretations in local politics and society.

An introductory lecture on Greek culture of remembrance, together with a guided walking tour through the city centre, will provide valuable insight into how history is represented and negotiated in public space today. Participants will also take part in a series of guided museum visits. The **War Museum of Thessaloniki** will address the dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, the incorporation of Thessaloniki into the Greek state and the population exchange between Greece and Turkey in the 1920s. At the **Museum of Byzantine Culture**, participants will explore the city's medieval past and its present-day interpretations.

A visit to the **Jewish Museum** will highlight the history of Salonika as a major centre of Sephardic Jewish life prior to its destruction during World War II. The experiences of resistance and civilian suffering under occupation will be examined at the **Chortiatis Massacre Memorial**. Finally, a visit to the **Heptapyrgion**—a former political prison—will open a discussion on political repression and violence during the period of military dictatorship in Greece, as well as how the Regime of the Colonels (1967–1974) is interpreted today. Moreover, the daily sessions will offer not only an opportunity for debriefing and group discussion of the aforementioned topics, but also a space to address further questions related to the history of Greece and its relations with neighbouring countries.

Programme (subject to change)

Arrival Day	Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki / Chortiatis	Thessaloniki	Departure Day
03.10.	04.10.	05.10.	06.10.	07.10.	08.10.	09.10.
Arrival & Check-in of participants	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
	Introductory session	Walking tour: History representation in the public space - WWII and afterwards in focus	Debriefing and discussion	Visiting Zeitenlik Cemetery	Session on Dealing with the past in contemporary Greece	Check-out & Individual departure of participants
	Lecture on Culture of Remembrance in Greece	Debriefing and discussion	Jewish Museum	Visiting the Chortiatis and Vasilika Thermi Massacre Memorial	Session on post-WWII Thessaloniki and contemporary echoes	
	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
	Visit to the War Museum of Thessaloniki	Visiting the Museum of Byzantine Culture	Reflection and group discussion	Visiting the Heptapyrgion castle / remains of political prison	Final discussion	
Debriefing and discussion	Boat tour in the gulf of Thessaloniki		Reflection and group discussion	Time for individual exploration		
DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	DINNER	
Welcome Evening	Tbd.	Tbd.	Tbd.	Tbd.	Farewell dinner party	

Target group(s)

Youth workers, (civic) educators, teachers, trainers, staff of museums & remembrance places, researchers, representatives of civil society organisations etc. with strong background in historic-civic (youth) education (18 years +) from **Erasmus+ programme countries**.

Venues, accommodation & board

Participants are accommodated in double rooms in the following hotel:

- Hotel ABC Thessaloniki <https://hotelabc.gr/>

Single rooms are only available upon request and available capacities. In case requesting a single room a surcharge payment of 42,00 EUR per night/person (total surcharge 252,00 EUR) is required. Meals will be provided (breakfast, lunch, dinner). Most of destinations are within walking reach. For further destinations public transportation will be used. Transfers outside of Thessaloniki will be arranged by a hired transport provider.

Travel costs

We will reimburse the travel costs on the basis of the cheapest possibilities, e.g. second class railway tickets, economy class flights etc., within the provided limit, from place of residency to the venue of the activity and return, based on the rates of the “distance calculator” of the European Commission <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/de/node/2626> and related regulations as follows:

- 10-99 km: 28,00 EUR / Green travel: 56,00 EUR
- 100-499 km: 211,00 EUR / Green travel: 285,00 EUR
- 500-1999 km: 309,00 EUR / Green travel: 417,00 EUR
- 2000-2999 km: 395,00 EUR / Green travel: 535,00 EUR
- 3000-3999 km: 580,00 EUR / Green travel: 785,00 EUR

*Green travel: Travel where low-emission modes of transport are used **for the majority of the journey**, such as bus, train, bicycle or carpooling.*

Participation fee

We are aware of the difficult financial situation of many people active in the field. Nevertheless, we see the offered events as a unique opportunity for personal learning, professional development & networking which should be, beyond the received funding from European taxpayers, not “for free”. Further, as a place of civic education, focusing as well on topics such as (global) social justice, we decided to disrupt the vicious system of underpayment of people active in (international) youth work & education, who dedicate their lifetime & energy for creating quality learning experiences, by offering fair payment for their work, e.g. as free-lance trainers, facilitators or support staff. Therefore, a financial contribution from each participant is required **upon individual situation & decision** per event:

- You are e.g. student, unemployed person or a volunteer without own income (**reduced fee**): **280,00 EUR**
- You are e.g. freelanced youth worker / trainer / educator with own income (**regular fee**): **330,00 EUR**
- You are e.g. a person in stable job/employment (**solidarity fee**): **380,00 EUR**

In case you are not able to afford the fee, please contact us for individual solutions.

How to apply?

Please apply **until 31st May 2026** via <https://forms.gle/cMbGFzYpB59mh3e9>

We will inform all applicants after 14th of June 2026. Approved applicants will be then requested to confirm their participation until 28th of June 2026 by purchasing & presenting complete travel documents.

... and afterwards?

Further events in 2027 will take place in Bulgaria & France (tbd).

PROJECT CONSORTIUM



DEMOTRUST (Democratic Trust: Democratic communities against corruption and discrimination A.M.K.E.) is a youth-led and grassroots Greek think tank (est. 2024), consisted of young political scientists, PhD candidates and active citizens, dedicated in developing actions, tools, policy research and recommendation on democracy, transparency, trust in institutions, and youth activism. <https://demotrust.org/>

Retrovizor is a civil-society organisation based in Zagreb, founded by a team of engaged educators and activists committed to fostering youth education and cross-border dialogue. It organises international seminars and projects on topics such as memory culture, contemporary history and democratic participation in cooperation with partners across Europe. Through its work, Retrovizor aims to strengthen critical thinking, raise awareness of social and political issues and build connections among young people from different countries (<https://retrovizor.hr/>)



The **EJBW (European Youth Education Centre Weimar)** is an international meeting place dedicated to civic education. It offers seminars, workshops, and projects for young people and educators from across Europe. Located in Weimar, a city rich in cultural and historical heritage, the centre encourages dialogue and active participation in democratic life (www.ejbweimar.de)

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