
1918-2018: Building peace – lessons from World War One Youth seminar Bosnia and Herzegovina, France, Germany, Sarajevo 7-13/11/2018

Organized by

the Youth Initiative for Human Rights Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Forum ZFD Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation with the Embassy of Germany in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Embassy of France in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with the support of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the *Mission du Centenaire*

1. Aims and content:

November 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of the armistice between Germany and the Allies and therefore the official end of the First World War. But the end of the military hostilities did not mean the establishment of peace. How did governments, societies and individuals try to overcome the war and to establish and maintain peace in the years after the First World War? The question «How to get out of the war and to establish peace» was not only a crucial question after 1918 - and experienced very differently in Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and Germany at this time - , it is also a question of highest importance today: More than twenty years after the 1992-1995-war and the Dayton Peace Agreement, the society in Bosnia and Herzegovina remains very divided, and many share the impression that a real peace has not yet been established. To what extent can working on the post-war-period in Europe after 1918 be a stimulating contribution to the reflection on the current situation in Europe and on today's post-war Bosnia and Herzegovina ?

The seminar will take place in Sarajevo from Wednesday 7th November (arrival day) to Tuesday 13th November 2018 (departure day), and will gather students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and Germany. The seminar will allow to meet persons from different countries and different backgrounds, and to share different perspectives and experiences and to learn from each other. Beyond this, the main aims of this intercultural exchange are:

- to discover, explore and critically reflect the history of the end and the consequences of the First World War in Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and Germany
- to reflect and discuss about the meaning and the importance of peace, not only in history but also today, especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina after 1995, and about possibilities of sustainable peace-building and the contribution of each of us to such processes
- to develop contacts among each other and with the organizations involved in the project
- to document the process through multimedia-tools and present the outcomes of their work to a larger audience

Concerning the latter, the participants will work in small groups, during specific sessions of the program, in order to create an output (through interviews, video, articles) which will document one topic of the seminar, and which will be presented on the last day of the program and published on the project-website <https://www.building-peace-1918-2018.org/> They will be accompanied for this task during the seminar by a professional journalist, on specific sessions dedicated to this task.

2. Program

Accommodation and working venue: Hotel Italia, Pofalićka 7, Sarajevo, <http://www.hotelitalia.ba/>

Wednesday 7.11.2018:

Arrival of the participants in Sarajevo

19h30: Informal gathering and dinner

Thursday 8.11.2018:

9h-10h30: Introduction / Presentation of the aims and content of the seminar / Exercise to make acquaintance / linguistic animation

10h30: Coffee break

10h45-12h30: Interactive exercise: What do I (not) know about the First World War and its consequences: brainstorming among the participants - mapping of knowledge, questions and ideas

12h45: Lunch at the hotel

14h30-16h: History and memories of the First World War and its aftermath in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in France and in Germany: Presentation by Nicolas Moll, followed by discussion

16h: Coffee break

16h15-17h45: Reflection about the day, followed by meeting in multimedia-groups

18h: Transfer to the city center of Sarajevo

18h30-20h: Reception at the Residency of the French Ambassador

20h: Informal walk through the city center

Friday 9.11.2018:

9h-12h30: On the traces of the First World War: Memory tour (by bus) to different spots linked to the First World War in Sarajevo and East-Sarajevo, with Slobodan Šoja, historian and former Ambassador of Bosnia and Herzegovina in France

12h45: Lunch at the hotel

14h-15h: Evaluation of the memory tour / analyze of the visited memory sites

15h: Coffee break

15h15-17h30: How to make peace after World War One? Working groups on 1918 and its aftermath in Europe, and especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina, France and Germany, followed by mutual presentation

17h45-18h30: Reflection about the day, followed by meeting in multimedia-groups

18h45: Dinner at hotel

20h: *Public screening of the documentary movie "Sarajevo Rewind. 2014→1914", by Eric Gobetti and Simon Malavolti, on the 1914-assassination and its memories, at Kino Meeting Point (optional)*

Saturday 10.11.2018:

From war to peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina:

9h-10h: Introduction into the history of the 1992-1995-war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, by Nicolas Moll

10h-10h15: Coffee break

10h15-12h: Ending the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Dayton Peace Agreement (1995) – genesis and consequences – discussion with Selmo Cikotić, professor of political sciences and former member of the delegation of Bosnia and Herzegovina at the Dayton Peace negotiations

12h15: Lunch in the hotel

14h: Linguistic animation

14h30-16h: What is important in order to build / maintain peace in our societies? Meeting with Kemal Šalaka, member of the project "Children of War To Children of Peace" and discussion about peace-building in Bosnia and Herzegovina

16h: Coffee break

16h15-17h15: Reflection about the day, followed by meeting in multimedia-groups

Free time / free evening

Sunday 11.11.2018:

9h: Linguistic animation

9h30-10h30: The role of monuments and commemorations in peace-building – Input and discussion

10h30: Transfer to the city center

11h-12h: Attending the 11th-November-1918-commemoration-ceremony at the Monument to the killed French soldiers next to the French Embassy

12h: Transfer back to the hotel

12h30: Lunch at the hotel

14h-17h (with coffee break): Working session of the multimedia-groups on their outputs / preparation on the public event of Monday afternoon

17h15-18h: Reflection about the day

18h30: Dinner at the hotel

20h: Movie screening at the hotel

Monday 12.11.2018:

9h-10h15: Finetuning of the results of the multimedia-groups / preparation of the public event

10h15: Coffee break

10h30-12h30: How to end a war, how to build peace?

- Comparing peacebuilding-approaches after 1918 and after 1995

- What can each of us do to contribute to build or maintain peace?

12h30: Lunch in the hotel

14h-15h30: Evaluation of the seminar

15h45: Transfer to the EU-Info Center

16h30-17h45: Public event at the EU-Info Center: Presentation of the outputs of the seminar and discussion with Guillaume Rousseau, Ambassador of France in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Christian Sedat, Chargé d'affaires of the German Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina

18h30: Reception at the Residency of the German Ambassador

20h30: Farewell dinner in the city center

Tuesday 13.11.2018:

Departure of the participants

3. Organization team:

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